CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

REPORT OF FRIDAY EVENING'S PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED

Rev. Dr. Evans moved the reception of the young men into full connexion with the Conference. He was reminded, on the occasion, of the mutability of all earthly things; and touchingly alluded to the closing exercises of the afternoon session, at which they were numbering their honored dead. It was a fitting introduction to the present services; and it reminded them of the necessity of being always ready. God buries his workmen, but carries on his work. There is hope for the Church because it is under the divine protection. We had good guarantee that no man steals into this ministry unknown, untested, or without the confidence of his brethren. These young men go into their Master's vineyard, at the bidding of the Church and under the direction of the Lord. He had great pleasure in moving that they be received into full connexion.

Rev. Dr. Jeffers cordially seconded the Resolution. He said that the occasion had every element of interest and greatness incorporated into it. It was a pledge that Methodism was true to her first principles. He believed that Buckle the philosopher laid it down as a principle that communities and nations must pass through the stages of growth, decrepitude and old age—must become effete and die out. This was not true of evangelical organizations, nor even of Christian nations. Christianity gives a new and undying life, it implants perennial vigor, and imparts immortal youth. To these young men the present formed a crisis in their existence. They had nobly chosen their life work—a work that was to make or mar their entire future. It was a solemn thing for a human being to feel that this little life was all he had in which to prepare for eternity—and not only prepare for, but create treasure that would be incorruptible. He hoped the congregation would pray that his young brethren might grasp this thought, so that it would influence their whole lives. It was a grand thought to change, to raise, to regenerate a whole world; and Christianity would do this. All the ills and maladies incident to human life were met by the provisions of the gospel. Every thing is contemptible which comes between us and this great work. It has frequently been asked, What is Methodism? What are the principles on which it rests, and by which it succeeds? The answer is, it is the doctrines of conversion and sanctification. But it is not enough to merely preach a principle. We must live it; and Christianity is a living power, raising men from death unto life. He hoped they would live it, and live for it—living for God and humanity, and loving their church and their country, he hoped they would never become unfaithful to the one nor desert the other. Some would like to live in the time of the millenium, he preferred to live now and labor for that grand era. He had no fear for the future, God would take care of us and bless us. He had blessed our land and our fatherland; and England's glory was seen in the planting of Christianity among her thousand isles and on her far off continents.

The resolution was carried unanimously—the whole Conference rising to their feet.

The Rev. Dr. Lindsay said that the scenes and services of the evening had driven his speech out of his head, but they had driven better things away down into his heart. He felt as if he wanted to go back and do his life work over again. He declared that in the fear of God, there was no position on earth equal to that of a successful Christian minister. He advised his young brethren to be willing to be ignorant of many things, in order that they might know one thing well. As they looked through the great galaxy of preachers from Noah—a preacher of righteousness—Isaiah, Paul, Chrysostom, Savonarola, Luther to Wesley, they may be enabled to say, we too are preachers of righteousness. Be, each one of you, *homo unius libri*, men of one book. That book is the divine *Logos*—let it be hid in your very heart!

Much of the efficiency of your ministry will consist in the sympathy which you feel for men; put yourselves *en rapport* with your fallen fellow-beings. Let the very highest ideal of excellence animate and inspire you. Jonathan Edwards, a pure and holy man, resolved that if there would be possibility of one man reaching the highest and holiest manhood on earth, he would endeavor to be that man. Let that resolve be yours. You have to step into places made vacant by death—you will wave the banner for a while and fall in your turn. May Israels' God be with you!

The President of Conference briefly and affectingly addressed the young men, in words of counsel and love; after which the congregation sung the 228th Hymn, and the large audience was dismissed with the Benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday Morning, June 6.

The President took the chair at 9 o'clock, announcing the 630th hymn. The Secretary read the 4th chap. of the first epistle to Timothy, after which the Rev. William Richardson engaged in prayer.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and adopted.

The consideration of one or two cases of character, which had been deferred, was brought under review; when the names of two young men were dropped in silence from the minutes of Conference, they having failed to meet the requirements of the Discipline.

Rev. John C. Osborne, whose name has not been on the minutes of Conference for a few years past, was heard; and it was resolved that his name be placed on the minutes as an effective man.

It was moved in amendment that he be returned as supernumery. The original motion was almost unanimously carried.

It was moved by Rev. Geo. Douglas, LL.D., and seconded by Rev. E. H. Dewart, That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the President, for his able and eloquent ordination sermon, preached in Richmond Street Church yesterday morning; and to the Rev. Dr. Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Lowry, and Rev. Gevrase Smith, M.A., for their excellent and valuable sermons, preached respectively in Elm Street, Richmond Street, and Adelaide Street Churches, and that these honored brethren be respectfully requested to furnish copies of their sermons, to be published in a volume, as a memorial of the Toronto Conference of 1870.

The President of the Conference stated that the Revd. Bepresentatives from the Methodist Episcopal Church, prior to leaving for home wished to say a few words:

The Rev. A. Lowry, D.D. said, Mr. President, Rev. Fathers and Brethren, it is trite and formal to say our visit among you hasbeen delight ful. Association under any circumstances with such men as compose the Canada Wesleyan Conference, could not be otherwise than delightful, unless there had been something radically wrong in ourselves. The fraternal festivities of this occasion we shall never forget, and never cease to appreciate. It will be the source of sweet recollections to the end of life. Only one consideration has detracted from the rich enjoyment of our fraternal mission, and that is a consciousness that the great and excellent church and the eminent and holy ministers whom we personate here, have been very inadequately represented by us. We come not, however, to indicate the goodness of the church, or the ability and excellency of the general Conference; but simply to bear to you their high respect and fraternal regard.

We sensibly feel, and gratefully acknowledge the cordiality, and kindness of our reception, and treatment by you. We thank you for the complimentary words, and hearty greetings with which you received us.

We thank you for the sympathy which you manifested in view of our sad recent bereavements. We thank you for the expressions of respect, and high consideration which you have been pleased to use in regard to the General Conference, and the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We accept all your expressions of Christian regards—not as personal to ourselves, but expressive of your sentiments, touching the Conference and Church, which we have the honor to represent.

We hope you will not fail to be represented in the General Conference of M. E. Church in 1872.

May the Lord abundantly bless you, and may the equally precious Methodisms of the two countries keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

With sentiments of great respect and fraternal love, I bid you adieu.

Rev. Dr. Lindsay briefly addressed the Conference. He very heartily endorsed the expressions of his esteemed colleague in the deputation. Words failed to convey to his brethren with whom he had enjoyed such pleasant intercourse, all that was in his heart. He confessed that it was with some reluctance he came to this Conference on so weighty a mission. Now that the mission had been fulfilled, he could assure us that all the sympathy of the great church and of the great nation with which he and his brother were connected were not in sympathy with those miserable men who have lately invaded your country. A large manufacturer and employer of men had lately said to him that he hoped the Canadians would be able to repay the men that had the temerity to disturb the quiet of this country. He had been very cordially received by us. When he opened the papers this morning he was rather amused to read that he was classed among the fathers, whereas, on the other side, he was frequently placed among the boys. Your President's kind words on a former occasion, when introducing my brother Lowry and myself, come back to my heart at this honr. I thank you, Mr. President, and I thank you, my brethren beloved, for all your kindnesses. Looking into your faces and reading your purposes, for the last time perhaps, we bid you a kind farewell. I had not anticipated the honor of being asked for the manuscript of my Sabbath sermon; but as I am in honorable association I am willing to place at your disposal the manuscript for publication if you deem it proper.

Rev. Gervase Smith, M.A., who was introduced as an early and warm friend of our honored President, not as a representative from, but a member of the English Conference. The clear and excellent addresses which you are giving to my honoured American brethren have put me in a somewhat peculiar position. Their resolutions and thanks, which you have given them, will in due time be handed over to their General Conference; but any thanks or acknowledgments which you may feel at liberty to convey to me I will carefully preserve them and appropriate them all to myself. As regards the request that I would give the manuscript of my yesterday's sermon for publication, I seldom venture the publication of anything beyond that of an ephemeral nature.

Rev. Hildon Chessbrough, and honored missionary of many years standing in the West India Islands, and at present residing in Canada, was introduced to the Conference by the President. Mr. C. courteously acknowledged the reception extended to him by his brethren. He loved Wesleyan ministers, and he loved the work of the Wesleyan Ministry. Did his health permit, he would gladly live and labour with his brethren.

Rev. James Richardson, D.D.. This venerable man one of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to the Conference. He briefly addressed his brethren on the kindness and courtesy extended to him. He expressed his hope that the day would soon come when all the Methodist bodies in this country would be drawn closer and closer together. He paid a high compliment to the President for his very extensive and valuable labours in the province.

The answer of the British Conference was read by Secretary of Conference, and seconded with profound respect.

Moved by Rev. John Borland, seconded by Rev. Dr. Evans, That this Conference desires most devoutly and gratefully to acknowledge the good hand of the Lord for good, in the recent providences, by which our country has been so remarkably delivered from the machinations of wicked and restless men; for the valour with which He inspired our people, and the protection that, in the hour of danger, He afforded them; and in the confusion and utter discomfiture with which He visited our country's invaders.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Ryerson, seconded by Rev Dr. Green, and

Resolved,—That this Conference has heard with the highest satisfaction, the instructive and eloquent addresses of the Rev. Drs. Lindsay and Lowry, representatives from the G. C. of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the U. S. Their varied intercourse with us has afforded us the greatest pleasure; we entertain for them sentiments of profound respect and warm affection, and we earnestly pray for their future personal success and happiness, and for the prosperity of the great Church which they have so fraternally and ably represented.

WHO ARE THE SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS?

Dr. Green. Thomas Jeffers, George Baynon, Jonathan Scott, David Jennings. John Gemley was restored to the active work, and permission was given him to enter the service of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

Peter Kerr, Michael Baxter, John Baxter, George H. Field, Henry Lauton, were recommended for the active work of the ministry. John N. Lake was recommended for the relationship of superannuation for one year. Wm. Ryerson, John Ryerson, Hamilton Biggar, Ronley Highland, C. W. M. Gibert, Jos. Messmore, James Latimer, Richard Phelps, Soloman Waldron, J. K. Williston, Ozias Barber, Wm. D. Brown, Nelson Brown, John Armstrong, David Wright, Aaron D. Miller, Asabel Hurlburt, George Jacques, Robert Lochead.

The Conference adjourned.

Monday Afternoon, June 6.

The President announcod the 586th hymn, after which the Rev. William Lund lead the Conference in prayer. The minutes of the forencon session were read and adopted.

The list of Superanuates was completed as follows: Edward Sallows, Conrad Vandusen, William Young, John Lever, Thomas Demorest, Stephen Miles, William Shaw, Silvester Hurlburt, Henry Shales, W. H. Williams, Stephen Brownell, John B. Selly, M. D., John B, Clarkson, superannuated for one year, John Scott, Richard Jones, Robert Corson, Vincent B. Howard, Alex. T. Green, D. B. Madden, W. Steer, James Hughes, George Robson, John Sanderson, 1st, James, Norris, John Tomkins, M. McDonald, Moses M. Johnson, Benjamin Cole.

The question, who are the supernumeraries, was taken up: John Dowell, Thomas McMullen, Ashton Fletcher, James H. Boyd, who has been acting as a city missionary, Nelson Burns, B. A., George Washington, C. Byrne; S. B. Philips, Charles A. Hanson, Dr. Aylesworth, all superannuated for one year; Jacob Poole, supernumery, Robert Darlington, Jacob Freshman, this case is laid over, Gilbert Miller, Dan. McMullen, Henry Byers, Luther Houghton, F. C. Ireland, E. S. Ingles, Francis Hunt.

The next question taken up was, where shall the next Conference be held? Invitations were forwarded from Belleville, Montreal and St. Catharines. It was decided that the invitation from Belleville, where the Conference has always met a most cordial welcome, should be complied with. The next Conference will, therefore, commence in Belleville on the first Wednesday in June, 1871.

Applications to Conference for the sale of Church property were presented from the District Minutes and referred to the Church Relief Fund Committee.

An address from the Synod of the Kirk of Scotland was read by the Secretary, and a suitable reply was instructrd to be made to it.

The address from the Conference of Eastern British America was received and read.

The following acknowledgment was read from His Excellency the Governor General of the Dominion:

"To the President and members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church:—I am well pleased by receiving an address of welcome from the Conference of the Wesleyan Church, which embraces such large numbers within its folds, and exercises so wide an influence throughout the Dominion.

The services which Wesleyan teaching has rendered to the cause of that righteousness which exalteth a nation, and the steady industrious habits of its disciples, as well as their loyalty to the Crown, and consistent adherence to the side of law and order, dwell in my recollection, and add weight to your offer of co-operation. I thankfully accept and count upon it with all confidence. The measures which have already been accomplished attest the solicitude with which Her Majesty, in common with the great body of her subjects in England, is inclined to promote the welfare of Canada. I trust that, under the favour of Providence, complete success may be attained, and that, in the ensuing years, the councils of the ministers and the deliberations of Parliament may be so happily guided as to consolidate the fabric of the Dominion and place industry, temperance and justice on sure foundations throughout its wide extent.

John Young.

Ottawa, 21st June, 1869.

THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

The Annual Report of the Children's Fund was read by the Rev. J. C. Slater, the General Treasurer. Including a balance on hand of $433, the receipt from all sources were $21,496. The payments, including a balance on hand of $421, were $21,496. The Committee recommend the usual percentage of 35 cents on each member, including those on trial; and that the sum of $25 be the amount payable for each child under 18 years of age.

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The following are the Examiners, with the subjects allotted them:

Rev. W. Morley Punshon, M.A.—Chairman of the Board.

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J. C. Slater, E. H. Dewart—Biblical History and Geography.

W. Jeffers, D.D., Jas. Elliott—Watson's Institutes.

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James Gray, Geo. Cochran—Church History.

John Borland, G. H. Davis—Fletcher's Cheques, and Hare on Justification.

G. R. Sanderson, Wm. Scott—Wesley.

John Bredin, G. McRitchie—English History and General Geography.

S. S. Nelles, D.D., W. H. Withrow, M.A.—Logic and Metaphysics.

J. A. Williams, E. B. Ryckman, M.A.—Butler's Works.

It was resolved that the Book Steward be instructed to send Circuit Schedules to each Superintendent during the month of July—said schedules to correspond with the District Meeting journals.

A letter was received from the Rev. Mr. Gilpin, on behalf of the Primitive Methodist Conference, saying that they wil gladly receive a deputation from us to morrow forenoon.

Rev. Dr. Nelles moved the appointment of a committee, consisting of Revs. J. S. Keough and John Hunt, to collect connexional statistics on the insurance of church property.

Rev. James Gray gave notice of his intention of moving certain resolutions, for the consideration of the Conference, at an early day.

The Conference adjourned at 5 p. m.

YONGE STREET NORTH CIRCUIT.—VILLAGE OF MAPLE.

The corner stone of the W. M. Church will be laid in the village of Maple, D.V., on Thursday, the 16th inst., at 10½ a.m., by the Rev. W. M. Punshon, M.A., President of the Conference.

The corner stone being duly laid with accompanying religious services, the friends will repair to a tent for refreshment, after which the audience will be addressed by the Revs. W. M. Punshon, Gervase Smith, M.A., a leading minister from England, and A. Green, D.D. We are also happy to state that Dr. Ryerson, Dr. Taylor, and the Rev. Samuel Rose, have kindly promised, if possible, to be present, to give us their valuable assistance.

C. Fish.

A BOY WHO COULD BE TRUSTED.

Alfred was missing one night about sunset. Mother was getting anxious, for she always wished him to be home early. A neighbor coming in, said a number of boys had gone to the river to swim, and he thought he was safe enough to be with them.

"No," said the mother, "he promised me he would not go there without my leave, and he always keeps his word. He never told me a lie."

But seven o'clock came, then eight, and mother was still watching and waiting for the step of Alfred; but it was half-past eight before his merry shout and whistle was heard when he ran in the gate.

"Confess now," said the neighbour, "that you have been to the river with the other boys, and so kept away till late."

How the boy's eyes flashed and the crimson mounted to his cheeks!

"No, sir! I told my mother I would never go there without her leave, and do you think I would tell a lie? I helped James to find the cows which had strayed in the woods, and did not think I should be so late."

James, coming up the street just then, came to tell us "he was afraid we had been alarmed they had been so far in the woods, it made them late in getting home."

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