HUMOROUS.

The farmer makes hav, while the son hines behind a dry goods counter, -Rochester Post-Express. "Now that I have got my hay in," said the relieved farmer, "I think the world would be greatly better for a good shower."—

Roston Globe. Politeness is sometimes fatal. Up in Michigan the other day a nurse and her charge were killed by the bough of a tree.—
Oil City Blizzard.

Hot water is said to be a certain cure for yspepsia. Then married men ought never to be troubled with this complaint.—Philo.

"Yes," said the innkeeper, "thirteen at table's bad sure! Why, I put thirteen men at a table ye-terday, and six skipped out withont paying their bills." Women whose husbands are addicted to the

ingentlemanly habit of snoring will be pleased to learn that prussic acid is a sure cure. — New York Morning Journal. When the dog gets after the boy in the don patch and there are no trees handy he

sings: "Oh, for the garden wall."-Cincin nati Merchant and Traveller. "He may have been a little crooked," remarked the undertaker, mournfully, over the remains of a bad bank cashier, "but I guess I can straighten him."

"Master's away from home, sir. Would you please leave your name?" "Faix, an' what should I be lavin' me name for, bedad! when he knows me quite well? "Did the prisoner knock Mr. Smith down in retaliation "asked the lawyer of the witness. "No, sir; he knocked him down in the barnyard."—Oil City Derrick.

Extract from a letter from Angelica: "Dear enry-You ask if I return your love. Yes, Henry, I have no use for it, and return it with many thanks. By by, Henry." Thousands of men have commenced at the bottom of the ladder and staid there. Others have carried bricks and mortar and reached

icayune. A young lady in Kalamazoo declined to eat beef because she thought it was cruel to kill the dear delightful cows. She changed her nind when a wild Jersey chewed up her red parasol. - New York Journal.

the top by honest industry .- New Orlean

A traveller, inquiring at a feudal castle whether he could see the antiquities of the cace, received the simple answer from a servant: "I am sorry, sir; my lady and her daughters have gone to town." A professor was expostulating with a stu lent for idleness, when the latter said

Well," declared the professor, "whoever ut you out understood his business." "How shall we stop the great evil of lyng?" asks a religious weekly. It can't be topped, but the evil might be lessoned materally by abandoning the custom of puting inscriptions on tombstones. - Norristow

Herald. Needless Solicitude.—Mistress, about to depart for the seaside—"I hardly hie to leave you alone in the house." Servant-Och! Sorra alone will I be, mum. wid all me first cousins coming to shtop wid me, mum. The Judge.

"The smell of fresh paint in a room may be effectually gotten rid of by placing therein a pail of water in which a few onions have been sliced," says an exchange. To take away the smell of the onions, burn the house down.

Oil City Derrick. "'I tell you," said Poots, "there's an inde-

scribable sense of iuxury in lying in bed and ringing one's bell for his valet." You get a valet!" exclaimed Poots' friend, "No," replied Poots, "but I've got a bell."—Oncinati Saturday Night. You may say what you please, but there is luck in horseshoes. A man asiled one a the fence not long ago since, and a v afterward his wife, who used to wear

the furniture on him, eloped with a friend to whom he was owing \$40, "Why does an Englishman drop the h's off some of his words?" asked Sparks of a neighem on to other words," was the reply: "that is to say, if he puts an hon his eggs he must take it off his ham."--: omerville Journal.

Only a tiny bonnet, Set with exquisite grace, With heaps of daisies 'pon it, With heaps of daisies pon in,
Over a prestry face,
Whose lips were swiftly moving
In a low bovine hum—
Only a Newport maiden
Chewing a hunk of gum.
—The Judge, Little Mabel is not satisfied with partial ex-

danations. A friend was telling her of some ttle twins, who were called Dot and Dimple y their parents and others, and said Dimple is called so because she has dimples. "And has the other got dots?" was the naive inquiry. "No." sad the sad eved man. "I never

press a young woman to play upon the piano, I tried it once to my sorrow." "Why, what ollowed ?" asked a half-dozen eager voices. "She played," replied the sad-eyed man.
"I shall never forget the lesson I learned that day."—Boston Transcript, Language of postage stamps : One cent-

There's a pair of us! Three cent-'Three to one, this is a bill?" or shall we three meet again?" Five cent.—"I send you a V," or "I'm half the dime thinking of my love;" Twelve cent.—"Double sixes, by Jove!" Miss Gushington (to young widow, whose

husband has left a large fortune)-" That is the fourteenth mourning costume I have seen you wear in three days, and each lovelier and more becoming than the other." Young widow-" Oh, my dear, I have forty: but such a bother as they have made! At one time I almost wished that poor, dear George hadn't died." "What station did you say this was ?" in-

quired a passenger of a gruff brakeman. "Pigsty," growled the polite employe, who was mad because his lirst was not distinct enough to be understood. "Ah," smiled the traveller, "then you must feel perfectly at home here." The brakeman slammed the door from the outside, and then bit off a piece of the iron railing.—Drake's Magazine. How refreshingly ingenuous feminine in-telligence displays itself at a bail game ! "What has that man got on his face—a muz-

"Why, no, that's a protector? "Not a chest protector?" "Oh, no, the idea! You see when that man swings the stick around and it don't hit the ball, and then he swings it around again and don't hit the ball, the man is obliged to put on the muzzle. That's part of the game. I don't know how much it counts !"-Hariford Post. "Ah, can you tell me, Miss Fair," queried

Gerrge Washington LaDude, after a brief period of intense study, "why the-awit is something to a cur, don't you know—ha!

ba!" 'Very good, Mr. LaDude, very good,
But can ou tell me why your hat is like a
bad habit?" 'Why, er-r, aw; well no why is it?" "Because it is something to a void." "Oh! weally, now Miss Fair, you are just too bad for anything, don't you

The late Duke of Buccleuch on one occasion preferred riding on horseback and unattendpreferred riding on norsepack and unattended. He came to a tollgate. "The toll, sir, gin you please." His grace immediately pulled up, and while searching for a coin was accosted by the gatekeeper: "Heard ye ony word o' the Duke coming this way to-day?" 'Yes," was the reply, "he will be this way to-day." "Will he be in a coach an' four, or only in a carriage and two think year. or only in a carriage and twa, think ye? "In all probability on horseback," was the rejoinder. "In that case, do you think he wad be offended gin I offered him back the change should be gae me a sixpence or a shil-ling to pay wi' as he passed?" The Duke stretched forth his hand to receive the balance, stretched forth his hand to receive the balance, and with an arch and knowing look replied: "Try him, friend: try him," and pocketed the coppers, muttering to himself: "Not to be done for in that way."

METHORIST UNION.

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LEGAL DIFFICULTIES. Rev. D. WILLIAMS moved that inasmuch as I have had with the venerable president. I grave constitutional changed are proposed in the basis of union to be submitted to this body, and masmuch as serious legal difficuiwill not take action upon said basis until a full and free discussion upon the points in-

was totally rejected on account of the objectionable preamble it would be said that jectionable preamble it would be said that the Conference had choked off discussion. This would be making a bad beginning. The

THE RATIFICATION OF THE BASIS QUESTION.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ryckmand, gave notice that he would to morrow move the following resolution:

Whereas, this Conference, at its session in the City of Hamilton in September, 1882, adopted certain resolutions affirming the desirableness of an organic union of the various methodist Churches in the Dominion, and did appoint a committee to meet in joint session with similar committees appointed by the conferences of the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Christian Churches, for the purpose of preparing, if possible, a basis of Union to be afterwards submitted to the quarterly boards and considered to the quarterly boards and consider possible, a basis of Union to be afterwards submitted to the quarterly boards and conferences of the negotiating Churches for approval, or otherwise; and, whereas, this conference agreed to meet at the call of the president if there were received from two-thirds of the quarterly meetings and a majority of the annual conferences voting apon it, declarations in favour of the plan of any duties of the office until after legislation has been obtained. In a word, repeating somewhat what I have stated before, I would advise that the General Conference meet in Belleville as provided; that upon the action of the General Conference being in confirmation. apon it, declarations in favour of the plan of anion, and declared that the president should convene the General Conference at B lleville in order to give effect to the proposed union; and whereas the official returns show that 640 quarterly boards out of 749, and six out of seven annual conferences have declared in favour of the plan of union submitted; therefore, this Gederal Conference, recognizing the guiding hand of God in the movement, and feeling its obligation to give effect to the wish of the Church as expressed through the quarterly meetings and annual conferences, hereby adopts and ratifies the basis recommended by the Joint Committee, and cordially affirms its conviction that the union with the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Christian Churchs is mended by the Joint Committee, and cordially affirms its conviction that the union with the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Christian Churches is in harmony with the principles laid down in Methodist Church at the call of the chair to convenient, making due allowance for the length of the session at Ottswa. As a matter of extra precaution, it might be well to adjourn the General Conference of the present Methodist Church at the call of the chair to consider any matters and pass any resolu-

draft a resolution relating to the death of the late Sher if Patrick, who was a member of the General Conference, but who had been called away by death.

A telegram was read from the Rev. E. Roberts, president of the Bible Christian Conference, in session at Exeter, stating that the vote for union had been carried by 45 for and 3 against. The announcement was re-

desired to know whether there was any legal difficulty in the way of holding these meetings, because it had been stated to me that we had no right to hold this General Conference at all. For my own protection and information I therefore obtained this legal opinion. I am very sorry if I have transcended my duty in regard to this matter. I don't think I have. (Applause.) here this morning in Bridge street Methodist church, Rev. Dr. Rice, president, in the chair. Twenty-six delegates answered to the roll-call, in addition to 122 who responded last evening.

The President, rising, then said:—I think it will be appropriate for me at this stage to make a few remarks in connection with the matter as it now stands. The discussions in the different annual conferences, and the discussions in the public press indicate a good many points upon which difficulties seemed to arise. In some of the annual conferences expressions were given ferry strongly in regard to the legal difficulties arising and the great danger of proceeding at all in our present course. I LEGALITY OF THE MEETING.

churches be legally united, or will not the failure of any one to come into the union invalidate the basis of union, which was devised by the representatives of all the Churches on the condition of a general union; and must not the basis then be submitted to the next ensuing annual conferences?

"5. Does the action of the quarterly meeting and annual conferences or the terms of the resolution of the last General Conference to give effect to the union (see journal of conference, page 242), bind the General Conference to consummate the union, or is the conference to agree to or reject the basis, especially in view of the fact that the Committee on Union exceeded the limitation embodied in the resolution found on page 240, section 2, of the journal of conference.

"6. In case of illegality in any of the points above indicated, what would the effect be upon tha titles of property involved if the dissentients choose to appeal to the courts of law?

"7. Has the General Conference power for To Rev. S. D. Rice. D.D., and Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., Toronto: "GENTLEMEN, -I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 25th July instant, submitting to me for my opinion certain questions relating to the union of the Methodist Churches. From your let-

"7. Has the General Conference power to do away with the restrictive rules, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, page 23, of the book of discipline?

"8. If the term 'constitutional change' be not covered uy the discipline, does the basis require a unanimous vote?

assume as a fact that it is not the intention of the Church immediately to act upon the agreement of union, which you may enter into otherwise than to meet in a General Conference or assembly of the united bodies, and there to settle upon the rules of order and discipling, or is other words to precide a president appearation suspending the upion. MR. BETHUNE'S OPINION. And any of the discussion upon the points inmore of shall have taken place in this General

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The p charman or president pro. tem., and may proceed to elect a general superintendent who shall discharge the duties of the office as I entertain the gravest doubt whether prop sed union is a constitutional change within the meaning of the sub-section just referred to. I have considered the cases in the 5th and 6th volumes of the old sewho shall discharge the duties of the office as provided for by the constitution, postponing the changes which are provided by such give every latitude to fair and reasonable discussion. (Applause,)

The PRESIDENT said that he could not remember any motion of the kind ever before being moved. It would have the effect of binding the Conference to a course of action from which they could not depart.

The mover finally consented to withdraw the resolution.

The BASIS QUESTION.

Rev. Dr. SUTHERLAND, seconded by Rev.

Who shall discharge the duties of the office as provided by such agreement until opportunity is had to apply to the Legislature of the province and of the Dominion for confirmation of the agreement. I advise, therefore, in answer to the first question, that it will be perfectly proper for the General Conference of the union of the then Mcthodist Churches of Upper Canada was considered. Chief Justice Sir John Robinson and Mr. Justice Sherwood for the union scheme and form a discipline for the union has been done by the bodies proposing to enter into the union has been done by the bodies proposing to enter into the union has been done by the bodies or the first question. I have considered the cases in the 5th and 6th volumes of the case in the 5th and 6th volumes of the case in the 5th and 6th volumes of the custon. I have considered to cases in the 5th and 6th volumes of the cases in the 5th and 6th volumes of the cases in the 5th and 6th volumes of the cases in the 5th and 6th volumes of the cases in the 5th and 6th volumes of the cases in the 5th and 6th volumes of the cases in the 5th and 6th volumes of the constitution, postporing the changes which are provided by such applied to conference of the Upper Canada was considered. Chief Justice Sir Jo cords with his view of the law. Except for the funds belonging to the various Churches proposing to unite and their Church properties, the courts of justice would not interfere with the union; but it is now settled that where there are these funds and Church properties the courts will interfere and perties the courts will interfere and protect any dissentient from the union in the enjoyment of his rights to have the trusts upon which the funds and properties are held carried out. I think it very probable that if an attempt be made to engagement the ways of the consummate the made to engagement. I think it very probable that if an attempt be made to consummate the union of the Churches referred to before legislation sanctioning it has been obtained, the courts of justice may be compelled, if appealed to by any member of any of the Churches, who may be affected pecuniarily to any extent by the proposed union, to restrain its consummation. The court appealed to will in that event, I think, look at the matter as one of contract, and will inquire whether under the phrase and will inquire whether under the phrase constitutional changes' it was intended for instance, to allow three-fourths of the members of the General Conference to effect a union with the Roman Catholic Church to the union with the Roman Catholic Church or the Presbyterian Church. The construction of the whole discipline points only to such changes as might be thought advisable within the Methodist Church, but not to the extension of the then existing Methodist Church. I meation this that it may not be assumed that I think that the union can be consummated by the majority referred to.

"In answer to the second question,] "In answer to the second question, I have to say that unless the discipline be altered expressly I do not see how the members of the adjourned General Conference can constitute themselves members of the proposed General Conference, because I understand that the discipline provides in clear and explicit terms for the constitution of the membership of the General Conference by election in each annual district meeting, preceding the General Conference Conference by election in each annual district meetings preceding the General Conference. (See part 2, chap. 1, section 1, subsection 4.) Of course, if the General Conference can, under the phrase 'constitutional changes,'consummate the union, I supp se it must also have the power to alter the part of the discipline just referred to, and so could constitute the members of the General Conference members, of the proposed conference. I do not think that the General Conference could make the change referred to so as to go into operation except under sub-section 12 of the chapter and section just referred to.

"In answer to the third question I have Rev. Df. JEFFERS thought it was hardly fair to bring forward the opinion of a young lawyer like Mr. Rose. To bring it in that shape was not exactly fair play, and was done to influence the debate.

The PRESIDENT—I did not bring it here to influence the debate. I sought it because several conferences and quarterly meetings desired to know whether there was any legal difficulty in the way of holding these meet

consider any matters and pass any resolu-

tions that counsel, upon consideration, may

think necessary."

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Rev. J. T. Moore rose to a point of order.
No document could be referred to unless it
had first been tabled.

"In answer to the third question, I have "In answer to the fourth question, I have to say that I think that if the basis fails as to any of the Churches, it necessarily fails as to the whole. It is based entirely on the union of all the Churches.

"In answer to the fifth question, I have to say that I think the General Conference may reject the basis of union if it thinks fit to do

tions, such as Church property, they were entirely out of place in discussing the spiritual affairs of the Church.

Rev. Lenoy Hookes approved of the course of the president in seeking legal advice, and the authority he had committed was as good as any in the land.

The conference then took recess.

Afternoon Session.

The President took the chair at 2 p.m.
On motion it was decided that the case presented to Mr. Bethune and Mr. Bethune's opinism thereon be read.

Rev. Dr. WILLIAMS, moved the following amongst other changes are made in the government of the Methodist Church of Canada at Every Mills and Churchs. In regard to the behasis carry the corrising amongst other changes are made in the government of the Methodist Church of Canada at Every Mills and the contracting parties desire of the several Methodist Churches of this country to form one organic body if assist can be found that twist carry the corrisions which we cannot see our way clear to comment of the Methodist Church of Canada at Every Mills and the several Methodist Churches of this country to form one organic body if assist can be found that twist carry the corrisions which we cannot see our way clear to comment of the Methodist Church of Canada at Every Mills and the contracting parties desire of the several Methodist Churches of this country to form one organic body if assist can be found that twist carry the corrisions which we cannot see our way clear to comment of the Methodist Church of Canada at Every Mills and the contracting parties desired by the annual conference we express our deep regret that the contracting parties desired. Lange of the Methodist Church of Canada at Every Mills and the contracting parties desired the several Methodist Churches of this country is form one organic body if assist cannot be contracting parties desired by the annual conference or the promote of the motion introduced the previous of said the contracting parties desired with, Besolved, that such a proposal has proposal to our before the contracting parties

Sutherland.

Rev. J. Lathern supported the motion.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland rose to a point of order. When a motion was before the chair another motion, except a privileged one, could not be interjected. The motion to appoint a committee was not privileged, and therefore he held it to be out of order.

The PRESIDENT held that the point was The PRESIDENT held that the point was well taken, and ruled the motion out. THE DEBATE RESUMED.

The debate on the general, motion was resumed.

Rev. Dr. Jeffers thought they should not count too much on Parliament remedying any errors that the conference might make. If it could be proved afterwards that they had acted likewilly in carrying out this mean

The PRESIDENT took the chair at two o'clock. On the motion to adopt the minutes of the morning session.

Rev. Prof. Shaw rose to propose that they

be amended by placing in them the amend-ment which he had submitted at the morning session.

A sharp discussion ensued, the motion finally being negatived.

Belleville, Sept. 1.—The session of the General Methodist Conference was resumed this morning at nine o'clock, Rev. Dr. Rice, president, in the chair. After devotional exercises the minutes of the preceding evening's session were read and confirmed.

NOTICE OF MOTION. Rev. T. WILLIAMS gave notice of the following motion:—"That this conference disapproves of the provision of the basis which authorizes the general superintendent to preside in the annual conferences each alternate day; that we earnestly recommend that the united conference so alter the said provision as to permit the general superintendent when present to open each annual conference and preside therein until the election by such conference of a president from among their number, which election shall take place during ber, which election shall take place during the morning session of the first day, when the the morning session of the first day, when the said president of the annual conference shall take the chair and preside at each succeeding session, and in the absence of the general superintendent he shall also preside at the opening of the annual conference of which he may be president. And further, that the general superintendent be authorized to sign ordination parchments in connection with the presidents of annual conferences."

The RESTRICTIVE ROLES

The PRESIDENT said he thought the question of the restrictive rules should be settled before the final vote was taken, and he thought the conference should exercise its prer gative to courses open to the conference: to back down entirely, or to hold the matter in abeyance for one year, or to go and negotiate with the other bodies hoping for the consent of the English Conference beneather.

Rev. G. W. Webber then moved the following resolution:

"Having listened to the communications of the English Foreign Secretary and those of our own respected delegate, and having before us the reply of the English Conference to the request and memorial of this conference on the subject of Methodist union in Canada, and having duly considered the same, we resolve:

The PRINTINCY and the should he should be find the of the first their of the retrictive rules about a settled of the retrictive rules and the should be settled before the find voic was taken, and be though the first the first their of definition of definition to be the first the first their of the first their of the first the first than the first for minister or ministers or ministers that the first than the first form than the first form the first for

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NAYS—Messrs, J. W. Smith, W. S. Smith, A. W. Smith, Horde, Dalgleish, Rogers, Inch. Burwash, Jost. German, Pope, Trueman, Allison, Gray, Cowper, Leed, Hunt, Burns, Cornish, Beatty, Nelles, Willoughby, Holt, Bowman, Weedal, McMurray, Edwards, Evans, Duncan, Freeman, Tuttle, Wills, Carscallen, Caldwell, Hansford, Fish, Cochrane, Clarke, Strong, Shaw, Hill, Jones, Breightom, Richardson, Hird, Narraway, Clement, Matthews, Ferguson, Hunt, Moore, Bowes, Wilmont, Frost, Tysdall, Pearson, Lathern, Woodsworth, Thomas, Adamson, Kerr, Kilburg, Burwell, Sandford, Ross, Stafford, Hannberter, Fisher, Parson, Lebelle, Maywell, Sandford, Ross, Stafford, Hannbetter, Fisher, Parson, Lebelle, Maywell, Sandford, Ross, Stafford, Parson, Lebelle, Maywell, Sandford, Ross, Stafford, Hannberter, Fisher, Parson, Lebelle, Maywell, Sandford, Ross, Stafford, Parson, Lebelle, Maywell, Sandford, Parson, Lebelle,

The resolution adopting the basis was then carried by 123 votes to 38.

The annuncement of the numbers was received with cheers.

Rev. T. G. WILLIAMS moved the resolutions of which he had given notice at a pre-vious stage of the proceedings, Dr. Douglas seconded the motion, and it

Dr. DOUGLAS seconded the motion, and it was adopted.
Rev. T. G. WILLIAMS moved a vote of thanks to the members of the conference who acted on the Union Committee.
Rev. W. S. GRIFFIN said that if the motion were to be pressed there would be bloo-shed. (Loud laughter.) The motion was not pressed. was not pressed.

The conference adjourned at 11.40.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The resolution by which the Methodist Episcopal Church is bound on the union question is as fo lows:—
"That no action of this adjourned General

Conference touching the proposed basis of union shall have any force or effect unless the said basis shall have been accepted by all the consenting parties."

The PRESIDENT said there were but three courses open to the conference: to back down entirely, or to hold the matter in abeyance

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

grasp, oulder to shoulder away they creep, the Palace of Dreams, in the Land of Sleep.

"So this is our new cabin-boy, was my inward exclamation," says our story teller, "as I walked on deek and saw a dark-eyed handsome youth, leaning against the railing and gazing with a sad abstracted air into the foamy waves that were lustily dashing against the vessel. I had heard so many remarks made about him by the crew, who did not like him because he seemed somewhat shy of them, and tdey were continually tormenting him with their rough jokes. He had refused to drink any intoxicating liquor since he came on board, and I was curious to know more about him.

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"No sir,' he replied, respectfully touching his hat.
"'You will find that this is a very rough and dangerous life then,' I continued.
"'I shall endeavour to use myself to it as others have done before me; besides,' he continued earnestly, 'as long as I know that God dwells on sea as well as land, I can safely face any hardships I may have to encounter."
"These words uttered with such an air of innocence and trust in a supreme power, surprised me. Not being entirely satisfied with my enquiries, I asked—
"'Why did you not accept the liquor which some of the sailors have so goodnaturedly offered you?"
"Because,' he replied almost vehemently, 'I hate the smell of rum, I despise the beverage, and can only look with disgust upon those who favour it and,' here his voice quivered with suppressed emotion, 'because I have felt the curse of its hangful effects."

I once had an example of how well it is to tell the truth, said a gentlemsn who was once a prominent candidate for Governor of

have received an undeniable commission to preach the Gospel both here and there, and that according to our best judgment the work assigned us as a denomination is not yet completed.

"Fourth, That we affectionately urge our Canadian friends not to hurry the consummation of this object, for should it be of God no doubt it will yet appear in a much clearer light, and we withhold our sanction to the proposed union until an opportunity shall be afforded for forming a matured judgment on the subject."

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It was to be deeply regretted, however, that the delegate was not present to report more jully the reasons for which the English Conference withheld its consent to the wish of the Canadian Conference.

Among other correspondence read was a letter from Bishop Carman, who said unless the Bible Christian Church could go into union it would be impossible for the Methodist Episcopal Church to take action, and he was an clously awaiting the action of the conference.

again caught hold of the rigging, and soon he was in the watch basket.

"Now, stay there, you young scamp, and get some of the spirit frozen out of you," muttered the captain, as he went down into the cabin. Knowing the captain's temper, I dared not interfere while he was in his present state of mind. By night-fall, however, I proceeded to the cabin, and found him seated before the table, with a half-empty bottle of his favourite champs ne before him. I knew he had been dinking freely, and therefore, had little hope that Allen would be released, still I ventured to say:

"Pardon my intrusion, Captain Harden, but I am afraid our cabin-boy will be sick if he is compelled to stay up there much

ne is compelled to stay up there much longer. "Sick! bah, not a bit of it; he's got too much grit in him to yield to such nonsence; no person on board my ship eyer gets sick; they know better than to play that game on they know better than to play that game on me. But I'll go and see what he is doing, anyhow."

"Arrived on deck, speaking through his

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carried into his presence by two sailors his voice softened, as he said:

"Here, my lad, drink that and I will tronble you no more,"

"With a painful gesture, the boy waved him back, and in a feeble voice said:

"Captain Harden, will you allow me to tell you a little of my history?"

"Go on, said the captain, but do not think it will change my mind; you have to drink this just to show you how I bend stiff necks on board my ship."

"Two weeks before I came on board this ship I stood beside my mother's coffin. I heard the dull thud of falling earth as the sexton filled the grave which held the last remains of my darling mother. I saw the people leave the spot; I was alone, yes alone, for she who loved and cared for me was gone. I knelt for a moment upon the fresh tart, and while the hot tears rolled down my cheeks, I vowed never to taste the liquor that had broken my mother's heart and will furf, and while the hot tears rolled down my cheeks. I vowed never to taste the liquor that had broken my mother's heart and ruin-ed my father's life. Two days later, I stretched my haud through the prison bars, behind which my father was confined. I told him of my intention of going to sea.

'Do with me what you will, captain: let me freeze to death in the mainmast: throw

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Exerge, Aug. 29.—The adjourned conference of the Bible Christian Church in Canada met here this morning, the Rev. E. Roberts, of Toronto, presiding.

After the opening exercises were gone through with and the conference organized, the president laid before the members present all correspondence with the English Conference, and the time of the English Conference, and to this end the Rev. W. S. Pascoe was sent by the Annual Conference, which met here in early part of June, as a delegate to negotiate in the interests of union. Mr. Pascoe presented the members of the interests of union. Mr. Pascoe presented the matter before the home authorities, and it resulted in an adverse resolution, which is as follows:—

"In reply to the memorial of our Cunadian Conference on the subject of Methodiat union, we feel impelled to state—
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a better life. Never again to I want it said that I shed the blood of a human being." "A bad man, I reckon," said one of the

desperadoes.

"At one time I could not have denied such an accusation; but, as I tell you, I have re-solved never to kill another man. I hope that you will not molest me."
"Hold on, pardner!"

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"I've got no time to talk."
"But hold on! What's your name!"
"I'm Bill Poston, the outlaw, and the man of whom you have often heard. I have killed men for less than this, and I don't want you to cause a breaking of my resouve."
"Do as you like about your resolve," said "Do as you like about your resolve," said the tailer of the desperadoes. 'I don't know who you are, but I know that you are not Bill Poston, the robber."

"How do you know!"

"Because I am Bill Poston, and this is my brother."

"Oh, Lord !" I supplicated; "have mercy

on me!

"Climb off that horse, Cap; I reckon we'd better hang you right here."

I begged, but saw no mercy in their eyes I prayed, but I heard no answer.

"I'll teach you how to go around the country committing depredations and laying them on to me! Fine man, you are! Stole this horse, I reckon. John, get that ropp off my saddle. We'll swing him up right here."

"Oh, my kind friends! I have committed no depredations. I am a candidate for Gov.

no depredations. I am a candidate for Governor of Arkansas, and am on my way to meet an appointment at a place of discussion. You wouldn't hang a governor, would you? Just think of what your State would lose!" "Who is your opponent?"
"Col. Blacket."

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"What sort of a fellow is he?"
"He's a bad man."
"Are you well acquainted with him?"
"I never saw him, but know that he's a bad man."
"He's a much better man than you are, or