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the country and a blessing to our kind. We rejoice with you because your work is the work of our Lord, and your growth is the growth of His kingdom and dominion among the sons of men. You preach the doctrines in which we implicitly trust, and which we joyously proclaim; and you rest in the faith and hope that inspire our enterprises and animate our hearts.

As under the good hand of our God in the onward movements of your church, you are now assembled for deliberations on most weighty matters, we earnestly pray that the pure and peaceable measure from above may be given you in large measure, not only that your Conference may be harmonious in the joy of the Gospel, but also that in the settlement of your affairs you may be directed to such measures, and invigorated to such action, as shall bring glory to God and hasten on the complete triumph of Christian truth in our beloved Dominion, and in all lands in which your voice may be heard and your influence through the everlasting Gospel be exerted.

That you may the better understand our minds in this Christian and fraternal salutation, and be better assured of our purpose, and thoughts of love toward you, in our Lord Jesus Christ, we send to you two of our beloved brethren, the Rev. James Gardiner, our Missionary Secretary, and the Rev. M. Benson, the Secretary of our General Conference, whom we commend to you in the sympathy and godly respect of our common Methodism; who will tell you of our state, showing you how God has prospered us, and speak to you words of brotherly regard, inviting you to an interchange of fraternal greetings and salutations, after the manner of the churches in apostolic times.

Praying that you may abound more and more in holiness, in the spiritual power of a pure gospel, and in fruitfulness of labor for the salvation of men, we subscribe ourselves your brethren in the reproach and glory of the Cross.

By order of the General Conference,
JAMES RICHARDSON,
President.

Mr. GARDINER addressed the Conference for a short time. Owing to the lateness of the hour he would not say what he had intended to have said. The history of the Church with which he was connected was well known to many here. Were he to dwell on the fact of their history, he might, perhaps, be giving some information to the brethren from the East, but, as he conceived, to them only. He assured them that his General Conference felt great interest in all that pertains to the growth and prosperity of this great body, and desired that there might be a fraternal interchange between them, as he thought it might be to their mutual profit for closer relations which may take place in respect to Methodist unity. All the sympathies of his heart joined in that movement, and he could not conceive why Methodism should not be a unit. They were all one in doctrine, and he trusted that the foundation of this great United Wesleyan Church having been laid, that the structure now being erected would be reared as efficiently as the foundation had been laid. He and his companion had not been sent to woo this Conference, or be wooed, but he was sure that their Conference felt the spirit of union that was now abroad in the land, and the nearer they came together, the more they would be like Christ their blessed Master. In respect to their own Church he might say, they were never more united, never more prosperous than they had been during the past year, especially in respect to the matter of church building. They now had 430 churches, being one for every fifty of their members, valued at \$780,000, at the rate of \$5 to \$6 per member. Their missions were purely home or domestic missions, were healthy and vigorous. As yet they had not ventured into the regions beyond, but probably they might do by and bye. He assured the Conference that they were their fellow workers, and desired to cooperate with them in advancing the Redeemer's cause. Had time allowed he would have noticed the institutions of the Church, and the recent arrangements to admit lay representatives to the General Conference, which it is believed will greatly conduce to the interests of the Church. In conclusion he desired that this Conference would send representatives to their next General Conference to be held in August, 1878.

Rev. Mr. BENSON next addressed the Conference, and said:

MR. PRESIDENT, REV. FATHER AND BRETHREN,—With very great pleasure I come as one of the fraternal delegates, bearing the greetings of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada to this your first General Conference. The Rev. Mr. Gardiner and myself do not come from a church over the sea; nor from a distant country, but from the same land as you—land. And alike our land, our interests are therefore more intimately blended with yours. As two distinct churches, we often grow wheat upon the same field. The sowers as they go forth weeping and bearing precious seed often cross each others path; but by it we only have the more plentiful sowing of this precious seed. Our common Methodism is a rich heritage. It plants our feet upon the rock of ages; directs our steps in the highway of holiness; perfumes our air with the fragrance of heaven; leads out our minds with the wisdom of inspira-

tion, and entwines our hearts with the golden chords of heavenly love. Your hands are stronger, and your resources broader; but our hearts exultate with yours in fidelity to the great principles of Methodism. We lift up the same standard of doctrines as you; and our rallying cry is, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." I speak it humbly, but say distinctly, that the church my honored friend and myself represent has a fair share of prosperity. Its numerical strength she is increasing; her church edifices are rapidly improving, and her colleges are rising in power. I look to the future with much satisfaction. Whether in this land the vine of Methodism shall become so intertwined in its luxuriant growth as not to distinguish its branches one from the other, I cannot tell. But this I know, that wherever our good old doctrines are heralded success must attend. I rejoice to witness the union of two branches, as blended in this General Conference. And I would be pleased to see the time when all the members of the great Methodist family in this land would sit down as children around one hearthstone. For this purpose our recent General Conference appointed a Standing Committee to confer on the union of Methodism; and, as an honored member of that Committee, I shall feel free to act zealously in the work of union. I have no doubt our steps will be well timed in the union progress. With the united forces of the Methodist Churches we will be better able to possess this land. A fairer field need not be desired. This Dominion is now a great Christian school, educating pupils from all parts of the world. We do well to raise high our standard of religious culture. While our doctrines never change, yet our polity changes to meet exigencies. I rejoice that in this Methodism is free. No ecclesiastical fetter to prevent her growth. It is not too much to say that Methodism has contributed largely to the freedom of this Dominion, and the freedom of the world, both civilly and religiously. I had it in my heart to spend some length of time with you, but circumstances forbid my tarrying. As I may not have any other opportunity of speaking to you, allow me to most heartily wish you success, and may God guide you in your council, and support you in your work.

The audience sang the doxology, after which the venerable Bishop Richardson pronounced the benediction.

The Triumphant Book.

Dr. John Cumming exclaims: Do not be afraid of the Bible. Its triumphs are certain. The owls may hoot at the rising sun, but the sunshine creeps on notwithstanding. The tribes may perish, priests may die, altars may crumble into ruin; but this blessed book advances at a pace that never ceases; and if it ever retreats, it is to cover its retreat with a greater glory than its advance. This book, inspired by the Spirit of God, climbs steep hills and crosses broad rivers. It is found under the sailor's pillow; in the soldier's knapsack; and it soars with a wing that is not numbed by polar snow or relaxed under equatorial suns. It carries with it an earnest of its ultimate and everlasting victory. And this book tells us what the real disease of man is. It lays its finger on the very spot, and it tells us the blessed truth that there is no chance or accident; that all is settled and perfectly arranged; and that even that ripple of sorrow that sometimes comes to the sensitive heart, as you will find if you trace it backward, came from no earthly spring to fret us, but from the fountain of living waters, to strengthen, cheer and encourage us.

A Timely Word to Young Men.

Young man, go to work. For goodness' sake quit loitering around the stores and saloons. Earn something for yourself, and don't sponge your living any longer, because the "old man" or the "old woman" don't see fit to drive you out to work; and when you get a few dollars ahead, don't go to a saloon and fool it away punching ivory balls around over a table with whip-stocks. Be a man. Show the world that you are able to earn an honest living by patient and persistent industry. Quit loafing. Buy a saw and go to sawing wood, if nothing better offers. It will give you a sharp appetite for your hash, and you will have the proud satisfaction of knowing that you earned it honorably.

CANON KINGSLEY, lately addressing the students of California University, said that he would like to see a more general education in aesthetics, music, and the fine arts. Grace of manners and the beauty of form should be studied, as the old Greeks studied them. If what was learned could not be carried out in real life, the knowledge of these noble pursuits, and of what the world had done in them, would be humanizing and elevating, and would help in allowing that wide culture so necessary to the rounding and finishing of the perfect character. Amid debasing surroundings in Australia friends of his had preserved themselves from infection by reading Greek plays in the original, after improvised religious services on Sunday.

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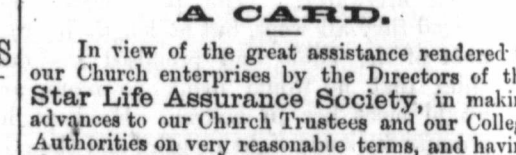
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