

under which the Czar of all the Russias lives, feeling that almost the whole nation is leagued in conspiracy for his destruction.

The American people were greatly touched by the messages of condolence and congratulation from the Queen of England and from the members of the Royal Family; but especially by the sympathetic autograph letter from Mr. Gladstone to the wife of the wounded President. Such expressions of good-will cannot fail to knit still closer together the hearts of the Anglo-Saxon people on both sides of the sea, and tend to render forever impossible a breach of the cordial relations now happily subsisting between them.

THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

It is a cause for congratulation that a man so greatly beloved throughout universal Methodism as the Rev. William Arthur has been so restored to health as to be able to assume the duties of President of the Wesleyan Conference. No one more fully enjoys the confidence and esteem, not only of his own, but of all the Churches. His varied learning, his literary labours and reputation, and his piety command the respect of even the secular world; but his genial character and Christ-like spirit win most the love of those who

know him best. It was a graceful act of Dr. Ryle, the Evangelical Bishop of Liverpool, to write such a cordial letter, asking the President to convey to the members of the Conference his hearty thanks for the great services rendered to the cause of Christianity and morality by the Wesleyan Church. But we doubt the correctness of the statement in the cablegram announcing the fact that the members of the Conference accepted it as one indication of a disposition on the part of the Evangelical wing of the Establishment to pave the way for a reunion of the Wesleyan sect with the Church from which they separated.

While, doubtless, the relations between the two Churches—for we must call the Wesleyan body a "Church" and not a "sect," as the despatch gives it—may become increasingly cordial with the mutual growth of Christian charity, yet we doubt if organic union will ever take place. Certainly Methodism is much more free to pursue her mission of spreading scriptural holiness throughout the land while disentangled from state alliances than if made part of an Establishment which embraces such inharmonious elements as the "high," the "broad," the "low," sections of the Anglican Church.

RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

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THE EASTERN CONFERENCES.

The Nova Scotia Conference assembled at Granville Ferry. The Rev. J. Lathern was elected President, and the Rev. Jabez Rogers, Secretary. The various sessions were seasons of great harmony, and the religious services were times of spiritual refreshing. There were no deaths reported in the ministerial ranks, but one brother who had

rendered good service to the cause of his Master, the Rev. R. A. Temple, was placed on the superannuated list. The Rev. T. Angwin was congratulated on having completed 50 years of ministerial life. Much regret was felt when it was announced that the income of the Superannuation Fund had fallen behind \$1,000; but, as a set-off, it was stated that \$12,000 would be added