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## THE "RECORDER'

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THE report of the reception of the Delegates from the Wesleyan Conference at the Congregalional the French ambassador here, instructing him to make \* Union yesterday, and of the proceedings of the Conference last night, are necessarily deferred. The corrected Stations shall also be published in to-morrow's Recorder.

## THE REVISION OF THE DISCIPLINE.

The Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Discipline is passing through the Conference with as much rapidity as could be expected. Most of the emendations recommended by the Committee have been adopted by the Conference. The Book of Discipline published in 1859 was prepared by a Committee, which was instructed to consult the Journals of the Conference, and insert any decisions of Conference relating to matters embraced in the Discipline. A Committee was appointed at the Quebec Conference of 1863, to which full power was given to make any changes in the River delegates to Ottawa, when they proposed such satisfaction. It was resolved to appoint a large comprovisions of the discipline that they thought a provision, were told that no offences had been comproper, without, however, interfering with those mitted against Canada, but that the Queen's proclamaparts of the discipline that required the consent of tion would give immunity to all actors in the from the Sabbath School Committee are referred to the Quarterly Meetings. It was argued at the insurrection. Sir Clinton Murdock, representing the this mixed Committee ; and there is now a fair protime of appointing this Committee, that the Con- Home Government was present and joined in this spect that a workable Constitution will ere long be ference could not delegate its legislative power to assurance. On its faith the Red River delegates con- Sabbath Schools any Committee; but the objection was overruled, sented to the organization of the Province, and the and the Committee appointed with power not only most unqualified representations of the peaceful to revise the Book of Discipline, but to publish it character of the Red River expedition were com- doubt that from their present low price, there is reawithout reporting to the Conference. During the municated to the American government by Minister son to expect a very large increase in the circulation year the Committee met, revised the Discipline of Thornton. News from Fort Garry shows that Riel during the present year. 1859, and published the book now known as the will raise 300 men and fight the troops now struggling If one department of our work be more important than another, surely that which concerns the early 1859, and published the book now known as the Discipline of 1864. At the Toronto Conference of that year objection was taken to the action of the Committee of Revision. It was maintained that the Conference could not invest in any Committee the Conference could not invest in any Committee the legislative authority, which belonged to it only as safety of Riel and his associates, and if the matter a regularly constituted body. Besides, it was shall remain in the present unsatisfactory state much shown that geveral of the changes introduced longer, the active interposition of the government of shown that several of the changes introduced longer, the active interposition of the government of the resolutions, was very warmly received. He would not meet the approbation of the Conference. In United States will become necessary for the safety fold it of importance that this Conference should take One of these alterations, to which special exception of the frontiers of Minnesota. was taken, related to the constitution of the Conference itself. The new Discipline, reverting to the earlier usage of the Conference, defined the Conference to be constituted of the ministers appointed by their District meetings to attend the Conference. It had, as we have intimated, formerly been the usage of the Conference to regard as members only those who had been sont by their District Meetings ; so strictly was this adhered to, that when any minister came to Conference without the permission of sible wretches are permitted to harass a friendly the District Meeting, a special District Meeting was neighbour by these ceaseless invasions. These men the District Meeting, a special District Meeting was neighbour by these ceaseless invasions. These men and growing country, that we should not only know hour of our nation's peril, we look with alarm on the but contend for the perpetuation of these rights. Conference. But for several years previous to 1864, it had been ruled by successive Presidents, that any minister present at the Conference had a full thing. They are permitted to come here and privilege the ministers were naturally unwilling to protection and equal rights, they strive to embroil as well as religious rights. We think that there relinquish; so the discipline of 1364 was rejected, by a large majority of the Conference. This book up with their iniquities too long. We believe the is taken as the basis of the revision. The privilege Government ought to stop these raids and break up of voting and taking part in the deliberations of the these dens of robbers. The fact is the poor Irish Conference is too highly estimated to be readily surrendered. The only point that has provoked any Colonel and Captain, deceive and plunder the serious discussion was the recommendation of the ignorant and fanatical masses. Hard working men Committee, that it should require a majority of twothirds of those sent by the District Meetings, to rescind any of the restrictive rules. A majority of the Conference desired that it should be a two- good lesson by the Canadian authorities, and that thirds majority of all present. But as it required a President Grant's proclamation will be carried out two-thirds majority to carry this, it did not pass. ing of the Conference is evidently in favor of respect for the crazy dupes of this wicked raid." adopting the majority of all the ministers present. We have no doubt that the Book of Discipline will

## INFALLIBILITY.

The latest despatches from Rome say that the Council is now engaged in discussing infallibility. The debate on the preamble is closed. There has been one or two exciting passages between the supporters and opponents of the dogma, but at present the minority are silent and passive. A great demonstration was made yesterday in favour of Papal infallibility. The Jesuits were the prime movers. A large procession passed through the streets, bearing banners inscribed " Viva Papa Infallible." L'Opi-

nione Nationale speculates on the prospects of the minority in the Council, and asks if such men as Bishops Dupanloup and Strosmeyer and the Archbishops of Paris and Reims are to allow supremacy to the Jesuit and be struck dumb in their presence The fathers who opposed infallibility presented an address to the Pope remonstrating against the violent proceedings by which the meeting of the 3rd inst. was dissolved, and the debate on the preamble of the

scheme brought to an abrupt close. They complain that fifty members who had given notice of their intention to speak remain unheard, among them M. ings. Price 50 cents. Orders to be addressed to Dupanloup, and they protest against the vote by which the debate terminated, declaring it was carried by surprise. This address received the signature of

100 members of the Council. It is asserted that about the 1st of May M. Ollivier sent a despatch to no more efforts to restrain the action of the Council. The Marquis de Bonneville accordingly suspended negotiations on the subject with the Papal govern ment, but told the French Bishops it was their duty

to defend the opinion of their Government, and ad vised them to do all in their power to obtain the modifications of the scheme. It is now added that the Duke DeGrammot, since his accession to the ministry of foreign affairs has confirmed the instruc-

RIEL AGAIN.

tions of M. Ollivier.

A despatch from Washington in yesterday's Leader says : "The Minnesota delegation express apprehensions that the course of Canada towards Riel will involve the whole North-western territory in war. It seems the Manatoba act more than concedes Riel's demands with the important omission of a general organization is very defective ; and the constitution amnesty. It is understood at St. Paul that the Red of the Sabbath School Union gives very general disdemands with the important omission of a general

The importance of a competent support for the

this end.

Let it then find a place in all your homes."

# CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

EIGHTH DAY.

The Educational Committee recommend the Con-The Educational Committee recommend the Con-ference to adopt the following resolution: "That any probationer assisted by the Educational Fund, who, within the period of ten years after Ordination, wish to withdraw from the Conference, shall be to prove one despotle act of his against them. When required to refund the amount of aid given him before the Church of England sought supremacy in this country-while we believed her doctrines and revered receiving a certificate of standing, provided always the active work." The motion was adopted.

The Rev. ISAAC WILSON, who has travelled two years with the Primitive Methodist Conference, was received as a probationer for our Ministry.

### THE SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

At 10.30 this morning, the Secretary of the Sal bath School Committee presented the report for 1870. The statistics for the year are as follows : Number of schools, 800 ; teachers, 7569 ; number in bible classes, 8409; scholars, 56,606; scholars meeting in class, 5,096; volumes in libraries, 118,668; amount of moneys raised, \$16,739.46.

In consequence of several circuits not having pre sented their returns to the Committee, there is an apparent decrease in the number of schools, teachers volumes in libraries, and moneys raised. Neverthe less, the schools which are reported show an increase in the number of scholars of 3,582, and of those meet ing in class of 629, over the gross returns of last year. The records of the year, give evidence of an increas ing interest throughout our entire work in the depart-ment of Sabbath School labor. Still, at present, our mittee, composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen, who shall meet during the year and review the entire Sabbath School work. Several resolutions

presented for the satisfactory management of our A gratifying increase in the circulation of the Sab-bath School Advocate and the Banner is reported; and were their excellence better known, there is no

moral and social educator to your families, and the a portion of the people of Ontario-a person at the fosterer of loyalty to the Church of your choice. head of the military affairs of the Dominion-should

be driven from the honors and responsibilities of the office which he fills. A leading minister of the Presbyterian Church furnished him with this statement th ministry, is urged by strong considerations, and a other day : There are 43,000 volunteers in the Doreturn to the old fashioned Methodist usage of week- minion, and only 4,000 of them are Roman Catholics. ly offerings, is recommended as best adapted to secure | There has been but one Protestant chaplain appointed and that temporarily, for all these men, while there are now no fewer than twelve Roman Catholic priest connected with the expedition. One of our own ministers says that large numbers of the Red River expedition earnestly desire the ministrations of one of our own clergymen, and that fully nine-tenths of the Volunteers are Protestants. It is said that the E I G H T H D'A Y. THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 9. The President announced the 341st hymn; the Secretary read the 1st chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy, when the Rev. L. O. Rice engaged 'in prayer. The Minutes of yesterday afternoon session were read and adopted. The Educational Committee recommend the Con-(our own !) Minister of Militia ! It becomes us to requirement shall not apply to those who retire from the active work." The motion was adopted. her time-honored institutions, we all protested agains usurp our rights in this great free country? When we see that the very institutions which we revere anathematized by the Pope of Rome, he was sure that the Methodists and the Protestants sure that the Methodists and the Frotestants of Upper Canada would rise up and contend as one man against such encroachments. When our Common School system has been assailed by ministers and members of the Church of Rome he had felt it his duty to resist every attack, and he had received the thanks of some members of the Lower Canada Legislature, in that while he defended the School system, he had not offered a solitary attack on the Church of Rome. He thought that the day would

be long distant when the country would sit down con-tented with such a state of things. He confessed that he did not expect all the benefits from Confederation which some persons have been so sanguine as to indulge in. He had hoped that some broad principle would have been laid down for the future organization of the government of the country ; but he must con fess to disappointment in the matter. He felt appre hensive for the future, and his only hope was in the independence, integrity and honesty of the people of Ontario. He had the firmest faith in the great principles which underlie the institutions of his country. We all rejoice in our connexion with the mother country, and we can all sing "God save our Queen ;' but he was sorry to see in the conduct of the Ministe of Militia a bastard imitation of true loyalty. He begged to submit the resolutions for the consideration of his brethren.

REV. G. DOUGLAS, LL.D., in rising to second the resolution, ventured to put in a gentle protest against Dr. Ryerson's eulogies of his able statemanship and eloquent advocacy of all that interests the Church and the country. He had a present conviction that there is scarcely a question affecting the higher interests of our Dominion, than the question which had been introduced by the learned doctor. He had no hesitancy in saying, after many conversations with public men in various parts of this country, that our greatest danger is the over whelming influence which Roman Catholicism exercises in our councils and in

over the whole field, and every captain and his com-pany are nerved to closer combat. Besides, it is a person who could so insult us, and through us so large change. If the change is at all advisable, this seem to be a suitable time for making it.

ON SOCIALS. &C., &C.

A memorial from Toronto North Circuit, and an other from Yonge Street North Circuit, were referred to the Committee. In both of these memorials it is complained that the spirituality of some of our people has been damaged at gatherings called concerts, socials, penny readings, &c., and the Conference is requested to adopt measures to restrain and repress such tendencies.

Your Committee fail to see the necessity for the enactment of any new rules for the suppression of such occurrences. While on the one hand it must be admitted that there may exist in some cases a difficulty in determining the exact line of division be tween christian cheerfulness and sinful mirth ; yet, on the other hand, so plain and pointed are the re-quirements of our rules which forbid the taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus, and also the singing those songs or reading those books which do not tend to the knowledge and love of God, that they may generally be applied to delinquents.

We would express the hope that our members in general, and especially the class-leaders and minis-ters, of whom it is very properly expected that they will not mend our rules but keep them, may not be found so a ficient in intelligence as not to be able to discover any great offence against them, nor so deficient in moral courage as to shrink from their duty to immortal souls, and to the preserving of the purity of the Church in deference to the wishes or opinions of an advocates of impurity, whatever may be their standing in Society. We, in a word, express the opinion that every minister has now sufficient guaran-tee to enable him to repress promptly all-injurious tendencies, and should he fail to do so he fails to adninister discipline.

If, however, the Conference should deem it ad. visable, perhaps the adoption and publication in the Guardian and Minutes of the following resolution may be an encouragement to us all to avoid and even

abhor the very appearance of evil. Resolved, That whereas memorials have been sent to this Conference from the Quarterly Official Meeting of two very important Circuits, and thereby the members of those Boards have expressed the opinion that the spirituality of some of our people has been endangered and even damaged by the attendance at local gatherings, where it is alleged that questionable proceedings have occurred in the form of intellectual intertainments, this Conference would most solemnly urge all our members, officers and ministers to avoid, in these days of latetudinarian tendencies, every thing that might have the appearance of a violation of our rules in relation to diversions which cannot be taken in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the singing those songs and the reading those books which d not tend to the knowledge or love of God.

The Brantford District recommends that the Con-ference permit brother Alexander Campbell to act as agent for the "Independent Order of Good Templars," during the present year. The Committee are fully conscious of the want of men to supply all the demands of the work, yet they are anxious that the Conference should give due consideration to the fact that brother Campbell has passed through deep affliction in the past year, and that, if possible, his wish should be complied with. In order that the claims of brother Campbell and the claims of the oonference should each have its proper place, we recommend that the case be left in the hands of the Stationing Committee.

## PRINTED CERTIFICATES.

The same District recommends that Conference should authorize the printing of a suitable form of Certificate of Membership, to be given to members on their removal from a Circuit. The Committee would remind the Conference that there is, in the our country. Nowhere, from Rio Grande to the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, on this great continent, have the Book of Discipline, a prescribed form of Certificate priesthood of Rome such a grasp on the people as in Lower Canada. It is a fact that the Roman and in their opinion the matter of very little importance. Catholic priesthood can ring one twenty-sixth of the whole produce of the land from their people. CHANGE OF TIME OF CONFERENCE. If a Roman Catholic priest wants to erect a The Niagara District is desirous that the time of holding the Conference be changed from the present tion stately fabrique he can levy a tax on the the people of his parish for that purpose. I speak advisedly take when I say that by a gigantic scheme this system of time to the week in May of each year. The Committee do not suggest that such change take time to the place, but are of the opinion that this change would not be desirable.

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## SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

No Institution of our Church is of more importance to us just now, than that of the Sunday-school ; and removal by death of their senior Bishop, Dr. Smith. it is pleasing to observe the more than common The address has a true word in behalf of the Sundayinterest evinced by the Conference in its behalf. The school. It says : Sabbath-school Committee devoted a good deal of Sabbath-school Committee devoted a good deal of time to the consideration of the very important laid deep, if a symmetrical, moral manhood is to be developed, then the work must be begun in the ten-would obtain there; but soon this hope was dashed would obtain there is the content of the c ciency and success. The Conference, however, re-Committee, who are to meet before the 1st Novem-Committee, who are to meet before the 1st Novem-ber-and these suggestions are to be printed, and sent readers-as being equally applicable to our own Manitoba Bill. When we look at the whole circum-half of the received, and thus to strengthen the bonds that the Conference may perfect a constitution of the management of our schools-simple in its plan-

into the country without being forced to pledge the

## THE FENIANS.

The Central Christian Advocate has the follow. ing sensible remarks on the subject of Fenianism :

"The raid just now made upon Canada by a crazy set of worthless vagabonds, surpasses in folly anything we remember in the history of Fenianism. is time this kind of warfare ceased. We consider it disgraceful to our country that these irresponmeet their just doom the people of the United It is of very little importance to us whether an up-States ought to be glad. To be rid of even a part start thinks proper to make the reply to this venerright to vote and take part in its proceedings. This dwell in peace, but instead of being contented with underlies the whole fabric of our social and political. our country in an unjust war and organize to rob people are the victims of a set of unscrupulous men in the land, and they were at once courteous and REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS. rascals, who under the false titles of General, and women give their earnings to these " officers," who live high, play the farce of "Irish Republic," plan useless raids and escape all the danger they can. We hope that the Fenians will be taught a to the letter. If Irish adventurers on a marauding expedition get into jail or are hung or shot, we do Practically it is not of great interest, for it relates not think anybody ought to interfere. All that to a queestion that is scarcely ever likely to come cross the Canadian line deserve death. We have before the Conference for decision. But the fee!- no sympathy to expend on such a cause, and no that we look at the manner in which that proportion

PASTORAL ADDRESS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE CONFER- all this trouble and expenditure-to the very men be presented to the Church with such amendations as ENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH .- While this excellent who have driven loyal subjects from that country, address has a special interest for those immediately blood of innocent parties. Our fellow Canadians are connected with the M. E. Church it has a wider and fleeing from that land to escape the tyranny of the more extended application. We rejoice with them very men amongst whom this large sum of money is in the conversion of men to Christ, and we mourn

" If the foundations of a correct faith are to be

time to the consideration of the very important matters assigned to them, and presented to the Con-ference a scheme by which the various schools in con-nection with the Church might be governed, which is in indement would greatly conduce to their effithe offspring of the neglected and impious shall be to the detriment of the rights of the Anglo-Saxon ciency and success. The Conference, however, re-served the consideration of the plan recommended, as well as some recommendations of the Board of the Among other interests it has a good word for its Among other interests it has a good word for its connexional organ—which we commend to our entirely exonerated those members of the Adminis-licity in the reception of members, it would be likely

"Its columns are the arteries and veins through which the heart of the Church pulsates, and through and more than three fourths of the revenue of the ind more than three fourths of the revenue of the tion, which at the present time can conveniently be management of our statement of the fight, the ringing blast of victory is borne of the fight, the ringing blast of victory is borne of the fight, the ringing blast of victory is borne of the fight, the ringing blast of victory is borne of the New Testament.

The resolutions relating to the Red River expedition, which were published in yesterday's issue, were submitted for the consideration of Conference.

REV. DR. RVERSON, on rising to move the adoption

the initiatory step in this matter; because nearly oppression is one of the anomalies of the age; it is rejected by the nationalities of Europe—it is under the leadership of our Minister of Militia, Sir G. E. fifty years ago a similar attempt was made against the rights and liberties of the people of this country. Then the Wesleyan Methodists, who were neither strong nor the Wesleyan Methodists, who were neither strong nor numerous, were the first body of Christians that no-bly laid down the basis for the rights and liberties of the people of this country. They insisted on having equal rights with others to bury their dead, and to marry their young. He devoted the early twenty years of his hie to the advocacy of these rights. He had the honor of publishing the first pamphlet on this subject that was ever printed in this country. had the honor of publishing the first pamphlet on this subject that was ever printed in this country; the efforts made by Rome to supplant our liberties. and he felt that, although the circumstances of the Under the democratic institutions of the age there is conpresent day and occasion may hardly seem to justify stant change going on ; but in conservative England it is difficult to secure changes : and now, at this the this procedure, yet it is due to us, and to this great entirely concur with the Reverend mover in the sentiments he expressed respecting the baleful inought to be as much courtesy extended to the official fluences which must follow the appointment of the representatives of our body as that extended to the officers of the parent body in England. The answers countenance shown to the Roman Catholis Bishop of to the application of our Conference at home for the

Manitoba. I cordially second the resolutions. The resolutions were received by acclamation. appointment of a Wesleyan Chaplain, were made not by underlings, but by some of the highest and noblest prompt; but this reply to the application of the nighest officers and most venerable men in our Con-The following report was read by Rev. N. R. nexion is made by a man of whom the people of the Willoughby :-Dominion know nothing. But when we look at the antecedents of the party by which this reply is signed, we may well understand for whom the whole The Board of the Yonge Street South Circuit reexpedition is provided. When we look at the pro-visions of the Bill, whatever may be its peculiarities, mmend that it be made possible by the Conference. that men who are not members of the Church be apwhether named or not, the whole affair is a sop to the pointed Church Trustees in some cases. Roman Catholics of Lower Canada. The provisions of The Committee would respectfully submit that it this Bill have no antecedents ; indeed three-fourths of would be very injudicious in the Conference to render the expenditure incurred by the expedition are contri-buted by the people of Ontario. And when we look such an appointment possible.

at the population of the country it is also important should be expended. That very large proportion is to be expended on a very small section of the new province, pointed to secure an amendment to the law on Uhurch property, in so far as to render it unnecessary and to be given to the very people who have caused to procure the consent of the Court of Chancery to the conveyance of such property. nointed It was said by one of the men that to be expended.

The Board of Toronto West Circuit has submitted were sent as a deputation (indeed a sorry deputation with them in the loss they have sustained in the it was) to that country that they did not want Mr. a very respectful memorial on the subject of "receiving" and "dropping" members. They are of the opinion expressed in the following words :-- "Your McDougall as governor there; it meant that they would not have any Upper Chardian there as gover-nor--it was an open insult to the entire population of Ontario. When he saw it announced that Col. memorialists would also urgethat no leader or minister should finally drop from the class-book the name of a member for non-attendance upon class, or other Woolsey was to be the governor of Manitoba, he infringement of discipline, without first reporting As to one point of the memorial, the manner of re

stances of the case, when we think that Upper between the entire brotherhood. Hence we recom-

OFFICE OF TRUSTEE. &C.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

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REFERRING TO "RECEIVING" OR "DROPPING"

MEMBERS.

#### CORNWALL PARSONAGE.

The Brockville District recommends that the Superintendent of Cornwall be allowed to take up subscriptions in behalf of Cornwall parsonage on any of the Circuits where he may think it advisable

The committee would recommend that the Con ference give this subject a favorable consideration. The difficulties through which that Mission has had to pass are generally understood. The committee are of the opinion, however, that in other cases similar to this the Conference has required the party applying to procure the consent of the Superir tendent of the Circuit which he may wish to visit. In case the Superintendent of Cornwall is willing to comply with this condition we advise that the Conference give the desired permission, as It would eventually remove a great weight from the Missionary Funds.

#### REGISTRATION OF BAPTISMS.

The same District recommends that a permanent Book of Registry be kept on each Circuit, in which shall be recorded all the baptisms performed on the Circuit, and that a duplicate of each baptism be presented at the May District Meeting for registratic in Toronto.

We are of the opinion that there is great laxity on this subject on the part of some superintendents. We are further of the opinion that it is the duty of each superintendent not to make enquiry in each family on this subject in order to bring the importance of the subject before the people ; and we are of the opinion that it would greatly add to the interests of the Church to require that that a Record be kept on each Circuit.

CATECHUMEN CLASSES

The Brockville District puts again on record its resolutions of last year with reference to Catechum Classes,-That the numbers of the members of such classes have a place in the Annual Minutes, and that a suitable ticket be furnished for them. We recommend that steps be taken at once to secure this end.

RESPECTING THE LENGTH OF CLASS-BOOK. The London District advises that the Class-Book

be lengthened by at least one-third. We do not regard the present Class-Book any improvement on the old form. Very many classes are sufficiently large to occupy three or four pages. It is expected that these names be transferred every quarter. This so soon consumes the entire book that many leaders prefer making Class-Books for themselves. We are of the opinion that it would not be difficult for the Book Steward to improve the form of the book.

In reply to the memorial on the subject Temper-ance, from the "Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British Templars," your Committee would, refer the Conference to clauses 2, 3 and 4 of their report on the same subject as published in the Minutes of last year, and would recommend their republication in the min utes of this year.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, June 9.

The President announced the 311th hymn, when the Rev. Manley Benson engaged in prayer, after which the Secretary read the minutes of the forenoon

ression, which were adopted. The Conference debated the emendations suggest ed by the Committee on the revision of Discipline, up to the hour of 3 o'clock, when an adjournment took place, and the Stationing Committee met for business.

#### PRESENTATION.

The young men, who were ordained on the Sabbath presented, just at the close of the afternoon's ses presented, just at the close of the alternoon's ses-sion, a Photographic Group exquisitely executed and enclosed in a splendidly caned and gilt frame, of the President, surrounded by the young men. The President's brief and touching reply expressed his devoutly cherished wish that the brethren just ad-mitted into full connection micht preux therefolder