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Cincinati, May $1,1880$. The twenty-third General Conference (quadrennial) of the Methodist Episco ed in Pike's Opera House, Cincinnati, on Saturday May 1st. All the Bishops where present, namety, Thom Bowman, Wil Liam L. Harris, Randolph S. Foster,
Isaac W. Wiley, Stephen M. Merrill Edward G. Andrews and Jesse T Yeek The venerable senior bishop Scott too rder. Bishop Foster read the thirty fifth chapter of Isaiah. Bis
read the hymn beginning :-
"Watchman, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are."
Joseph M. Trimble led in prayer. Then took the chair, and said, Accord
ing to usage, we invite the Rev. Dr
Woodruff, the secretary of the last Gen eral Conference, to come upon the plat form, and call the roll of the delegate Dr. Curry moved that the calling of
he roll shall constitute a sufficient cre dential to establish the right of the parties to a seat, unless objection shal G. W. Woodruff, secretary of last certificate of the clection of ministerial delegates from the Rock River Confer ance, and also the ooficial certificate o
the election of laymen from the Maine Electotal Conference, and stated tha from all the annual Conferences in the ferences except three, the certificates of
which bad not reached him. He had
taken the names of delegates from the papers to supply the absence of
three certificiates, subject to the ap
俍 The roll call was then proceeded with
and 331 delegates were present. Bishop Simpson said:
that there is more than a quorum. D. Curry moved the Secretary of the General Confer ence, and be was elected by acclama-
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tary the motion prevailed. GW Woodruff, the secretary, then nomiuated and the Conference confirm
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At this point Bishop Wiley made an
address of welcome to the Conference, address of welcome to the Conference,
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introductory remarks, he said : We welcome you to what we consider
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