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FROM THE UNITED STATES.

The reception of the Delegates from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States this year has furnished one of the most pleasing incidents of the Conference. The exchange of these fraternal courtesies, from time to time, between the two great bodies representing the Methodism of this continent, has a significance and importance which are not, however, to be estimated merely by the pleasure which it affords. It tends to revive and perpetuate the recollections have no disposition to endorse and defend the judiof the past, to remind both of their common origin, and of the many bonds by which they are still anited, and upon the maintenance and strengthen- all the points could apply to any individual; but we it seems but as yester-morning when he stood in the ing of which depend their efficiency and prosperity are quite sure, from our knowledge of the writer, great Church, draped in mourning on account of ing of which depend their efficiency and prosperity are quite sure, from our knowledge of the writer, great Church, draped in mourning on account of and permanent prosperity. What is sometimes in the future. It is certainly pleasing to us to find that there was no personal spitefulness felt on the our great loss. He mourned for Brother Kingsley defined as the mission of Methodism, namely, in the future. It is certainly pleasing to us to find that amid the multifarious progress which has marked the eventful history of the Great Republic, which has left its mark upon the institutions of the multifarious progress which has been used to state the strength of the prospectations of the multifarious progress which has marked the eventful history of the Great Republic, objectionable point in the article was its appearing with the gentlest sympathies for the prospectation of the limits of the strength of the stren which has left its mark upon the institutions of the Church, as well as the State, our fathers and brethren have stood so firmly by the great old landmarks of Methodism - that while there has been flexibility and elasticity in externals and non-essentials, the great doctrines of our holy Christianity as expounded by our venerable founders, and the early history of our Church, have been zealously change, there has been no less aggressiveness and substantial degree of progress. We have been able doubt, a very dangerous weapon to handle, yet stances. mutually serviceable to us both.

The presence of the distinguished brethren who compose the Delegates this year, is specially opportune at this moment. At a time when there necessarily is a good deal of irritation in the public mind growing out of recent troubles on the border. and while wicked men are labouring to stir up strife between us and our neighbours, it is pleasing to have a practical illustration of the real bond which invites use and which has only to grow a little stronger to make a war between us impossible, namely, our common Christianity. "The Christian sentiment of the two nations constitutes the most effectual and the only reliable guarantee for continued peace among them, and the avoidance of disorders which would not only be disastrous in the extreme to the interests of both, but injurious to the christianity and civilization of the world.

MEN WANTED

Not to dig in the mines for gold, not to struggle in the marts of trade for wealth, not to wrestle in the selfish strife for worldly honour and fame, but to labour in the world's great harvest field for God. To become fishers of men. To proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ, and lead men from the of the ministerial character of the brethren were darkness and guilt of sin into the light and liberty presented to Conference; when of God.

For many years we have had no cause to complain Committees periodically appointed. of a scarcity of candidates for the ministry of our Church, nor of laborers to occupy the different been unable to provide any complete supply. In many of these cases, if no suitable supply of ministerial laborers can be found, the interests of the work must seriously suffer. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

It may be difficult to determine the cause of this falling off in the supply of candidates. Probably no one cause would satisfactorily account for it. The high standard of our examinations has doubtless discouraged some. The small amount of remuneration paid to young men, during their probation, may have had a depressing effect with others; and a few may have been kept from offering themselves from the idea that they were not wanted. While the reports from the United States, that men of mediocre talents have received more prominent appointments and larger salaries than they could have obtained in this country probably have had their effects, on the minds of a considerable number. From all that we have seen and heard we are confident that few will better their condition by going to the United States. The great difference the members of the Canada Conference. The introin the cost of living will, in the long run, more than duction was impressive and dignified—the entire balance the difference of salary; and it requires a Conference rising to their feet in acknowledgment of have been educated in Canada, with strong attach- from the United States.

ments to British Institutions, to adapt themselves to the altered circumstances in which they will find themselves, among a people whose loyalty to the institutions of their own country, is so strong and of personal delight, and he trusted that in their comardent. Men seldom find out the strength of their attachment to their own country, till they are brought into contact with those who have no heart to their own country. The address from the General Confering to their own country, till they are brought into contact with those who have no heart to their own country. into contact with those who have no hesitation to where -whether under the Knightly Republic or the

with the prospect of a glorious reward, as that of a although we live under different banners there is no to keep the great trust committed to use of our reason why we should not be one in all the essential Methodism fulfil her mission. If ever there should witness and herald of the love and mercy of our reason why we should not be one in an the essential come a time when the Church should forget her true Father in Heaven to the erring children of disobediconstituents of true greatness. We have mourned work, a time when she should hide the Cross behind ence. How many parents, who profess to love God, with our American brethren in the unparalleled by their spirit and conversation discourage their sufferings which they have lately been called to endure. sons entering the work of the ministry ! Yet all the He recalled solemn memories of the past. John Mcprizes that intoxicate the ambition of men are not Clintock, the lofty preacher, the keen critic, the polishworthy to be compared with the opportunities of ed administrator—he had gone. Bishop Thompson, usefulness possessed by him who has the honor to peerless among his brethren, and eminent in every be a minister of the glorious gospel. The laurels of good word and work—he too had fallen. And Bishop the warrior shall wither into dust; the dreams of Kingsley, who of all men in the world be had occaselfish ambition shall vanish from remembrance, but sion to envy, as he appeared a little while ago the they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as embodiment of health and strength—he too had been RECEPTION OF THE DELEGATES the stars forever and ever. "Let him know that he summoned away. That apostolic man went round that converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multi-

"HOW TO BE A FASHIONABLE PREACHER."

Some of our readers have expressed the opinion that the article in the Recorder of Tuesday, on even spiteful, to have appeared in our columns. We searching fidelity, will be the most popular and beloved by all who desire the true prosperity of the one faith, and one baptism."

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 2.

The President took the chair at 9 o'clock, and gave out the 543rd hymn; the Secretary read 1st chapter of the 1st epistle of Paul to Timothy, after which Harris.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon's session were read and adopted.

The question of character, which was under consideration and advanced a stage during yesterday afternoon's session, was resumed. This is one of the most important departments of Conference work. fidelity in administering it; his punctuality in meeting all his appointments, and his abilities for meeting the itinerant work, are made the subjects of annual review and remark. Very great fidelity and tenderness characterize the investigations; and it is matter of devout thankfulness to God that, of so large a number of ministers exposed to the temptations and difficulties common to all Christians, and to which adopted. ministers are often specially exposed, so little that is reprehensible occurs.

Reports, extending as far as the Cobourg District,

The President called for Reports from the several

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions relating to various departments of the fields of our extended work. Some years, indeed, work, some Disciplinary and others Financial, were we have had more applications then could be re- read by the Secretaries of the several Districts, and ceived. But this year all this is changed. The referred to the Committee on Memorials, who will renumber of candidates is not one half of the average port at a future day their recommendations for the number of former years. The first draft of the further consideration of Conference. As many of by the Grand Trunk Railway : Stations shows that there are a large number of these resolutions are both interesting and important, places for which the Stationing Committee have we hope to be able to lay them before our readers in due time.

Committee on Memorials. - Rev. I. B. Aylesworth, A. Youmans, N. R. Willoughby.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL UNION. Several recommendations, adopted by District

Sabbath School Committee

DELEGATION FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF Church property, in the city of London, to sell the

The Secretary of Conference read the following :-This is to certify that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held in Conference, after some conversation was adopted. Chicage, in May, 1868, did unanimously constitute After the reading of some notices, the Conference and appoint the Rev. John W. Lindsay, D.D., and closed with the benediction by the Co-Delegate. the Rev. Asbury Lowrey, D.D., fraternal delegates to the Wesleyan Methodist Conference in Canada.

"Attested by "WM. L. HARRIS,

'New York, Apr. 16, 1870." "Sec. Gen. Con. DR. RYERSON introduced the Revs. Dr. Lindsay and Dr. Lowrey, to the President of the Conference, who officially introduced these honored brethren to

The REV. MR. PUNSHON couched his introduction in a few happily chosen and eloquently eulogistic sentences. This official duty was to him a matter strangers. There is oneness in Methodism every which the brethren from that body will say what is in their hearts to say. If our fathers are permitted to look down from the summits where they now endisparage and despise it.

But there can be little doubt that the great reason why so few have come forward this year, is lack of zeal for God's service and glory on the part of our young men. And yet there is no work so honorable, so grand, so full of rich enjoyment, and so bright with the present of a glorious reward as that of a with the present of a glorious reward as that of a little and a long as we are permitted to look down from the summits where they now enjoy such glory upon us this night, with what joy will to look down from the summits where they now enjoy such glory upon us this night, with what joy will is blown from Methodist lips, there is a present and a full salvation for all. There is oneness in all our posses which bring us together. There are some efforts; and we disdain to be held in check by geogram us—whose eyes are not yet dim—who can remember the fathers who have gone before, and they can connect the present with the past; and as long as we are permitted to look down from the summits where they now enjoy such glory upon us this night, with what joy will to look down from the summits where they now enjoy such glory upon us this night, with what joy will they look upon the present gathering, and the purposes which bring us together. There are some forward in the present and a summit where they now enjoy such glory upon us this night, with what joy will they look upon the present gathering, and the purposes which bring us together. There are some forward in the present and a summit where they now enjoy and they look upon the present gathering, and they look upon the present gathering, and they look upon the present gathering. the world, not as the philanthropic John Howard exactly, whose errand was one of charity, but to spread the cause of Christ. He went up from the land of Beulah to the land above. 'The holy to the holiest leads,' and the saintly Kingsley has gone up, from toils and trials on earth, to the fruition of blessedness in heaven. He gave the delegation a hearty welcome

among his brethren. REV. Dr. LINDSAY, who on rising was received with applause, said it gave him great pleasure to be "How to be a fashionable preacher," was too severe, with us this morning. The introductory address of our honoured President has awakened peculiar feelinge in his own heart that he had hardly words to ciousness of that article. It was probably too express. While we come as Representatives of a Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., of your affairs and great prossevere; and, of course, no one would suppose that great and prosperous Church, we come in sorrow, for perity. We are filled with the joy of your success to assume that there were any such ministers in the Church over which our President was placed. He declared glory of His power over all these western Church. Neither would anyone insinuate that any felt that he ought not to occupy the time of this Con- realms. but the shallow and worldly would hold in high ference at present; they had a great work to do, and ritories, and your mighty Provinces peopled through but the shallow and worldly would hold in high estimation ministers of the class described. On the estimation ministers of the class described. On the graceful manner in conquest which claims these empires for our Lord. contrary, we believe that the earnest, godly minister, who preaches the truth with simplicity and ter, who preaches the truth with simplicity and brethren; they were one in all the grand principles throne the Christ that is to be before that older throne the Christ that is to be before the Christ that is the Christ that is the Christ that is the Christ throne the Christ that is the Christ throne the Christ that is the Christ throne t

say until the meeting this evening. He was glad to ever may be thought of its wisdom. Ridicule is, no meet his brethren under such favourable circum-

to learn something from them in the past, and we there are some evils which can be reached more In answer to the question, "Who are recommended may be able to learn still more in the future; and effectually by that means than by any other, and its to be received into full Connexion and Ordained?"

The following names were submitted: Jno. S. Fisher, we trust we may, without arrogance, indulge the use does not by any means imply malignity. In. Geo. Clarke, Thos. M. Campbell, Jno. Schessor, hope that they may be able to gleam some profit- deed a person who looks at things from the humor- Nathaniel Smith, John H. Robison, Alfred C. Wilson, able lessons from what they see and hear among ous point of view is less likely to be unkind in intion was deferred, to allow them opportunity to attend tion was deferred, to allow them opportunity to attend victoria College. John McDougall, laboring in the hands of North West, is left for the present in the hands of

WHO HAVE TRAVELLED THERE YEARS?

W. W. Carson, Jno. Wilson, B.A., R. Woodsworth, Peter W. Jones, James Ross, E. McCallum, E. Jones, John Mahon, William W. Edwards, James Pearen, Thomas Jackson, John Scott, B.A., Andre, E. Richardson, David Williams, Joseph Hall, the Conference was lead in prayer by the Rev. James A. P. Russell, E. A. Healey, J. W. Sparling, J. A. Chapman, Samuel Sing, John Ridley, J. J. Hare, Robert McCullough, Matthew Robison. These are continued on Probation.

WHO HAVE TRAVELLED TWO YEARS? Thomas Cardus, Robert Phillips, John Agar, Walter Rigsby, James Charlton, Edward H. Taylor, John Grenfel, R. G. James, John Isaac, William Pierce, A. Cunningham, David Cattenagh, A. C. Every minister's moral and religious deportment; his Chambers, R. W. Williams, Thomas Edmison, Wilorthodoxy; his attachment to the Discipline, and his liam Rilance, Robert Davey, William Ford, William J. Young, James McFarland, Jabez Sanders, E. Chown, B.A. These are continued on Probation.

The Conference adjourned with the Benediction.

THURSDAY, afternoon, June 2. The President gave out the 318th hymn; after which the Rev. James Greener engaged in prayer.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read and

The resumption of the question of Ministerial Character came before the Conference, when, as usual, the doors were closed. One young man, who had been charged with imimmorality, and who fully admitted his guilt and the ffdelity and christian forbearance of the brethren

whose painful duty it was to examine the case, was expelled from the Church. Another, who was accused of unministerial conduct was plainly and affectionately admonished from the

Two cases of character were placed in the hands of Committees for further information to be reported to

The following notice is inserted here for the in-

ormation of the brethren, having occasion to travel . GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

Brethren who have passed over the Grand Trunk Railway, having paid full fare to Toronto, will apply for their free return certificate to Rev. Wm. Scott who is authorized to grant the same. THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

A vote was read from the Directors of the Mechanics' Institute, offering the free use of the Read-Meetings, were read and referred to the general ing Room and Library to the members of Conference during their stay in the city. Leave was granted to the Trustees of certain

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE same, and invest the proceeds in a new church. A resolution which had been introduced in th forenoon by Dr. Green, to the effect that ministers leaving the work during the year should receive certificates of removal only from the President of

THURSDAY EVENING, June 2.

THE MEETING IN RICHMOND STREET CHURCH FOR THE RECEPTION OF DELEGATES FROM OTHER CONFERENCES.

An immense congregation met in Richmond Street Church last evening, to hear the addresses of the Rev. Dr. Lindsay, and Rev. Dr. Lowry, the Delegates from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, and other visitors. The members of the Conference occupied the centre pews, and the congregation the side pews and gallery. The Conference was opened by the President giving out the 636th hymn. After which the Secretary read good deal of elasticity of character for those who the fraternal visit paid to them by their brethren the 72nd Psalm, and the Rev. R. Jones led the congregation in prayer.

Mr. PUNSHON addressed the audience with his characteristic power and eloquence. He said :

We are met, as the Conference, to receive and well come brethren from other Conferences : and you have liberally invited your friends, the public, to attend the folds of ecclesiastical drapery or ornamental architecture, then might Ichabod be written on her borders, the glory is departed from Israel. But I am rejoiced to think that I am in the midst of hundreds of ministers who are determined to offer their life, their soul, their all in the maintenance of the testimony which saved our Fathers in their barbarism, and which can save our children in their sinful re

I am not here to make you a speech this evening I am here to fulfil an easy and a pleasant task; I esteem it a great privilege to introduce to you my honored brethren—"the lines have fallen to me in bleasant places," aud you will find before long-although I am no prophet—that their sayings have the ring of the true metal.

The President then called upon the Secretary, Rev

Sutherland, to read the address of the General Conference. This fraternal address is as follows: The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopa Church in the United States of America to the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN, We greet you in the Lord. May grace and mercy and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord

Jesus Christ be evermore your rich inheritance. It was with fraternal delight that we received your official letter, and listened to the ampler oral statements by your honored Representative, Rev. Egerton The cause of Methodism everywhere is the cause of Christ, and being such we cannot but expect its sure of our common Christianity; they had "one Lord, the import of His advent. We are quite convinced and made lamentation over him. that Methodism, in the purity of its doctrines and in our Church, discharged with the common work, and guide us to a common vigor. and live.
This is an age of catholicity. The little differences Calvin in organization and in operation which exist among various bodies of Methodist disciples, to some of which natural hostilities, will admiringly believe that the Father hath sent him. We love all who love our Lord in sincerity; and yet, brethren, ye are spiritually, and by ecclesiastical genealogy especially, our

> We thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy with us in our recent national distress. It assured that brotherly regard is often, as is ever the great Father's comfort, nearer and tenderer than e are aware.

> You remind us of our great peculiar duty as marked out by the defining hand of Providence.
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> We are not unmindful of the large demands upon us, and we shall hope with God's blessing to advance aggressively into the regions which are now strangely opened to our efforts, and to aid at in the spiritual disenthralment of their people.

The reviews of our Centenary Jubilee has made us and some of our neighbors to understand better than before our elements of strength and our resources; and the abundant thank offerings of our people have greatly strengthened us in the improvement of our Church property, and in the increased endowment of our literary institutions.

We are endeavoring, with each passing quadrennium to perfect the adaptation of our agencies to the great work before us, cherishing with prudent conservation the spirit and main features of the original Wesleyan Societies, adopting from time to time such variations in form and modified direction of activities as seem to us to promise an increasing efficiency among the ever changing incidents of our condition.

And now, brethren, we invite you in that ever-adorable name to unite with us in a new series of more vigorous endeavors to push forward the grand conquest. Those achievements of past years, which our fathers love to tell, when pioneer itinerants rode with and before the van of advancing civilization into our western and your northern wilderness, will shame us if we do not maintain their work, and even surpass their zeal.

We say not this in the way of admonition unto you; but improving the memory of a common past, we would inflame our own hearts by speaking thus

We commend unto you our dear brethren and faithful fellow-laborers, who will, by our appointment, and God's permission, visit you to declare with living voice our living love, and who will make you know more fully our condition. And, now, may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blame-less unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Signed on behalf and by order of the General Con ference.

EDMUND S. JANES, WM. L. HARRIS, Secretary. hicago, June 2, 1868.

A resolution expressing the satisfaction of the Con erence at the address of the General Conference, and ppointing the Revs. Dr. Ryerson, Dr. Nelles and Dr. ouglas to prepare a reply, was cordially adopted.

Dr. Lindsay was then introduced to the Conference, and was received with great enthnsiasm. He spoke

Mr. President, Fathers and Brethren-We bring you to-night the fraterual greetings of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, of the U. S. A.

It gives great pleasure to stand before a body of our Ministers, and offer to them the cordial sympathy and co-operation of those called to a like holy voca-We received at our last General Conference in Chi-

cogo, held in May, 1868, your honored representative Rev. Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., and we rejoiced in the knowledge of your great spiritualty prosperity as a Church. Since our last delegates visited your Conference, Rev. Charles Elliott, D.D., and George and hypothetical future will suffice. Our civil condi-Peck, D.D., Dr. Elliott has been called to his home, after a long life of active service in the ministry. He sented in your Conference by that great and good

rests from his labors. During the past four years the blessing of God has been upon us a Church. Our membership now numbers: Our preachers travelling, 8,481; our preachers local, 9,899; total, 18,380. Members, 1,298,938; S. S. scholars, 1,179,982; value Members, 1,290,900; S. S. Scholars, 1,179,902; value of churches and parsonages is about \$54,000,000. We are emphatically in an age of church building. At no time in our history have there been such efforts put forth to build temples to the living God. As a nation's grandeur is not in its wealth nor in its armies, so a Church has its power not in cathedrals vast and grand in liturgies, nor robed priests. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit." Our missionary operations in China, India, Africa, Bulgaria, Germany and Switzerland, South America in our land, and the newly emancipated and enfranchised freedmen are in a condition of great prosperity. Our appropriations for Missions has reached the amount of \$1,000,000. Among the notable events of our present quadrenial is the purchase and fitting up of the Mission and Publishing House in New York, at an expense of \$1,000,000. Our Educational interests have been rapidly developing during the past few years. We have 3 Theological Seminaries. These institutions have each received princely gifts armies, so a Church has its power not in cathedrals past few years. We have 3 Theological Seminaries. These institutions have each received princely gifts from their munificent patrons. Universities and Colleges, 23; 183 Professors; 5,200 Students. Academies, 85; with 504 Institutions; 14,100 Students. Property of Literary Institutions, \$10,000,000. As a Church, in our educational and literary movements, we have always aimed to be true to the precepts of our great founder. Mr. Wesley was the first to endeavor to diffuse literature among the masses—"Simplify religion and every part of learning." As early as 1789 American Methodists had a Book Steward. The only capital of the Book Concern was \$600 borrowed. Its present capital is more than \$600 borrowed. Its present capital is more than \$1,000,000. And an elegant and spacious building in the great business thoroughfare of the commercia metropolis of this continent, furnishes accomm for our publishing and Missions. We speak in no spirit of boasting, but with gratitude to Almighty God who has given us such unbounded facilities for spreading Scriptural holiness throughout the world. You doubtless are aware that, in common with many Christian Churches, we are desirous for a closer union of those who have the same creed, sing the same hymns, and in the main have the same form of church government. Our last General Confer ence appointed a Commission to confer with Churches that might desire this closer union. As a nation, we are rejoicing that a large class emancipated by our civil war are now enpurchased by the sense of justice on the part of tha people. The 15th amendment to our constitution forever removes at the polls all distinction on account of color. And with the legislature which is now being perfected to carry out its provisions will effectually remove, that foul spirit of caste which has for so long been our reproach. We have fully learned, I think, the sublimity of Paul's words on Mars Hill

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on the face of the earth. Your honored and eloquent President in most fit ting words, alluded to the bereavement under which. wish to die, with his books and his students around him. He was buried as a Christian might wish to world, to which he came in person, has awakened to be buried. Devout men carried him to his grave

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Calvin Kingsley, who as he bade us "good-bye, said, I trust to be able to see the whole various bodies of Methodist disciples, to some of which Methodism before I return. China with its teeming you have alluded in a former letter, are of no account millions, with here and there a Christian Church. whatever as occasions of antagonizing action, or even India with its crowded populations. Bulgaria, of abated love. Indeed, we rejoice to witness that almost universally prevailing tendency to a closer union among all of Christian name, which is the answer to Christ's prayer, that all his people Master walked and talked, now rest the ashes may be one, and the assurance that men, more of Bishop Kingsley. Yes, as a Church, we and more appreciating the Divine solvent of all have been bereaved. This year, 1870, will be marked by us as our year of mourning in the Church. But though standard bearers fall others swing and wave the colors. With the great fields of Christian activity before us as servants of a common Lord, remember that our field is the world." With the increased appliances for diffusion of the Gospel with the concentrated wealth of the Church, with the thousands has been pleasant to us even to recall the mourtful and ten of thousands of young men and women fitted days of darkness and of blood when we are thus for Chistian labor, should we not be permitted to see nations conquered for Christ. When Nelson saw the the French fleet forming in battle line, he looked up and said, "I thank thee, O God, for this great opportunity." So ought the leaders of the Sacramental host of God's elect to thank God for opportunities. And now, Mr. President and Brethren, let me add that I deem these mutual conferences, the fraternal greetings which you bring to us and we bring to you. The forces which will tend to make not only Churches but nations see eye to eye, and face to face. By our common ancestors, by our common Protestant faith by the heroic deeds written in our common history.

The Rev. Dr. Lowry was then introduced and spoke as follows :

> Mr. PRESIDENT AND REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN .-We come to you by the will of the General Conference of the M. E. Church. We come not merely to execute a mission of fraternal courtesy; but in compliance with a divine precept, to wit: "Let brotherly love continue." We regarded the authorized presence and fraternal greetings, of your esteemed and capable representative Rev. Dr. Rycrson, as a testimonial most grateful to us, that such love exists on your part. Now in turn we come, it may be with less ability, but not with less sincerity and affection, to assure you that all your expressions of good will, and attachment, are most cordially reciprocated by the Conference and Church we represent. Indeed so entirely kind and appreciative are the sentiments of our ministry and people towards you, that no words of warmth, which we may use can exceed the reality of their cherished esteem. Our people cultivate and enjoy the teeling, that nothing exists to interrupt our fellowship, or even engender a querulous spirit. There are no wrongs to be redressedno differences to be reconciled-no discourtesies to be apologized for. Our mission therefore, is purely one of friendship and love. We come simply to tell you of our state-to see the evidences of your prosperity-to commend your zeal and holiness, and to rejoice in your success. And it is our fond hope, that these periodic and representative communion may strengthen yet more and more the bands which already make us so nearly one. If by diversity of civil governments, we can not have unity of ecclesiastical administration and connexional institutions, yet there is a glorious sense in which our oneness may be continued. We may coalesce in spirit, preach the same doctrines, support and use the same methods, cultivate and realize the same experiences and at last bring the harvests of our common salvation, though grown and gathered in different fields to the same heavenly garner above. It is a real and rich pleasure to be permitted to bring Christian salutations to your body at a time when our church and nation are generally peaceful and prosperous, and at a time too when, as we trust. no international difficulties are likely to disturt seriously the friendship which has so long existed between the governments of Great Britain and the United States. Be assured our church will deprecate any estrangement between the mother country and ourselves. Let the recent mutual greetings of the Queen and President by the wings of the lightning be oft repeated and wax into undying love. A brief account of our affairs will not be uninteresting. But in giving this it will not be necessary to notice any thing except these features which are novel or pe-culiar. We need not tell you, that we are operating all the instrumentalities of a general church organization. Nor need we dwell upon the sad event of our recent civil war. A glance at our present status