

churches, is forbearance respecting the matters about which they differ. If so, then we cordially concur; and the whole U. P. Synod, we suppose, will do likewise. On these terms, we are fully prepared for immediate union.]

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

The annual Conference of this denomination for the present year was held of the Temperance Hall, Toronto. The Conference opened on the morning in April 20th, and closed on the 25th. The Rev. T. Adams, Walpole, was chosen President, and the Rev. E. Barrass, Secretary. The Reports from the various stations exhibited a healthy state of things, the great demand being an additional number of labourers. The financial and numerical returns were satisfactory, and the numerous representatives, ministers, and lay gentlemen were disposed to "thank God and take courage." Several important alterations were recommended for adoption, and the various discussions were conducted in the most harmonious manner. An unanimous decision was come to respecting the absolute necessity of increasing ministers' salaries, and not a few were of opinion that they ought to be still further increased.

Religious services, consisting of sermons, missionary, temperance, ordination, and others, were conducted by the ministers attending the Conference, in the churches belonging to the Primitive, Wesleyan, and New Connection Methodists, as well as those of the Congregational order. It was pleasing to see the pulpits of the sister Churches thus thrown open by the respective ministers thereof, giving proof that the friends of the Redeemer are one in Him, however much they may differ on some matters pertaining to Church polity.

A farewell breakfast was given in honour of the delegates on the last day of Conference, at which the President of the Conference ably presided, and short speeches were delivered by the Secretary, also Revs. J. Lacey, R. Boyle, W. Stephenson, W. Rowe, T. Goldsmith (New Connexion), and W. Lawson and R. Walker, Esqs. At this meeting, a beautiful quarto gilt-edged Bible was presented to the Rev. E. Barrass, by the Delegates, as a small token of their esteem for his services during the time of Conference.—*Communicated.*

[It is stated in the *Christian Guardian*, that the number of church members was found to exceed that of last year by 250; and that seven young men were publicly set apart to the ministry by the President of the Conference.]

BAPTIST UNION—ENGLAND.

The forty third annual meeting of this organisation was held in London on the 20th April—the Hon. and Revd. Baptist W. Noel in the chair; and the following resolutions were adopted unanimously, save that there were two dissentients from the third:—

I. That the Union contemplate with lively and affectionate interest the state of the Churches, as partially brought before them by the triennial returns. In the diminished rate of numerical augmentation they think they may justly recognise the influence of the extensive emigration which has characterised the last few years, a process by which it may be hoped that new and distant countries shall be abundantly enriched; and in the clear increase, beyond all drawbacks, to the part of the denomination reported, of more than 4,500 members, they are constrained to recognise tokens of Divine power and mercy calling for grateful acknowledgment. In response to more fervent prayer and more earnest devotedness, may such tokens be much more abundantly vouchsafed!

II. That the Union sympathises with the feeling of discomfort and dissatisfaction which has so extensively prevailed among the Churches in relation to the recent Royal Proclamation enjoining a religious observance—a proclamation, by the phraseology of which Nonconformists were so placed as to seem either, by their compliance, to recognise in religion an authority which they conscientiously repudiate, or, by their non-compliance, to treat religion itself with contempt or indifference.

That the Union therefore, declares, that, in common, with their fellow-Christians of every denomination, in and out of the Establishment, the Baptist Churches