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AMERICAN CONFERENCE NOTES.

At the election of the Bisheps on the 15th ult. the hall was so crowded that hundreds stood in the aisles. When the order of the day was taken up, Bishop Harris announced the names of the tellers, and their posi-

Sir William Jones :

gational Church and one from the

Presbyterian Church, both of whom

desired to get into Boston University.

Women can get any opportunity to

weed.

tions in the hall were assigned. After various motions and suggestions the balloting was begun. Each Conference was called, when the delegation stood up, and the chairman of it said, "Here." Then the name of each member of the delegation was called. and when he dropped his ballot into under the authority of the quarterly the hat, he said, "Voted." The proconference, as in the case of other excess is somewhat slow, but secures horters and local preachers. Dr. Curgreat accuracy. The calling of the ry sustained the report because he beroll occupied about forty minutes, and lieved it to be judicious. We do not, the tellers retired to count the votes.

One of the most enthusiastic meetings has been that of the Board of Church Extension. After several vigorous speeches had been delivered, Bishop Harris introduced Dr. Mc. Cabe and, in his own words, "turned him loose" upon the congregation. The proposition was to raise \$50,000. and the audience was informed that \$20,000 had been secured conditionally as a single offering. In a short time more than the sum solicited was reached. The \$20,000 subscription was then announced as coming from Rev. J. G. Miller, an elderly supernumerary of the Nebraska Conference. who was called to the platform and received with great applause by the enthusiastic congregation.

Several of the fraternal delegates, it cheer and encourage the hosts of had three nights of receptions this the throne." week. But why will men of good sense and accustomed to public life impose long speeches upon whose friendship they those are trying to cultivate ? Do the fraternal delegates whom we send to them commit trespasses of this kind and are we to accept this as a sort of retaliation ? The speeches were good, several of them of marked merit, were all in good temper, and as courteous

eye is not dimmed, and whose strength as near it as to America. is not abated, ever does wish to die

when he sees worthy work for him to do. Even St. Paul in the midst of To most of our readers details of persecution could only say that he was further elections would have compar-

in a strait betwixt two." Willingatively little interest. They will be ness to die in the prime of life hath glad, however, to know that Dr. J. something in it morbid. But when H. Vincent has been re-elected Secre. Erastus O. Haven saw that he must tary of the Sunday-school Union. Dr. die he fulfilled the beautiful words of Buckley by a large vote has been reelected editor of the N. Y. Advocate. as have the editors of the Northwestern So live. that sinking into thy last, long sleep, Calm thou may'st smile when all around thee

and Central Advocates. Dr. Hoyt. of Conferences seasons of blessing. the Western Advocate is succeeded by

A stirring debate took place upon Dr. Bayliss. The other members of the northern family of Advocates are report affirming it to be inexpedistrangers to us. Dr. Whedon. ent to take action upon the licensing in consequence of ill-health, reand ordaining of women to preach and to administer the sacraments. A tires from the Quarterly Review. substitute was offered, approving liwhich is placed under the management censing them to exhort and preach of the veteran Dr. Curry.

The Conference has been now near ly a month in session. Much remains to be done, a part of which may have to remain undone. No less than 34 he said, license farmers to plant potaof the 98 reports of Standing Comtoes, as they can do so without it. Dr. mittees failed to come in any shape Buckley said that the only two women before the last General Conference. who had petitioned for the licensing The cost of a General Conference is of women were one from the Congre-\$25,000.

THE MASTER'S BUSINESS.

In a few days the various groups of preach that they desire. The substitute ministers and laymen who constitute was lost by a vote of yeas 126, nays 222, the members of our District Meetings and the report of the committee adopted. This action of the Conference does places announced in our columns. not of course bear upon the question of women speaking in the churches. While these are about their Master's The Methodist Church committed itbusiness, which has relation to the financial as well as to the spiritual self to that position long ago. It interests of the Church, they will welcomes women to the widest influence she can exert by tongue or ever bear in mind that a consecrated pen. "So now, while Deborah may heart speaks everywhere for the Master. even though the lips frame words not wear Barak's shoulder straps and in relation to business. Such a heart flourish his commission, let her never prompts the minister to put on seems, ran the risk of wearing out Israel and their commissioned leaders an undress uniform, however joyous their welcome. The Central Christian all she can. The instances are not in the presence of brethren or how-Advocate puts it thus : "We have few where she is the power behind ever glad at relaxation from pleasurable yet wearying toil. It was not unwise, in Dr. Longacre, in his words

of welcome to General Conterence A report from the Committee on delegates, in the name of Philadel-Itinerancy, disapproving direct negophia Methodists, to refer to an incitiations between preacher and people dent of 1832, when Bishop Andrew without consultation with the appointand Dr. Capers were guests in his ing power, was discussed at length and father's home, and when he and his adopted. The Chairman of the comyoung brother were thrilled and mittee explained that it was not intouched by the attentions of those tended to do away with representagood men ; nor was he unguarded in tions of their wants or requests for saying. "Let the boys of to-day be certain preachers upon the part of the thrilled by your touch and your words." At such visits youth and even adults have been won for Christ part of the preachers, but merely to and his Church forever. Who would not have the tribute which a thought. ful and intelligent woman paid to some delegates to one of our Conferences, when on their departure from her dwelling she assured one of them that their presence in her home during the session had given her a new conviction of the reality of the Gospel of their Master ! A jealous, just concern for that Master's glory will be a sure guide to effective ways of advancing his interests.

praise and prayer so tone up all hearts that the minister of Christ should be the Board of Governors and the Mealways ready, and even anxious for his work ? In our teaching from the pulpit we bracket together religion and business; this teaching may be illustrated in our management of our Master's work. Every delegate, who comes from his home baptized with the Spirit, will do his share towards

WOMEN IN THE UNIVER.

making our District meetings and

SITIES .. The recent bitter opposition of the English clergy to the admission of women to honor examinations at Oxford has justified the somewhat sarto a permanent place in the "pullback" party. Their conduct on this subject has called forth a two-column from Mrs. Henry Fawcett, the wife of the English Postmaster-General, who shows them little mercy. In the

course of her letter she tells a capital story respecting one of the Cambridge examinations, for the truth of which she vouches : One gentleman, an examiner in a

tripos examination, was opposed to the whole movement, and at the time women had no right to be exam. ined; they could only be examined through the grace and kindness of will find temporary homes in the the examiners. A Newnham student had asked to be examined, and the gentleman referred to, finding that he was the only one of the four examiners who objected to admit her, kindly waived his own objections, and consented to look over her papers. Whether from accident or design I know not, but the lady did not sign her papers with her Christian name in full-she only put the initial before her surname, which I shall now call Glover. After looking over all the papers, the examiners met, and the gentleman who had at first declined to examine Miss Glover said to his brother examiners: 'I don't know what result you have come to, but my best man is Glover.' This incident had considerable effect at the time in dispelling the prejudice against ad-

> On the advance steps taken by the Methodist colleges of the Dominion in relation to the education of women, the public memory seems strangely at fault. The names of three ladies who took medical degrees at Queen's College, Kingston, last month, have been published far and near, as those of the first lady graduates in medicine in Canada. and yet, it should be known, that honor belongs to Miss Augusta Stowe, whose name appears in the list of medical graduates at Victoria University, Cobourg, on the 17th of May, 1883-a year earlier. And, in spite of all that has been said again and again in regard to the early action of Mount Allison in this direction, "New Brunswick" found it necessary to Chronicle of this city : Many of your readers know that Principal Grant. of Queen's Uiversity, Toronto, is not the "first dignitary" who has conferred degrees upon ladies in Canada. But, for the benefit of those who, like your correspondent, seem astonishingly ignorant of what is going on in neighboring colleges, allow me to say that Dr. Inch, of Mount Allison College, Sackville, has this honor, having several years ago conferred upon Miss Lockhart the degree of Bachelor of Science. and later, upon Miss Hattie Stewart, artalso carried off honors which we are confident her class-brothers did not "purposely allow" her to win, but which they were proud to see her

that dark continent! Heaven is just | burning question before us, might not | Argosy says that it is fast approaching completion and is a building of which thodist people generally may well be proud

> Part of the basement, which is large, and well arranged, will be used for laboratories. The rooms on the ground flat will be devoted to class purposes, with the exception of one which will be used as a reception room. The class rooms are large, light, and pleasant. The second flat will contain several committee rooms, one or two class-rooms, the Museum,

the Library, and the William Black "Memorial Hall." This room, with its gothic roof and its stained and memorial windows, will be, by far, the finest in the building. together the Methodists of the Maritime Provinces will have, perhaps, not the largest but without a doubt the best fitted-up college in the Domin-We call upon the Methodists to ion. castic assignment of those gentlemen support our Institutions, and to give us an increased number of stud-The conversazione of the Alumni Society will be held in the new college, and a class tree-planting will letter in the London Daily News take place in connection with the closing exercises; but the formal opening the college will not take place until August.

WHERE IT LEADS.

The teaching of "Father" Maturin in this city during the recent Episcopal "mission" has not been forgot. ten. Our readers may be interested in his proceedings at home. He is rector of St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia. We epitomize a description of the " Procession of the Guilds'

that church at Eastertide. A in glance at it may inform some deceiv. ed ones whereunto such teachings as those given in St. Luke's last winter may grow.

have been harmonious, and indicative Evensong was said by the Rev. Faof a bright future for the United ther Maturin, who was vested in a Church. Surely the Great Head of white silk cope, with trimmings of the Church must have smiled upon green and gold color. During the this work of His servants ! The singing of the Magnificat, the ancient Catholic custom of incensing the of-Toronto Globe says on this subject : ficiating clergy, the altar and the con-"The reports of the several District gregation, was properly observed, Conferences of the Methodist Church The order of the " Procession of the Guilds" was as follows: Thurifer, that have been held show that the swinging the censer; crossbearer ; difficulties arising from the surplus of banner of St. Clement; cornets ministers will be much less serious choir ; banner of the Holy Child, Conthan was apprehended at the Bellefraternity of the Holy Childhood, comville Conference. The surplus proposed of little girls dressed in white and wearing white veils ; banner ; Conframises to be very small, and in many ternity of the Blessed Virgin (Second of the districts by a judicious re-ar-Ward), composed of young ladies rangement of work all the ministers of wearing blue veils and medals ; banner of the Blessed Virgin Mary ; Conthe uniting churches can be stationed. fraternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (First Ward), composed of white-veiled young ladies; Father Field and acolytes; banner of the Annuncia. tion of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Confraternity of the HolyFamily, composed of adult females, wearing white ace hoods; banner of the Ble ssed Sacrament; Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, composed of young ladies in white veils and sashes Altar Guild (male) ; Father Converse and acolytes ; banner of St. Christopher ; Guild of St. Christopher (male) ; standard ; Guild of the Iron Cross (male) ; banner ; Guild of St. John ; banner ; cornets, choir, acolytes, and the Rev. celebrant, Father Maturin. About 300 persons participated in the ceremony. The Proceswrite the other day to the Morning sional hymn was "Rejoice, ye pure in heart. The procession marched through the several aisles of the church and them. The book can be had at our through the vestry twice. Father Book-room. Maturin preached a short practical discourse on the "Imitation of Christ." The altar was handsomely decorated and brilliantly lighted with candles. In a parish not far distant a certain rector, imitating the custom of young ladies who endeavor to override the scruples of friends by the plea that prohibited ornaments have been gifts, that of Bachelor of Arts. Miss Stew- sought to introduce candles on the altar, on candlesticks a lady had promis. ed. The rector even summoned tears to his aid, but they flowed all in vain in the presence of hard-hearted church wardens.

gards as lower than that of any other "decent body of Christians" in America. He proposes, as a remedy, that all bishops and clergy having incomes of over three thousand dollars shall contribute two and a half per

cent of their salaries toward a fund to be applied to aid those whose salaries are less than one thousand dollars. This example, the bishop suggests, would also stimulate the laity to making better provision for their ministers.

It is perhaps not surprising that some of the editors of our local papers occasionally "mix" matters relating to Methodism. One city paper recently stated that the Methodists and Presbyterians of the United States were preparing to unite. The parties coquetting are not the larger bodies. but the Methodist Protestant Church. a comparatively small body, and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, whose delegates were not admitted to the last Pan-Presbyterian Council, because their Presbyterianism was so dimly defined. It was the Methodist Protestant General Conference, now in session at Baltimore, which refused to strike from the discipline the clause permitting the choice by the candidate of the mode of baptism, or to make any change in the prescribed marriage ceremony. This body declines to

unite with the other Methodist bodies

in the Centennial celebration of the

The Christian Guardian of last week

contains a number of reports of Pro-

visional District meetings in the

Western Conferences. All seem to

present year.

To our young fr lately entered the g of the Church, we following from the S Advocate :

A distinguished we were lately list the experience of a who had for the firs some distinct work saying with reference had been doing, " than some revival attended." The fa such work may bodying of the res A revival must me ing good ; it must If it doesn't result then so much the w There is nothing and deprecated th type of character able emotions, eng thy or some how e ing, to apologize detestable traits o its of life.

The ability of secret is being to Miss Rebecca J in the Supreme (in a will case rela which she had l committed to the for contempt of rogate sent her for how long he Her reply was, tion day." It possesses firmnes indefinitely, rath secrets of her en paper thinks that such ponderous even" with a pool looks altogether butterfly on the

We publish to testimony in fav from a Nova Sec In another note United Stateswho sends sever to his relatives. ious to win them Church. I send to aid in the visits of a religio value to any ho fulness to the c By a little outla be the means of homes and hear reach persons

mitting women to the examinations.

The writer of this note had a narrow escape from being late at church on Sunday morning, in consequence of having taken up Miss Gordon Cumming's "At Home in Fiji." All Methodists should read a volume which tells the story of one of the most successful missions ever undertaken by our own or any other section of the Church. Any of our young friends who may read it-it is not written by a Methodist-will never more be worried by high-church Episcopal or highchurch Baptist questions respecting the claim of Methodism to be a section of the Church of Christthey will simply pity those who ask

as one could desire, but they were at churches, nor to prohibit representaleast some of them of inordinate tions of a proper character upon the length."

break up that style of negotiations by The Conference acted with wisdom which a church and a preacher make in following the election of its bishops preliminary arrangements to which by the adoption of a resolution rethey pledge themselves to stand affirming "the doctrine of the fathers through thick and thin, whatever be of our Church that the bishopric is not the judgment of the appointing power an order but an office, and that in oror the exigency of the hour. A proders a bishop is merely an elder or position to am end by including "inpresbyter." Has there been a growdirect negotiations " in the same coning tendency in the Methodist Church demnation was defeated. But how is of America to regard the Episcopacy | the line to be drawn between "direct" as an order? We have had some and "indirect" arrangements? In a fears on this point. At any rate there larger sphere, the effect of this disis a great deal in a name. Thecussion will be about as valuable as ories crystalize into names. "His- that of a tangled debate which took torically," says the Baltimore Methoplace in our Nova Scotia Conference dist, "the title Bishop has come to a few years since. Regret it as mean in a large part of the Christian for some reasons we may, it Church what we expressly assert it is certain that the spirit of the age dedoes not mean with us. Yet with mands a certain degree of freedom in all our assertion and reassertion we these matters. It must be admitted shall be unable entirely to divest it of that. in a less definite development, it that significance to the people and, existed in the days of our fathers; and there has been occasion sometimes to that through this very indefiniteness fear, even to the persons invested it was at times productive of sad with it. We have always believed the iealousies. All that can be demanded adoption of that title to have been the is that on the part of the preacher or one serious blunder of our fathers. church all pre-arrangements shall be Mr. Wesley saw further than they. " above board," and regarded as lia-Titles are silent forces operating conble to be set aside in cases of special stantly upon the imagination of those public pressure. who use them. Definitions address-

ed to the reflection now and then but partly counteract their influence. But now let us take a fresh start in our notions of the episcopacy and remember that Bishop is the name of the office and not of the man, and that the man in the office is not lifted one whit above the man out of it."

The N. Y. Advocate publishes in full the memorial papers and addresses given at the special service, which California, India, South Africa, South used to reach a similar end among the Dr. Buckley called a "calm in the midst of an unspent storm." The ad- speaking countries of the world, he Somewhat more of praise and prayer, dresses were worthy of the men and has much in his favor. The world interspersed with Conference busithe occasion, and were not marred by has been his parish, but he now goes ness, would prevent that indisposition that indiscriminating eulogy which oft- forth to an advanced post which few or rather that unfitness for preaching en becomes offensive. We quote one perhaps may envy him, but to which of which ministers are so apt to com beautiful paragraph of many in Dr. he goes most willingly. He came to plain at the close of a busy Confer-Buckley's paper on Bishop E. O. Hav- the General Conference from South ence day. Last Summer, at Yar en. It reminds us of a paragraph in America as a delegate from an Asiatic mouth, the hymne sung from time to Dr. Punshon's sermon at the Freder- Conference, and leaves it for a time, under the direction of the Presicton Conference many years ago : residence in Af ica ! May the dent, calmed the excitement of debate "He did not wish to die. No man not Master make this whole-souled, as the shower smooths down the swell The new college should prove an case of the Protestant Episcopal there are searchings of heart, on the

Should we not strive to make our annual gatherings, whether smaller or larger, seasons of religious importance? We are turning a corner in our history, or rather taking a new departure, this year : would it not be well to emphasize that change by an effort to make our gatherings more spiritual in their influence. "Routine business." remarks the London Watchman. 'encroaches more and more upon the time of the Conference and its District Committees. In John Wesley's day the Conference spent much more time in purely devotional exercises and in pastoral consultations. Then the Conference had plenty of time for

these sacred purposes. Now, like the In spite of the previous decision House of Commons, it is overburdenagainst foreign episcopal residences, ed with the details of world-wide William Taylor has actually been cares." Any reader of the proceed chosen a bishop for Africa, and has ings of recent English Wesleyan Conbeen set apart for his special work ferences must have felt that efforts with the five bishops previously have been made at improvement on elected ! Dr. Taylor was assigned that this point and not without success. position by 250 out of 343 votes. He Last year means were adopted at Hull

goes to his almost boundless field at to make the visit of the Conference a the age of sixty-four. A native of the great religious blessing, and this year South-Virginia, and an evangelist in still more effective means are to be America, and in nearly all the English people of the Staffordshire Potteries.

is showing in

wear as fairly won. MOUNT ALLISON.

Numerous visitors are expected at Sackville next week, at the closing exercises of the college and academies. The Theological Union sermon by the Rev. S. B. Dunn, and the Baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. R. Duncan, will be given on Sunday Kingston the receipts of the year morning and evening, and on Monday evening the Rev. E. Evans will deliver the Annual Lecture of the Theological Union. Mr. Evans's subject will be The Origins of Organization and Government in the early Church "theme of great interest. On Monday and Tuesday morn. the anniversary exercises ngs of the Male Academy and Ladies' Academy will take place, and on Wednesday morning the College Convocation will follow. Other pleasant gatherings are also announced. The usual arrangements have been made, we understand, with the railway.

yet impaired in his vital force, whose consecrated, man a great blessing to of the ocean. This year, with no additional object of attraction. The clergy, whose average income he re- part of the father and mother.

For some time the Presbyterian Church of Canada has been making an effort to secure a fund for the augmentation of stipends. The aim has

been to secure to all the settled ministers of that body an income of at least \$750 per annum, with a manse in addition. At a recent meeting at showed the scheme a complete success, and the committee resolved to pay immediately to all ministers the full amount aimed at by the General Assembly. The Presbyterians of the Maritime Provinces are moving steadily toward the same point. Such an arrangement must tend greatly to the comfort of the ministry, and must provemore satisfactory than one which | 100. makes the minister on a dependent

circuit, whether he will or not, a supporter of missionary work to an extent to which his more fortunate this year. If he does not receive all brother may be a stranger. Assistant his allowances, will his grocer or his Bishop Potter, of New York, proposes | butcher be content with a part of the

In an article copied on our first page, from the London Watchman, comment is passed upon a letter from Ontario in which an Episcopal minister says: "Take two neighbouring farmers, each of them having, say, 200 acres well cultivated, and a comfortable, well furnished house, acres and house all long paid for. One is a Methodist, the other a Churchman. The former gives ungrudgingly his \$25 a year as subscription to the minister's stipend, the Chnrchman gives \$5 towards that of his clergyman. To his mission fund the Methodist at once gives \$5, the Churchman \$1." Is it thus in all cases and in all parts of the Dominion?

Dr. Withrow, our Sunday school editor, sends out a special Centennial and Union number of Pleasant Hours. It contains an account of the beginnings of Methodism in the new world, and of its early progress and introduction into Canada-a story full of interest and illustrating wonderfully the good providence of God. The numerous illustrations of the first persons and first places connected with our Church on this Continent should secure for it a welcome every where. It will be mailed post-paid at \$1 per

Has everything possible, brother, been done to raise your pastor's salary

All persons Conference preserve this n for reference. APP For the WESLE If you wo

like to speak for the WESL Much less a the stately an come into my interesting an second and good things. much if they pages. Take May 16. show a wide them can be thodism" giv side observer ought to read tells what th doing in on don : "Rev going on qui that great en ing," "Fa Plan For Ye " F Bushnell. are all very gles of a Yu ing account most eloqu gave to the two poems excelled, an read, and W heeler sh by farmers where, unt those unco their wear are worthy I thank y LEYAN with stantial ma ry week, at

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