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The Daily Recorder.

TORONTO, THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 1874.

(From the Christian Guardian.) A METHODIST DAILY.

A somewhat singular article appeared in Monday's Daily Recorder, recommending a daily Methodist paper. A similar project has been frequently mooted; but on close examination it will be found much more fanciful and sentimental than rational and practical.

But the most singular point in this article is its recommendation to the Conference to establish a "non-denominational" paper. What has our Methodist Conference to do with "non-denominational" schemes? We might as consistently launch non-denominational colleges, Sunday schools and churches, or other non-denominational schemes, as non-denominational papers.

We transfer the above article from the columns of the GUARDIAN in order that our readers may know the opinion of the able editor of that paper. For his judgment we have a great respect, and with it we generally coincide; we regret that we cannot altogether do so on the present occasion.

fanciful and sentimental than rational and practical; but we believe that such a heightened, thoroughly independent journal would be gladly accepted by very many as a desirable substitute for the frequently scurrilous and partizan journalism which is current.

TEMPERANCE WORK IN THE CHURCHES.

Time was when the Churches thought but little of, and did less to abate the evils of intemperance; ministers often delivered their sermons under the influence of wine, and members thought it to be perfectly right to drink in so-called moderation that which "at the last biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

But that time has happily passed away, and at present the most deeply thoughtful and devotedly pious in all the Churches are earnestly enquiring the shortest way to the end of this dire traffic, and the most speedy and effective means of its destruction.

We have long been of opinion that the Church of Christ might and should become more earnestly active in this great and important work.

The question is, how?

Let the Bible doctrine as to the proper use of wine be well understood by all who take upon themselves the sacred office and work of the ministry. It is much to be feared that many engaged in this work, in their great zeal for a pure doctrinal faith as touching the atonement of Christ, have overlooked or forgotten the necessity of a pure faith as touching the practical duties of christian life.

Sunday-school superintendents and teachers as well as the private membership of the Church should be fully instructed, and the Church itself prepared to take its part in the accomplishment of the greatest reformation of the ages.

No doubt the Church is moving in this matter, but in our opinion all too slowly. She ought to day, to have been fully freed from the traffic. She ought to have well-qualified agents in the field of action, especially labouring for its overthrow, and she ought to have some well-organized plan of operation in all her Sunday-schools and congregations.

This work is avowedly and rightfully hers, for to her is committed the salvation of the world. And she has means, appliances and power for the accomplishment of this work possessed by no other organization in the world. She has churches and places of worship into which she can gather the people without expense. She has already won the confidence of all right-thinking men, and she has a host of Christian workers—men and women, to whom she has but to give the word of command and they march forth inspired with Christian zeal and energy.

Let the Church then but realize her great power and responsibility, and let her insist on her principles and apply her forces in the the Sunday-school, the prayer meeting, the monthly temperance meeting, the pulpit, the press and the platform; and victory will be sure to crown her efforts.

The best minds and the most devoted hearts in all lands are with her and longing for her action in this direction.

May God give her wisdom and power for the accomplishment of the work.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY MEETING.

A meeting in the interest of our missions will be held in the Metropolitan Church to-night. The Hon. Judge Wilnot will occupy the chair, and Revs. George Young, of Red River; J. McDougald, from the Saskatchewan, and T. McMurray, from Newfoundland, will address the audience.

REV. GERVAISE SMITH'S LECTURE.

The lecture in the Metropolitan Church last night, on the Trial of the Seven Bishops, was a great success. At the hour of eight a large audience had assembled. Dr. Ryonson, at the request of the Young Men's Association of the church, took the chair.

Of the lecture itself we shall not attempt any formal report. It was one of those brilliant things that defy reproduction. It was a continued strain of vivid-historical word-painting. Out of the dead past, as at the spell of an enchanter's wand, stalked the actors, mean or mighty, of the grand drama of the time, and lived, and moved, and spoke before us.

The lecturer drew a striking parallel between the times in which we live and those preceding the great English Revolution, which enabled his hearers to apply the lessons of history to the solution of the impious problems of the present.

We believe that the Convention of the Canadian branches of the Evangelical Alliance takes place in Montreal, next month, beginning on the 1st; but we have not at hand the data for the definite announcement of the programme.

For Thomas Wigle, in a recent "Portrait," read Theodore Wigle.

VISIT TO THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

Through the kindness of the managers of the Provincial Exhibition, the members of the General Conference were invited to pay it a visit this morning at 7 o'clock. A large number, both of ladies and gentlemen, took advantage of the opportunity, and proceeded by a special train, provided through the thoughtful industry of John Macdonald, Esq., to the fair grounds.

The chimes of the Anglican Cathedral were ringing merrily this morning, doubtless awaking memories in many minds of the sweet chimes from minster tower or spire in the dear fatherland. It may be of interest to our visitors to know that our good city boasts the tallest spire in America.

We would call attention to the Report of the Committee on Sunday-school matters on our last page. No interest of the Church is of more importance than her Sunday-school work. We hope that the action of the General Conference will be such as to give still greater efficiency to this branch of our Comjexional operations.

Rev. W. R. PARKER moved a Resolution which in substance was one of sympathy with the Rev. M. Gallagher and the Reformed Episcopal Church movement.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA. EIGHTH DAY.

The Session was opened at nine o'clock by the singing of 403rd hymn, the Secretary read Isaiah 61st chapter, and the Rev. J. Taylor led in prayer.

On motion of Hon. J. L. SHANNON, a committee was appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor General; the Chair nominated Hon. J. L. Shannon, Judge Wilnot, and Revs. Dr. Fowler, and E. H. Dewart.

Rev. G. R. SANDERSON presented a Memorial from St. Catharines Circuit praying that there may be no change of the rule for stationing the ministers.

Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS presented Report No. 3, of the Committee on Discipline. The clause relating to the constitution of the Stationing Committee, was the occasion of a lengthy discussion. It had been agreed by the Canadian Conference that the clause in the Basis of Union, relating to this subject should be amended, as to allow one of the Missionary Secretaries to be a member of the said Committee, but as this regulation was opposed to the custom in Eastern British America, that Conference objected to the clause so far as the Conferences in the Maritime provinces were concerned; and it was now contended that such a regulation was not proper.

On the other hand it was agreed, that the welfare of the Missions in securing suitable ministers as missionaries seemed to render it absolutely necessary that a representative should attend the Stationing Committees of all the Annual Conferences. Revs. J. Lathern, A. Sutherland, Dr. Rice, Hon. J. L. Shannon, Judge Deacon, E. H. Dewart, Dr. Wood, Dr. Jeffers, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Pickard, Mr. J. Macdonald, J. Graham, Dr. Fowler, Dr. Green and others took part in the discussion; when it was at length resolved that one of the Missionary Secretaries should attend the Stationing Committees of such Conferences as may desire their attendance.

Rule 31, on p. 170, Minutes, 1873, which fixes the time of holding the Annual Conferences to be the month of June was adopted. Rule 52, on page 170, which relates to the stationing of the President, was adopted.

Rev. W. J. HUNTER read Report No. 2, from the Committee on Missions, which is to the following purport: "That inasmuch as some of the Annual Conferences have not elected their representatives to the Central Missionary Board, the committee recommend the General Conference to authorize the election of such representatives from the Delegates of such Conferences respectively for the present year, in order to the immediate organization of the Central Board." The Conference adopted the recommendation.

Rev. A. ANDREWS read the report No. 1 from the Committee on Sabbath-schools, which was ordered to be printed. (See to-day's RECORDER, 4th page.)

Hon. J. L. SHANNON called attention to the desirability of having a uniform Hymn Book for Sabbath-schools.

Rev. G. HUERTIS read the Report No. 1 from the Committee on the Children's Fund, the following parts of which were adopted:

1. Each Annual Conference shall have a Children's Fund under its own control and management, for the purpose of providing effectively and uniformly for the payment of allowances of the children of our ministers, and of equalising the claims for this object on the several Circuits within its bounds, subject to the following regulations and restrictions, viz.:

(1) The amount payable for the support of each child under eighteen years of age shall not be less than \$30 per annum.

(2) That the Book and Printing Establishments, Colleges, and other connexional institutions shall respectively pay to the Ministers connected with such institutions the amounts due for their children's allowances.

(3) That the claims of children, whose fathers are employed on the French, German, Japan, Indian, or Foreign Missions, shall be met by the Mission Society.

(4) That the regular claimants upon the Fund shall be such children of ministers engaged in the active work, as were born after their fathers had been received into full connexion with the Conference.

Rev. Dr. RICE moved, and W. Scott seconded, a resolution to the effect that the General Conference gladly welcomes the Rev. J. H. Robinson to a place in this body, and invites him to join in the discussions as he may deem fit. Mr. R. acknowledged the resolution in grateful terms.

On motion of Rev. W. Williams, Revs. Dr. Green, Dr. Rice, and D. Savage are appointed a Committee to confer with Rev. J. H. Robinson with a view to see how he might become a Minister in the United Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Dr. DOUGLAS gave notice that he would, at the session of to-morrow, move the resolution of which he gave notice at a previous session, relating to the change of the name of the church, to be "The Methodist Church of Canada."

Rev. J. SHAW read a resolution from the Toronto Conference relating to the sustentation of Victoria College, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Dr. Jeffers, the name of Dr. Nelles was moved to the Committee on the Course of Study.

Rev. W. R. PARKER moved a Resolution which in substance was one of sympathy with the Rev. M. Gallagher and the Reformed Episcopal Church movement. Mr. Parker said he had thought of introducing such a resolution since the Rev. M. Gallagher had addressed the Conference, but the address which was delivered last night by the representative of the English Conference had caused him to take this opportunity of doing so. He thought the time had come when this Conference should speak out in strong terms against the ritualism that obtains in certain parts of this country.

Rev. W. HUNTER in seconding the resolution informed the Conference of various matters relating to this movement in Ottawa, and how he and the ministers of that city as well as many of their people were in sympathy with the Rev. M. Gallagher and his friend; he thought that the Conference would do itself injury if it did not adopt the resolution now recommended.

JUDGE WILNOT was as much opposed to everything in the shape of ritualism as he could well be, and would yield to no man in being so. He also related certain instances of the kind of worship which he had seen in London and elsewhere; but at the same time he thought the Conference should be careful how it gave its sanction to any movement such as the one spoken of, which was only in a kind of incipient state. If the rev. gentlemen spoken of could not remain in the Protestant Episcopal Church he might have found plenty of other churches where he could and might make himself at home. In these days of union, when the tenacity of things seems to be lessening the number of sects, he did not think that it was wise to encourage the formation or multiplying of these sects. He hoped the motion would not prevail, as if it should do so he thought it would put the Conference in an unenviable position.

The Rev. E. H. DEWART was surprised that there was such a disposition in the Conference to shrink from expressing its conviction respecting the ritualism and semi-papery that all true Protestants so heartily deprecated. Though, as Methodists, we could not interfere in the internal discussions of any church; yet the Reformed Episcopal Church was an organized Christian community, with whose protest against the exclusiveness and papery, which it knew to exist in the Episcopal Church, we all sympathized, why then not say so? Those who had spoken of this movement as under-serving of recognition, because it was a separation, were imitating the spirit of the Bishop of Lincoln, who would not recognize the Methodists for the same cause. Are we to be so much afraid of offending the Church of England that we must suppress our own honest convictions, lest we wound their prejudices? While there are many excellent people in the Episcopal Church, yet from that church, as a church, and from the majority of its ministers, Methodism had received very scant courtesy. As a church we owed them nothing in this country; and he would be very sorry if the Conference should for any cause hesitate to condemn what it thought to be wrong, and refuse to express its sympathy for any movement whose principles were in harmony with the teaching of the Bible.

Rev. J. LATHERN thought that by adopting the resolution the Conference would be endorsing all the sentiments to which the Rev. Mr. G. had given utterance. He must say, though he had no intention of giving offence to any one, that there were some remarks made by Mr. G. of which several felt ashamed. They would be justifying themselves if they adopted the resolution.

Rev. W. HALL, M. A., reminded the Conference that so far as he knew those connected with the Reformed Episcopal Church were doing a good work among some whom no other branch of the Church would be likely to influence. He believed also that when the Free Church broke off from the Kirk of Scotland their fathers in England opened their pulpits to the men who thus came out and added them in various ways. All that the resolution called for was sympathy, and surely the Conference could afford this, (Cries of adjourn.)