

Committee at its meeting held on the 18th of December, 1884, in reference to the relief of embarrassed trusts."

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. I. B. Aylesworth, seconded by the Rev. LeRoy Hooker,

"That a copy of the Minutes of the General Conference Special Committee be filed among the papers of this Conference."

It was moved in amendment to the amendment by the Rev. Dr. Pickard, seconded by Mr. J. J. Maclaren,

"That the Special Committee's Report be referred to a special committee of seven, to be nominated by the General Superintendents, to consider how the Report should be dealt with by this Conference."

The Rev. Dr. Parker offered the following substitute, seconded by His Honor Judge Dean:

"That the Minutes of the several sessions of the General Conference Special Committee be considered consecutively, and acted upon."

The Rev. S. Bond moved in amendment to the substitute,

"That this Report of the Special Committee of the General Conference of 1883, as now read, be referred to a special committee to be nominated by the Nominating Committee."

The question was first taken on Mr. Bond's amendment, which was lost.

The substitute of the Rev. Dr. Parker was then adopted.

The consideration of the Minutes was deferred by laying on the table. In pursuance of the order of the day the Rev. Dr. Carman then delivered the following Address of the General Superintendents:—

*To the Ministerial and Lay Delegates of the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Conference Assembled:*

RESPECTED AND BELOVED BRETHREN,—With gratitude and with thanksgiving to God for the infinite goodness and love manifested to us as a Church and as individuals; with a sense of our dependence and need; with a humble trust in our Heavenly Father, and fervent united prayer to Him for His guidance and aid; with joy in this fellowship of the brethren in the Church of Christ and in the work of the Lord; and in abounding joy in the fellowship with the Father and the Son by the ever blessed Holy Spirit, are we gathered with one accord in this place that we may learn the will of our Heavenly Father, especially concerning His Church as committed to our care, in the discharge of the solemn duties of this Conference; and may faithfully do that will in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. How important is this meeting! How dreadful is this place! Here let