THE CONFERENCE NOW IN SESSION

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heaven, that when we all enter, there may be abundant entrance.

We cannot meet our obligations to God and the people by acting otherwise concerning it. We are not yet by any means prepared to consummate the union. We are not yet ready to desist and declare that agitation regarding it cease. But we must ever be ready to maintain our church in its efficiency. So we may give due attention to our economy and the place of the general superintendency, and, as we noted some balance wheels and possibly some directive and motor equipment could be introduced into our economy to advantage. In some regards our centrifugal forces are stronger than the centripetal; and there are those who say that in other regards quite the opposite is the case.

Such a machinery may easily get out of shape, and gear binding too snugly on some bearings and playing loosely on others. This, of course, means irregular and ineffective motion. There is often a loss of power. Such a condition might well be expected in arrangements made on certain considerations and under certain circumstances in 1883-4, when now a quarter of a century afterwards the environment has very much changed and the amount of material to be handled, of work to be done, has so greatly increased. The marvel is that we have done so well.

Opening New Territory.

The opening up and rapid occupation of our vast territory in the west, the expansion of missionary enterprises there, as well as its extension in the ends of the earth, the consequent increase in the number of departments and agencies; the multiplication of educational institutions; and the general necessary development of the work of the church, as in Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues in a more potent evangelism; the call for an extended journalism and its adjuncts; the moral and spiritual forces demanded by the times; the strenuous activities required in the several spheres and in the movement of the church as a whole, would seem to indicate that over a territory of thousands of miles there must be a heavy strain upon some parts of the economy. Often there must be a tendency to divided interests and to influences at variance, if not in direct opposition. Upon this conference devolves the duty of looking calmly over the scene and making adjustments. We have, it is true, a bond of unity in boards and conferences, especially in our noble board of missions, and in this great representative body, our general conference. We have vigor and efficiency in our official positions and in our earnest and capable superintendencies and secretaryships. But it occurs to me we fall on the one hand to gather up and wisely direct all strength there is in these several departments, and on the other hand we are weakened by digressions and by divisions that might be avoided. We would, in many cases, be helped by greater consistency and continuity of plan and action by a vigorous executive agency throughout the entire church. As it is now, possibly an effective general superintendent may accomplish something. But, and I speak from a little experience in the case, we have so multiplied departments, branches, boards, committees and subcommittees, conferences and consultations, that if business is in any fair degree attended to, the general superintendent amounts to little but a court or board chairman, or a committee hack. If that is what is intended, expected or desired by our church, all is well. I know for a fact, and it cannot have escaped the notice of others, that our Methodism suffers time and again, and is often, as compared with others, put to disadvantage in social, civil and public relationships, and especially in a time like this, in great popular, patriotic, interdominational, benevolent and religiously educational movements.

Public Functions and Duties.

To cite a single instance from scores A man cannot well maintain the place and dignity of his church in a great public function in Canada and simultaneously attend the session of a missionary commission in New York or North Carolina. The matter of public functions and of duties and relations to the whole people of the Dominion or the empire, may, in the eyes of some, be of little or no importance. But in my humble opinion our Canadian Methodism owes it to itself and to Canada and to the world at large to provide for its public and even national relationships. Some of our needs could be, in a measure, met by a lengthened term of presidency; but not all. Were the general superintendency made stronger it might, under proper regulations, organize about itself an effective evangelism. This is strongly called for by several of our departments. The increase of all the secretariates is at once an indication and a proof that something is here required. I see many potent reasons why this subject should engage the serious consideration of the conference, and why some of the evident needs of our condition and work should be met by the provisions here suggested, or on some wiser plan. Among the Presbyterians the annual meeting of their general assembly accomplished much that cannot be expected of our quadrennial general conference of their general assembly accomplishes greater than ours. In my humble opinion there should be at least two effective men in our general superintendency, both for counsel and action.

Question of Salaries.

It is in my judgement advisable to call attention to another matter, even though it be of a somewhat delicate nature. The general advance in the cost of living lays upon us the necessity of revising the salary list in many of our church agencies. It is every where conceded that notwithstanding a few exceptions, our ministry, even on our own standard of mere support, is underpaid. Happily many of our people and of our quarterly official boards are seriously considering the situation and applying a remedy. This conference may be able to do something in aid of so just and essential an effort. In our several connexional institutions and departments the salaries to be paid are as a rule determined by the boards of management or control. Possibly no better method could on the whole be devised or adopted; and considering the years of operation and multiplicity of interests the plan has justified itself in generally satisfactorily results. What would seem to be desirable would be a periodic review and possibly readjustment of salaries, adapting them to the times. Certainly the salaries that barely met the case ten or fifteen years ago are not adequate today. While on the one hand our brethren engaged in our institutions, even as our ministers on all our fields, are assumed to prosecute their work though there be personal privations and self-denial, on the other hand it certainly is neither fair nor fraternal to exact such privations when they can be avoided. Having called the attention of the general conference to this matter I leave it with the conference.

Ecumenical Conference.

The Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, due to be held in 1911, will assemble in Toronto. There are to be five hundred delegates; two hundred from the eastern section and three hundred from the western. We are entitled to twenty-four representatives whom this conference will likely appoint. The general conference will no doubt do its utmost to complete arrangements for the unqualified success of the Ecumenical conference.

At the meeting of the general conference special committee, on Dec. 9, 1908, correspondence was to hand regarding it. The latter was referred to the local sub-committee of the special committee with power. Four commissioners, Carman, Briggs, Maclaren, Fudger, were upon the instructions received, as passed at the last Ecumenical conference, ultimately appointed to confer on the subject with the Methodists of the western section. These commissioners have associated with themselves several local committees in different places as their duties may require. All the committees have their work in due process.

Laymen's Missionary Movement.

During the quadrennium just closing, there has arisen in our church, indeed in all evangelical churches, one of the most remarkable movements of the Christian centuries. It is known as the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and is the proper natural outgrowth, if we should not say outburst of the admission of laymen to a large share in the councils and enterprises of the church, and of such schemes of missionary activity as the Students' Volunteer Movement, the organization of Epworth Leagues, the co-operation and, perhaps to some extent, the example of the women's societies and the growth and spread of interest in missions in the Sabbath schools. Shall we not give glory to God? Shall we not most devoutly, earnestly and gratefully say out of our souls' inmost depths, it is all in the purpose of heaven, all the fulfilment of the ancient covenants and promises and the manifestation of the latter day glory, as foreseen and foretold by inspired seers and prophets of the olden time, and set down for our encouragement in the Holy Scriptures of truth divine? Is it not a positive assurance that Christ hath risen from the dead and alive for evermore is leading his militant host onward and upward to conquest? And shall not this conference, especially in its missionary departments and operations, afford every facility, countenance and aid to the movement? And shall we not according to Holy Scripture, by the power of the Holy Spirit, consecrate life and energy, ability and substance, children and estate to the furtherance of such a campaign for the evangelization of the races of men, thus getting to ourselves and our people the wider outlook, the grander conflict, the deeper sympathy with Christ in His superhuman effort to lift the world into the light? The time is opportune as never before. We must do things, or ourselves with the rest perish.

Money is forthcoming, but what of the men, the laborers in the field? All the churches are calling out for ministers. Is there not a danger that while stimulating the members to unprecedented activity we are starving the body? Must we not press on the forces that make for evangelism and revival?

Financial Scheme.

A scheme covering the local and ordinary circuit finances of the church and their relations in connexional finance will under the authority of the general conference special committee be presented for consideration to the conference, with a view to introducing better methods and greater efficiency into our church finance. It is confidently expected that its universal or even greater adoption by the church will largely increase our income and facilitate its distribution throughout the various departments of the work. To this end it is hoped the conference will carefully consider the plan as submitted, and adopt such legislation as will as speedily as possible render it effective throughout connexion.

Church Courts.

Legislation is needed bearing upon some of our church courts and modes of trial and procedure. For instance there is a case in hand in which charges were laid against a minister of a conference other than to which the party laying the charges belonged, but both parties residing within the same conference. It seemed greatly to the convenience of all concerned that there should be a change of venue, which was applied for, readily assented to, and under provisions of discipline duly obtained. When the charges had been duly placed in the hands of the chairman of the district, who, under the change of venue, should conduct the trial, after effort he made return to the complainant that no minister would serve as a member of the desired and summoned committee of trial. Thus it was found impracticable to bring the case to trial and the change of venue was futile. Some remedy should be found for such a situation.

Here is another instance of a kind calling for relief. A minister is duly transferred from one conference to another early in April, transfer to take effect at given date. At his district meeting in the conference out of which he is transferred, charges are laid subsequent to the date fixed for his transfer. It may be easy to rule he goes over the line under the charges; but how about stationing such a man in his new conference under charges? And how about so bridging the separation betwixt the conferences as to make the procedure as clear and authoritative on one side of the line as on the other? Something seems to be lacking here.

The W.M.S. Memorial.

It will be borne in mind that the Woman's Missionary Society has asked of the general conference the adoption of some plan by which that society might have readier access to the children and young people of the church, both for education in missions and sharing financially in the product of their labors in this regard. As matters now stand, the children are assumed to be in the Sabbath school; and these schools are an important factor in the constituency of the general board of missions. The memorial has been considered by the general board of missions and by sub-committees appointed by it; but the result of their deliberations will be placed before the conference.

Ex-Officio.

The proposition comes forward to the general conference that heads of departments and possibly their associates be admitted ex-officio as members of the general conference. The general conference, like the British House of Commons, should be wholly representative in its character. Through such a nucleus of departmental officers it might be possible unduly in several directions to influence and sway the conference. The present arrangement is the safer and the better, and the more in harmony with the intent and character of a general conference. No doubt evils may arise in the present system; but it seems to me in the end better to secure freedom of action and impartial judgment. Besides, it is more in harmony with our long tried and well approved British system of legislation.

Superannuation Fund.

Inasmuch as the amount of missionary money raised on a circuit for the year is reckoned in the superannuation fund basis of assessment, objection has been raised, that in the advance missionary movement the liberality of the people is taxed; and complaint made that this must react in the lessening of the contributions for missions. A temporary arrangement was affected by which a stated year was selected as a standard and a percentage designated. This matter will require the attention of the conference.

Provision is made in the discipline 89 (2) that the general superintendent elected by the general conference shall not enter upon the duties of his office till May 15 following the election. Is there an interregnum? Or is it designed the one in office continue in office till that date? Legislation should be clear and direct.

WILL CAR MEN STRIKE?

President of Toronto Street Railway Offers Increase of One Cent.

Toronto, Aug. 15.—The president of the Toronto Railway Company, it is announced, has presented an ultimatum to the employees.

He offers them, or at least he authorizes Judge Barron, chairman of the conciliation board to inform them, that he is willing to grant an increase in wages of one cent per hour.

Of course the conciliation board has not yet made its award and perhaps will not now do so. The award in any event would not be binding on either side, and judging by the length of the board's sittings and the anxiety displayed by its members, there is grave doubt as to whether it will be unanimous.

The matter seems to have resolved itself into a position where William Mackenzie and the employees of the company must decide whether they will fight while Torontonians walk.

The outlook is not encouraging, though there may be a silver lining around the horizon. One cent per hour may not look very big to the men, though it may appear large as the moon to Mackenzie.

The question is, will they fight over it?

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Five Years for Arson.

Brockville, Aug. 15.—Peter Maret, who pleaded guilty to arson in setting fire to the Morrill Block here a week ago, was sent down for five years to Kingston penitentiary.

DON'T FORGET

THE EDMONTON FAIR DATES

AUGUST 23-4-5-6

AND THE

BIG ATHLETIC MEET

SATURDAY, AUG. 27

EDMONTON WON SE GAME FROM SASKA

Chesty Cox Scored the Only R Game in the Ninth Innin Whisman the Opposing

Saskatoon, Aug. 16—The Ber dropped the second game to today when Chesty Cox score run of the game in the ninth The game today was the best this year.

Edmonton.

	A	B	R
Mills, lf	3	0	
Baxter, 1b	4	0	
Morse, ss	4	0	
Lussi, cf	3	0	
Cox, rf	4	1	
Spencer, c	4	0	
Walters, 3b	4	0	
Hickey, p	4	0	
White, 2b	3	0	
Totals	31	1	

Saskatoon.

	A	B	R
Schaeffer, 1b	3	0	
Jones, 3b	4	0	
Wilson, lf	4	0	
Davidson, c	1	0	
Harper, ss	3	0	
Anderson, rf and c	2	0	
Hewer, cf	2	0	
Miller, 2b	3	0	
Whisman, p	3	0	
Gordon, rf	4	0	
Totals	28	0	

Summary—Base on balls, o man 4, off Hickey 2; struck out man 4, by Hickey 1; left on b katoon 3, Edmonton 8, sacri Hewer; stolen bases, Mills 3 Cox. Time 1.10. Umpire, Sm tendance 500.

CALGARY ALL THE W

Manager Carney and his ap of ball players returned to C Monday, and the Peerless Bill ately commenced doping the s ers on the baseball situation, enc and future.

In an interview, he stated th thing was going along lovely, the second series for the 1910 like the first series, was cinche gary. While on the road the twenty games, winning thirteen ing seven, which is a very performance.

Flanagan is out of the gam an injury caused in the Calga toon match. Pete Stanridge a gan collided chasing a fly ball. laid out for the day, and Jim yet got over the effects.

"Winnipeg has a great tea present time," said the Calgary Manager Rowland, who is no ing the Maroons, is a good lea was recommended to the Winni by Carney on their first trip toba. Plass is a great ball p is only a little fellow, but has burn on the bases and can ste best of them.

Carney does not think that or Winnipeg has a chance t Calgary can win most of th games, and the final series bet gary and Edmonton should the locals getting the long e his team in good shape, Bill that Calgary will get the ec Deacon White's pets.

Bill stated that he has had e fers for Calgary players, but the deals has been cinched y week there will be scouts in from Minneapolis, Milwaukee cago and then there will be doing.

FIVE BIG LEAGUERS

Albertan—When it is all bo and these big teams which h playing thousands and thousan lars for Deacon White, Moos and other colts of the league c with the money it will be f there has been a lot of hot ai per talk about the men in t that have been drafted for th gues. It is said now that S savage who flung a fair ball f who was bought at a truly price by Detroit has not bee all but is on the market and ambitious Winnipeg team has of nailing him. There is some between Winnipeg Maroons an troit Tigers. And that is wha to happen all along the line. I in the whole league are draft big ones it will be some su one man of the five makes goo son or the next season after league will be somewhat pro fact. It is not every day that make the big league.

TO GO BARNSTORMI

At the close of the baseball the Western Canada League t ton team will go on a ba tour of the Dakotas and Min will be under the management er Dellar and during Septe October about thirty games wi ed with league and independe the States visited. The tea under the name of the Edm although all the players wi from the present Edmonton team will be called the "Edm Stars." Moses Baxter will base; Roxy Walters, second; nan, third; Morse, shortstop;

PETE MORSE SOLD TO ST. LOUIS NATIO

Bulletin Special.

Saskatoon, Aug. 16—I sold Shortstop Pete. Morse to Roger Bresnahan, Man the St. Louis National team, for $1,500. Morse is main with Edmonton un close of the Western League season.

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