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Poetry.

One by One.

One by one the sands are flowing,
One by one the moments fall;
Some are coming, some are going,
Down we've to grasp them all.

One by one the duties wait thee:
Let thy whole strength go to each,
Let not future dreams elude thee,
Learn thy first what these can teach.

One by one (bright gifts from Heaven),
Joys are sent thee here below;
Take them readily when given,
Ready, too, to let them go.

One by one thy griefs shall meet thee,
Do not wear an armed band;
Some will pass as clouds great thee,
Shadow passing through the land.

Do not look at life's long sorrow,
See how small each moment's pain;
God will help thee on to-morrow,
Every day to live again.

Every hour that fate's slowly
"May he look to do or bear";
Illustrate the crown, and holy,
If thou'rt been given with care.

Do not be ever with regretting,
For for passing hours depend;
For the duty left forgetting,
Look to eagerly beyond.

Hours are golden links, God's tokens,
Reaching Heaven; but one by one
Take them, lest the chain be broken,
Lest the pilgrimage be done.

Our Portrait Gallery.

THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

REV. J. R. GUNBY.

Is from the N. C. branch of the new United Church, in which church he was very conspicuous and influential for so young a man, having entered its ministry at the early age of twenty-two, and has been a member of their Examining Committee and Secretary to the Board since 1871, and is the youngest man of that body elected to the General Conference. All this he probably owes to an early conversion, and that again to his being the son of a minister, who was twenty years connected with the N. C. Conference. His parents were Irish, and he himself was born on "that green isle of the sea," but he came early to Canada as to make his education and ideas thoroughly Colonial. He was converted in Canada at the early age of thirteen, and has been in the ministry fourteen years. We are not acquainted with the precise type of his talents, but his position indicates that they are respectable.

GEORGE E. LOCKHART, Esq.

Comes from the maritime city of St. John, N. B. Is fifty-five years of age; a native of New Port, Hants, N. S. Supposed descent is Scotch. His grandfather, McDonald Ross Lockhart, was an officer in Wolfe's army at the taking of Quebec. Mr. L. first became identified with the Wesleyan Church in St. John, in 1844, thirty years ago. Since then connexional offices and responsibilities have multiplied upon him. He has been long trustee in three of the most important Wesleyan Churches in the city of St. John. Aided in getting incorporated the Wesleyan Varley Day School, under the will of the late Mark Varley, Esq., of St. John. Mr. L. has been a class-leader in the Centenary Church in the above city since 1860. He has been connected regularly with the German Street Sunday School the last twenty-eight years, a good part of which time he was Superintendent, besides holding several other offices in that school at various times.

As to worldly position, he is at present Chairman of the Board of Water Commission, which he has held ten years. He was Councillor for Queen's Ward, St. John, seven years, during which time he was Chairman of the Streets and other Committees; and received the thanks of the Council for his services upon his retirement from that body. Men of Mr. Lockhart's large experience of ecclesiastical and public matters must be of great value in the councils of the church.

REV. JOHN McMURRAY.

President of Nova Scotia, was nurtured amid Methodist influences from early years; was converted when 17 years of age; commenced to preach when 18; entered the itinerant work in Nova Scotia in 1834, being then 21 years of age; has occupied various circuits in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland. Was Book Steward for the Con-

ference of E. B. America, and editor of the *Provincial Wesleyan* from 1862 to 1869; was President of the Conference of E. B. America in Yarmouth, in 1865, and of the same Conference at its late session, held in Charlottetown, P. E. I., in June last; and now the President of the Nova Scotia Conference; held in highest estimation by his brethren; in counsel clear, firm, and judicious. This brother should have been noticed before, but the data was mislaid.

Geo. G. GERMAN, Esq.

We may beg the pardon of this tall, personable man and old friend for ignoring him so long. He is German by name, and of German descent. He is one of a widespread family, of great respectability, in the Bay Quinte country. He is of the U. E. Loyalists, and was born in what used to be called the "Fourth Town," numbering front Kingston (Adolphustown). His father and grandfather were Methodist local preachers, the latter in orders. Converted early, and joined the Church under the Rev. Mr. Harper, in Toronto, 1850. Mr. German would have made an able minister if his health had permitted his continuance in the itinerancy which he had entered. But his local labors have been very useful. His forte is teaching the young and Sunday-schools. Has been a superintendent ten or twelve years. Mr. G. conducts a very respectable business in the pretty, thriving town of Strathroy. He has given us no clue to his age, but he is a sprightly man in middle life.

S. HART, Esq.

Is from Guysboro', N.S. He is a manufacturer. Mr. H. holds the position of local preacher and Bible-class teacher, and has been both circuit and Sunday-school superintendent. This career of usefulness, which has culminated in a seat in the General Conference, began with conversion and union with the Methodist Church in 1853. He is a person 33 years old, and has been a member twenty-one years, placing his conversion at the age of 10. Happy man is he.

SHERIFF FREEMAN.

We had liked not to have deciphered this name. We have not a personal acquaintance with the gentleman who bears it, and must simply keep to the brief written record. He is a native of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, and 58 years of age. Is the grandson of Colonel William Freeman, who was a loyalist; and settled in Nova Scotia at the time of the Revolution. Our subject was converted in his native place and joined the church forty years ago, under the ministry of the Rev. Matthew Cranwick. His offices in the church have been class leader and circuit steward. Was first engaged in mercantile pursuits, but is now the Sheriff of the County of Queens.

Our eastern brethren have certainly beaten us westerns, comparatively, in the number of titled laymen they have sent to this Ecclesiastical Assembly; a proof that their social position is good.

MR. ALEXANDER C. DAVIS.

From Napanee, is a gentleman of fifty-three years of age. Has been a Methodist (Wesleyan) thirty-two years, and occupies the church offices of Trustee, Secretary-Treasurer of the Trustee Board, Steward, etc. He is also a worthy business, Dry Goods Merchant. As to public offices, he is Issuer of Marriage Licenses, and a Member of the United Board of High School, Napanee. We know nothing of this gentleman personal.

MR. JAMES EVANS.

Delegate from Evelyn, Ontario, is a native of Ireland, and fifty-three years of age. His conversion took place in Canada, Nissouri, in his young manhood, that is to say, at twenty-seven years of age. He is a Circuit Steward in the Church, and a farmer by occupation. Further we do not know.

A. WILLIAMSON, Esq.

Is Scottish by birth, thirty-six years of age, and has been fifteen years in Stratford, Ont. He joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church ten years ago. Is a Steward and Secretary of the Trust Board. He is a merchant tailor and importer of clothes, etc. He has been a member of the Town Council the last eight years, and for six years he has been a member of the County Council also. All this proves that our lay friends in that region have sent no wisp of straw to the

General Conference in the person of this brother.

REV. JAMES TAYLOR.

Born at Frederickton, N. B. Entered the ministry 1846. An early business training prepared him for service in the departments of church finance—to these he was called by his brethren, and gave to them unremitting and toilsome attention.

For some ten or twelve years he was Secretary of the Contingent and Circuit Aid Funds, and at the same time general Treasurer of the Children's Fund. During these years he was several times chosen Journal Secretary. Some years ago he was elected almost unanimously Secretary of the Conference of Eastern British America, but declined the honor, that he might give his attention fully to the duties of his other offices, and assist his brethren in the project and formation of the Home Mission Society.

Subsequently he was chosen Secretary, and sustained that position at the last Session of the Conference in the Eastern Provinces.

The greater part of his ministry has been exercised in the Annapolis and Cornwallis Valley, in Nova Scotia; never seeking what are called the first Circuits; he has nevertheless occupied several important ones, and been superintendent of the most important—that of Charlottetown, and while there, he was Chairman of the Prince Edward Island District. We have the means of knowing that Mr. T. has deservedly the reputation of being an exceedingly devoted and laborious minister.

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

FOURTEENTH DAY—EVENING SESSION. (Continued.)

Dr. ALLISON wanted to improve where improvement could be made. He thought it was wrong to assume that the hymn book was never used but only in public worship. The mere reading of some hymns would do good. Whoever heard the hymn "The God of Abraham praise" sung, but who would say that such hymn could not be read with profit? He wanted a good hymn book to be made, but the one the committee proposed was too large. When the American Methodists revised their book, seven men only were employed.

Mr. DETLOR spoke against making changes, as to do so might arouse suspicion, and put a weapon into the hands of our enemies, such had been the case in the past. He believed the less changes that were made the better.

Rev. W. WILLIAMS said that the committee should not on any account publish anything until next General Conference. There was much that he approved of both in the report and the various amendments, but he thought that time spent in the hymn book revision would be time well spent.

Dr. GREEN, the seconder of Dr. Rice's motion, and as such he spoke in its favor. He would not oppose adding some new hymns, but though there might be some which he had never heard sung, still he had no wish to obliterate them from the book. He referred to the preface of the hymn book, and could not see, after reading it, how any person could say that Mr. Wesley never intended the book for public worship. He was at Round Lake camp-meeting and saw the American Methodist hymn book and examined it closely, and he failed to see that the arrangement of the hymns was any better than ours. Let there be a supplement if you will; but cannot the Conference see what loss will be entailed if many alterations be made. The Tune Book just issued will then be almost useless. If you publish immediately an irreparable injury will be inflicted on our people. Consult with the fathers in England before anything is done. Let them see we have so much respect for their judgment that we love to take them into our councils, at any rate get all the help you can from England.

Rev. A. H. NICOLSON said much that had been said went on a false assumption. All said the hymn book was a good book, which has entwined itself around the hearts of the Methodist people, but then the sacred treasure is doomed. The copyright has run out in England, and now something of necessity must be done. The English Methodists to preserve themselves and secure the profits for the sale of their own book, are to have a new book altogether, now shall not Canadian Methodists learn something from this? The size of our Church warranted us in securing an edition for our own use, from which our funds also could be benefited.

Dr. PRYAN thought, that if necessary, a small supplement might be published with advantage, but he had no idea that we could

ever get a hymn book that would give such universal satisfaction as the old one had done. Let, however, the present stock be used up, let the Committee prepare their materials, and report next General Conference.

Judge DEACON thought that the discussion might now close, as the Conference had certainly heard all sides. He had received much light. Like others he was attached to the hymn book, and was afraid of having anything done with it for fear it would be spoiled; however, as the Committee need not do anything beyond collect their materials, until next General Conference, they might all support that view of the question.

Dr. RICE claimed the right of speaking now as he had not said a word on behalf of the amendment which he had moved. He did not propose to accept the hymn book prepared by the English Conference unless he approved it. All he wanted was a consultation with them to see if any arrangement could be made for our benefit. He wanted the same hymns as far as possible, and before anything is done here, he wanted to see if anything could be done so as to have harmony of action both in England and Canada.

Rev. A. HULLBURT thought there were some hymns which were contrary to all the feelings of nature. "Ah, lovely appearance of death," etc. He could not see anything lovely. He would not servilely copy any man. While he admitted England was endeared to us, yet, as a church, we could certainly take care of ourselves. He wanted all the profit we could justly secure from our own publication.

Rev. W. H. POOLE thought the present book not sufficiently comprehensive, but he had full confidence in the committee, and as nothing was to be printed until next General Conference, no injury could be done.

The PRESIDENT said the preface to the present book was an answer to much that had been advanced to-night. The order of the book, too, was dear to us. The law of association was strong. He thought the mention of the very name and number of the hymn often awakened the most peculiar emotion.

Rev. D. SAVAGE, G. S. MILLIGAN, Professor BURWASH, and others took part in the debate, which ended as we have stated above.

Rev. Dr. RICE offered the following resolution, which was adopted:—As the merging of the *Witness* in the *Guardian* has been completed, it is resolved, that the Rev. D. SAVAGE, Editor of the *Witness*, be added to the editorial staff until the meeting of the next Annual Conference.

Rev. J. GUNBY and others suggested that a sentence should be added, giving the Book Committee power to continue Mr. Savage permanently on the editorial staff, if the publishing interests made it practicable and advisable to do so.

Dr. RICE said the Committee had power already; but Rev. W. Tindal and others asked that this might be, and stated as to do so would give great satisfaction, and secure more fully the subscribers of the *Witness* to the change.

Dr. CLARKE presented the Report from the Committee on Temperance, on which a very animated discussion ensued.

Judge WILMOT opposed the report on the ground that Prohibition could not be carried out in the present state of society. Legislation is an injury when it is in advance of the views of the committee. Too much stress was laid upon Prohibition by temperance people, and he would have them remember that the good cause of temperance had been injured by the zeal of some of its adherents. For twenty-five years he had been a practical temperance man, and when he was Governor of New Brunswick he took care not to invite to the Government House persons whom he knew to be addicted to intemperance. He had also urged his Attorney General to endeavor to draw up a bill that would make drunkenness such a crime in the eye of the law as would inflict the heaviest penalty possible, so as to deter men from a violation of the law.

The Rev. E. H. DEWART felt that such remarks as had been given by the Hon. W. Wilmot should not pass without reply. He conceded to every man the right to his own views, but he claimed the right to question and repudiate the soundness of the views they had just heard, as well as their tendency. They were told that it was no use to enact a law until a majority of the people are in favor of it. But he maintained that law was the embodiment of the best thought of the most advanced minds. It is the record of progress, and is itself a powerful agency in educating the public mind, and promoting true views of human duty. How long are we to wait before we express our desire for the prohibition of the legalized liquor traffic, that has brought such ruin to the best interests of humanity? Are those who assume to be leaders of religion and morality to wait till the drinking and vicious classes clamor for laws against vice? Did Wilberforce and his coadjutors wait till public opinion demanded the abolition of the law sanctioning human slavery? No! they thundered against them in and out of the Parliament, and their pleadings for their repeal was the great means of enlightening and forming a sound public sentiment. He thought it of the utmost importance, that a great Church like this give a clear and un-

mistakable expression against a system that throws the sanctions of law around a traffic that has overshadowed and darkened the young life of our country. We have no idea of abandoning the use of moral suasion, while we plead for prohibition. As the Church has suffered much from this evil it is specially bound to speak out on this question. He was surprised that his friend should plead for the wine cup. Though it may not have directly injured him, yet how many promising young men have been ruined by beginning with an occasional glass of wine? and as a father he could not dare to sanction a custom that might prove the ruin of his own children. He warmly supported the Report of the Committee.

Judge DEACON gave some painful details respecting what he had seen of the effects of intemperance. Nine tenths of all the crimes which he was called to try arose from the cause of intoxicating drinks. In the county of Westmeath, the temperance people succeeded in getting a bill passed for cutting off licenses, and the result was that crime had been greatly lessened, as he saw in his circuit. He believed that Prohibition would greatly lessen the facilities for drunkenness. The liquors now sold are of the most deleterious character. In Maine and other parts where Prohibition had been adopted, a great blow was given to intemperance; and though it was true that there had been some reaction in some places, still he was of opinion that the state of public opinion in Canada, at least in Ontario and Quebec, was such, that a Prohibition Liquor Law could be more easily carried out than at any former period of our history.

R. WILKES, Esq., M.P., said it was a fact that there were difficulties in the way of carrying out Prohibition, and still he believed that the people of this country are willing to run all the risks connected with a trial of Prohibition. He took the opportunity of stating that if he could guarantee the Finance Minister of the Government from all losses which the Exchequer would suffer if liquor were prohibited, he felt assured that the present Dominion Parliament would pass an act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. He did not like some expressions in the report. He thought that great truths should be strongly stated in temperate and courteous language, especially should our references to other churches be without self-assertion. He thought that this General Conference should take the responsibility of giving a deliverance in favour of Prohibition.

Rev. EDWIN HOLMES said he was there as an unflinching advocate of legal prohibition, as the only effectual remedy against intemperance. He said the old Romans twisted hay around the horns of dangerous cattle to warn the people to run for their lives; but, although we have been for years hanging warnings and arguments and persuasions on the arms of the demon intemperance, men do not fly from it, and hence the need of Prohibition. As to cultivating public opinion, he thought we all ought to labor at this as heretofore; and hoped the pulpits of the Dominion would utter no uncertain sound in this direction, and make all tend to the one great end—legal Prohibition.

The report was adopted, and was followed by a resolution moved by Dr. Clarke, seconded by W. Peaty, Esq., that this General Conference present a memorial to the Governor General, and House of Commons, and Senate, praying that a Prohibitory Liquor Law be enacted, and carried into effect twelve months from the time that said law is enacted, to be signed and sealed by the President and Secretary of this General Conference.

Conference adjourned.

Rather More Than Enough.

A story is told of a certain old lady, resident in the country, and owner of a little farm, whose growing crop was suffering for want of rain—whom, though not "professedly pious" herself, was still a believer in prayer as a physical force, (as Professor Tyndall is not,) and who therefore joined heartily in the request made by the farmers to the minister of the little neighboring Methodist Church that he would at the Sunday morning service pray for rain. The prayer was duly made, and during the latter part of the same day a sweeping and copious shower passed over the place, at once watering and prostrating the growing corn. Then the old lady, looking out upon the ruin, almost in despair exclaimed: "Ah! that is just the way with them Methodists; they never undertake anything but they overdo it."

"No A Day for Whistling."—The late Dr. Macadam used to tell of a tipsy Scotchman making his way home upon a bright Sunday morning, when the good people were wending their way to the kirk. A little dog pulled the ribbon from the hand of a lady who was leading it, and as it ran away from her she appealed to the first passer-by, asking him to whistle for her poodle. "Woman," he retorted, with a solemnity of visage which only a drunken man can assume, "Woman, this is no a day for whistling!"

Travellers' Guide—Toronto Time.

Table with columns for departure and arrival times for various railroads including Grand Trunk East, Grand Trunk West, Great Western Railway, Northern Railway, Toronto and Nipissing Railway, and Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway.

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TORONTO, SATURDAY OCT. 3, 1874. A PARTING WORD WITH OUR READERS.

We have been cheered during our editorial labors during the last fortnight by many words of approval from appreciative friends. We have also had some kindly criticism concerning some of the shortcomings of our little paper, short comings of which none are more conscious than ourselves, and some criticism not so kindly.

We would say to our readers in conclusion, Be to our faults a little blind; Be to our virtues very kind.

And accept our services as an honest attempt to chronicle the great important deliberations of the First General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada—VALE, VALETTE.

RENDER A REASON.

The reasons why the portraits of some members of the General Conference did not appear in the DAILY RECORDER, to detail them all, are these:—Some charged us to write no account of them; a large number furnished no data; several who did furnish data, did not give their names; two or three names we could not decipher; and lastly, the paper ceases to be published, and drops the curtain on us all.

they have been found fault with. Our last plea to disarm hostile criticism is this: that they were all written in a huge hurry, in the midst of fifty other engagements, and amid a thousand interruptions. Try your hand at it yourself, the next time, our complaining friend, and see if you will come out any better. EDITOR OF THE SKETCHES.

THE LATE CONFERENCES.

The Conference has become a matter of history. Its decisions have been recorded. They have become the law of the church. Its actors have departed. We stand as yet too near the event to apprehend its true import. Only in the perspective of years will its full grandeur be apparent.

The grand principle of Christian union which has been so triumphantly asserted, in accordance with the broad feelings of Christian brotherhood, which is more and more, we believe, animating all the churches. We are persuaded that the advantages of this union will be so manifold that men will wonder that it was not consummated long ago.

We hope, too, and are assured, that it will lead to more intimate relations with our fellow countrymen and fellow Methodists in the eastern portion of this Dominion, such as will be greatly to our mutual benefit. We have already learned to love and revere the honored brethren from that portion of our common country, and look forward with pleasure to increased intimacy and closer relationships.

The consolidation of the various educational, Missionary, and other interests of the church cannot fail to give them greater efficiency, and secure for them the broader sympathy and still more hearty support of the church at large.

THE REV. MR. EBY'S LECTURE, which could not be held last Thursday night, because of the rain, will (D.V.) be delivered next Thursday evening, chair taken at half past seven. The subject as before, "Switzerland and the Alps." The avails also to be given in aid of the new church, building at the Don. The tickets now in circulation will answer; the holders will please change the date from Sept. 30 to October 8th. Please give them a full house.

THE REV. T. BOWMAN STEPHENSON, M.A., arrived in town Wednesday night with a party of about 50 girls and a few boys, from the Wesleyan Children's Home in England. He proceeded to the branch Home at Hamilton next morning, but is expected to return in time to visit the Conference. Mr. S. will be warmly welcomed in Canada by the host of friends whom he made in his last visit.

P.S.—Mr. Stephenson was presented to the Conference yesterday, and delivered a brief address.

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SIXTEENTH DAY. At nine o'clock the President took the chair, and after devotional exercises, the Minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

Rev. E. CLEMENT read the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, several parts of which were the subject of a lengthened and profitable conversation, but in consequence of other matters of business still demanding the attention of the Conference, it was considered best to lay the report on the table until the next General Conference.

Rev. E. B. HARPER, M.A., moved a resolution which was unanimously adopted, that the President shall prepare an Address to be sent to the members of the church within the bounds of this General Conference.

Rev. W. S. GRIFFIN moved and Rev. J. GRAY seconded a resolution which was unanimously adopted, that the President of Conference and Chairmen of Districts in the Methodist New Connexion Church shall be members of the Stationing Committee; and also the President and member nominated by the same Conference shall be members of the Transfer Committee.

Rev. JAMES GRAY read the Report of the Contingent Fund Committee, which comprises the objects for which the Fund is established, viz.: relief of cases of sickness, and help to needy circuits. There shall be two Sections, Eastern and Western. The former to comprise all those portions of the work comprised within the bounds of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland Conferences. The Western, Toronto, London, and Montreal Conferences. Collections to be taken in both sections during the months of September and March.

The Committee of the Annual Conferences shall be elected in the same manner as at present. All applications for aid to be approved by the May Quarterly Meeting, and all grants appropriated to Districts shall be divided among the needy Circuits at the Financial District Meetings. Rev. J. Gray and Mr. J. Lister shall be Treasurers for the Western Section, and the Rev. J. Taylor and Mr. H. R. Macnutt shall be Treasurers for the Eastern Section.

There shall be a Committee of five persons to be called the Investment Fund Committee, which shall consist of the following persons: Revs. Dr. Green, Iyerson, James Gray, Messrs. J. Macdonald and J. Lister.

Rev. W. HALL, M.A., read the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, which was pronounced a very excellent document. It referred to the various forms of Sabbath desecration that prevail, such as work done in Post Offices, Railways, and Canals. The statutes of the Dominion relating to Sabbath observance are very good, and, therefore, every means should be adopted to sustain those who defend the law; but the committee regrets that there are various forms of Sabbath breaking in households, such as late rising on the Sabbath, only attending one public service per day, and neglecting to take the children to church, reading newspapers, and visiting on the holy day.

Hon. Judge JONES moved, and Judge DEACON seconded that the following persons shall be corresponding members of the Church Property Committee, viz.: Rev. G. Young, Manitoba; W. Pollard, British Columbia; and Rev. J. Cassidy, Bermuda.

The Missionary Committee recommended that the following committee shall be appointed specially to look after the French work: President of the Montreal Conference, President of the Theological Institution, Montreal; Superintendent of the Montreal City Circuits, and the following laymen: Hon. J. Ferrier, J. W. Lauren, J. Ferrier, jun, J. Hilton, S. Finley, J. Macpherson, J. M. Millen, W. Clendenning, and J. A. Mathewson.

The committee further recommended that the site selected for the Mission House, near the Metropolitan Church, be retained. The Conference approved.

The Committee on the Discipline reported that they cannot recommend the formation of a Court of Appeal. The said committee recommend that the Rev. J. A. Williams, Secretary of the Committee on Discipline, W. Scott, Assistant Secretary, and S. Rose, Book Steward, be a Committee to publish the Discipline.

The same Committee recommend that a Special Committee be appointed at each Annual Conference, to transact any business which was omitted or could not be transacted at Conference, and shall consist of the President and Secretary of Conference, Chairmen of Districts, and five other members, to be elected by the Conference.

Rev. H. POPE moved that the following be a substitute for the rule which states who shall preside at the Quarterly Official Meeting: "The Superintendent of the Circuit, or Chairman of the District, when he is present in his official capacity or otherwise." The Conference approved the substitute.

A new chapter is to be inserted on Leaders Meetings. Some slight emendations are made in the section which relates to the qualifications of the Stewards.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the session was commenced with devotional exercises, follow by the reading of the minutes of the previous session.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that all the appropriations made to the various Districts by the late Annual Conference, shall be approved, and when these several amounts have been paid from the income, a portion of the balance shall be appropriated towards liquidating the present debt of the Contingent Fund.

The following are the members of the Book Committee: TORONTO CONFERENCE. Revs. Dr. Wood, E. B. Harper, A.M., N. R. Willoughby, A.M., J. E. Betts, J. Potts, W. Kennedy, R. Wilkes, M.P., Dr. Aikens and Dr. W. W. Ogden.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

Revs. J. Elliott, Dr. Douglas, W. Scott, W. J. Hunter, and Hon. J. Ferrier, J. Torrance, and M. Lavell, M.D.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

Revs. J. McMurray, J. Latham, S. F. Heustis, J. Reid, and Mr. D. H. Starr.

NEW BRUNSWICK CONFERENCE.

Rev. H. Pope, Dr. Pickard, H. McKeown, J. R. Inch, A.M., and W. E. Dawson, N. B. Willoughby, M.A., J. Caswell, with J. W. Bickle, G. Young, R. Wilkes, M. P., J. Patterson, Sheriff Bell, W. Kennedy and J. Edwards, Esq., with the Book Steward and Editors.

The Rev. A. ANDREWS, Secretary of the Sabbath School Committee, presented a resolution recommending an additional clause to the constitution relating to teachers' meetings, which was approved; also recommending that the collection on behalf of the Sabbath School Committee shall be taken up in the schools in the month of November.

On behalf of the Committee on Discipline the Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS presented the following from the Committee: It is recommended that the Rules of Order which were adopted by this General Conference shall be incorporated in the Book of Discipline, and be used also by the Annual Conferences.

A chapter to be inserted in the Book of Discipline authorizing Society meetings to be held quarterly, at which the ministers shall address the members of the church on public and private; read the Society rules, and official meetings; love-feasts also to be held quarterly, to which the members shall be admitted by presenting their Society tickets, Chapter 5, which relates to the trial of ministers, and complaints, &c., respecting members is altered in a few paragraphs.

Also recommended that the leaders shall receive payment from their members for the support of the ministry, either weekly or quarterly, as they may desire. Covenant services are also recommended to be regularly held, and a chapter is proposed giving directions as to how persons are to be received into full membership with the church.

Dr. PICKARD moved a resolution to suspend the rule relative to the reconsideration of any resolution already adopted, which was accepted by the Conference.

On motion of Rev. J. GUNBY, it was resolved that the matter for which the rule was suspended should now be introduced, whereupon the Rev. A. Langford moved the insertion of the following in the Book of Discipline relative to baptism:

1. Who are the proper subjects for baptism? Ans. Infants, and believing adults who have not been baptized in infancy.

2. What is the mode of baptism? Ans. Sprinkling, or pouring; but should any candidates for baptism prefer any other mode, the officiating minister may comply with their request.

Wherever practicable let the ordinance be administered in the public congregation. Mr. J. GOODERHAM moved the following relating to ministers' salaries, instead of what was adopted at a previous session: That the salaries of married ministers, \$250; probationers, \$200; but the above shall not be so understood as to prevent circuits contributing liberal sums towards the items of table expenses, horse, fuel, travelling and incidentals.

Dr. STEWARD moved an amendment that the various items included in the allowances of married ministers ought not to be less than \$750, but the amendment was lost and the original motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. J. SQUELCH, seconded by Rev. W. McGUIRE, it was resolved that the thanks of this General Conference are due, and are hereby presented to the friends in Toronto for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of this Conference during its protracted sessions; and that the ministers shall present the same from their respective pulpits next Sabbath.

Thanks of the Conference are also tendered to the Revs. J. Potts, J. Shaw, T. W. Jeffery, N. R. Willoughby, and S. J. Hunter, for the very efficient manner in which they have arranged for the comfort of the delegates of the Conference.

Rev. T. B. STEPHENSON, M.A., of the British Wesleyan Conference, and Secretary of the Children's Home, was introduced to the Conference, who received him by a rising vote. Mr. S. briefly addressed the Conference, and said that he felt obliged for the kindness now manifested to him. He took great interest in the subject of his delegation, and was glad to learn that all the proceedings of this Conference, consisting as it does of an equal number of ministers and laymen, had been characterized by such harmony and brotherly feeling. He hoped to have an opportunity of seeing many of the members of the Conference again, as it was his intention to spend a few weeks in the country, when he would have the pleasure of a further acquaintance with them.

The session was closed with the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30 the President took the chair, and gave out the 436th hymn, after the singing of which the Rev. D. Savage led in prayer. Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

On motion it was resolved that the Executive Committee shall be the Committee on Union to confer with other denominations on the subject of Methodist Union.

On motion of Dr. PICKARD the thanks of the Conference were presented to the Rev. J. A. Williams, Secretary of the Committee on Discipline, for the very efficient services which he has rendered during this Conference, and that as an acknowledgment of the service, the sum of \$50 be presented to him.

Rev. J. HART presented the report from the Committee on Conference Expenses, which was adopted. The amount received by means of collections in all the Annual Conferences amounts to \$2,924.66, which has not all the expenses connected with the Conference, and leaves a small balance in the hands of the Treasurer, Rev. S. Rose. The President nominated the following as the members of the Executive Committee, which were approved by the Conference. The President began at the most Eastern Conference: Newfoundland—Rev. G. S. Milne, Hon. J. J. Rogerson; New Brunswick—Rev. H. Pope, Hon. Judge Wilmot; Nova

Scotia; Rev. J. McMurray, Hon. S. I. Shannon; Montreal—Rev. J. Elliot, Hon. J. Ferrier; Toronto—Rev. Dr. Wood, Mr. W. H. Gibbs; London—Rev. J. A. Williams, Judge Jones; with Revs. Dr. Rice, Dr. Nelles, D. D. Currie, D. Swasey, Dr. Street, and Mr. Johnson, Dr. Aiken, Hon. Judge Young, R. Wilkes, Esq., M. P. and J. Macdonald, Esq.

On motion it was resolved that the following shall be a Committee to present the address to His Excellency the Governor-General; the President and the Vice-President of the Conference, with the ministers in Ontario City, and W. H. Walker and J. Rochester, Esqs.

A resolution of thanks was presented to the various railway and steamboat companies for their kindness in allowing the members of the Conference to travel at a reduced rate to and from this Conference.

On motion of Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS the third Sabbath in November was set apart as a day of special thanks to the Almighty for the beautiful harvest granted this country during the present year.

On motion of Dr. PICKARD the Book Steward and Editor are to prepare quarterly tickets for the various Annual Conferences at their next sessions.

A conversation took place as to when the new Discipline shall come into force, when the chair ruled that it must of necessity come into practice immediately.

A resolution of thanks was moved by Judge JONES and seconded by J. SCARFF, Esq., to the Trustees of the Metropolitan Church for its use during the sessions of this General Conference.

Rev. W. S. BLACKSTOCK moved a resolution of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Ryerson for the kind manner in which he has presided at the various sessions of this Conference.

The Conference adopted the resolution by acclamation. The venerable President acknowledged the resolution which had been so kindly adopted by the Conference, and in doing so he was the subject of such deep emotion, that it was with the utmost difficulty that he spoke. He was thankful to the Conference, and thankful to the giver of all good that he had been spared to see this hour. He rejoiced in the consummation of the Union, so that now the influence of their General Conference extended from ocean to ocean. As he was bordering on three score years and ten, and will soon have completed the 50th year of his ministry, he could not expect to be spared much longer, but he assured the Conference that to his latest hour he would not forget the kindness which had been exercised towards him by his brethren with whom he had been so long associated. He loved his country, and he loved his church, and though he could not claim exemption from the common infirmities of mankind, yet he had ever endeavored in all things to aim at the glory of God and the welfare of the church with which he had always regarded it as the highest honor of his life to be associated.

The utmost stillness prevailed at this time, and all present seemed to feel the solemnity of the occasion as the parting hour drew nigh.

The well known hymn, "Blest be the dear untiring love," &c., was sung, and the Rev. John Hyerson, Dr. Green and the Presidents engaged in fervent prayer, the latter pronouncing the benediction, and thus closed this first General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, an era never to be forgotten.

Just as the Conference was being dispersed the President announced that a telegram had been received announcing that their Hon. friend Judge Wilmot, had been elected President of the Evangelical Alliance in Montreal, an announcement which was received with great interest.

To the Committee for adjusting the work on these circuits occupied both by Wesleyan and Methodist New Connexion ministers, add the names of Rev. G. R. Sanderson and W. Tindall, and Judge Jones, which were omitted.

As there was a great press of business on the last day of the Conference, the reports of speeches have been greatly curtailed, and for the same reason the names of the movers and seconders of resolutions have sometimes been omitted.

LITERARY NOTICES.

CANADIAN MONTHLY AND NATIONAL REVIEW, October, 1874. Toronto: Adam Stevenson & Co. This vigorous native monthly under the able editorship of Prof. Goldwin Smith continues to maintain its place as the first of Canadian magazines. The opening article is one on Christian life and character as read in the Catacombs, by Rev. W. H. Withrow, M.A. It gives illustrations of the social position, trades and occupations, civil offices, domestic relations and home life, filial, parental and conjugal affections, and general character and condition of the Christians at Rome during the first five centuries. The evidence is principally derived from the epitaphs and paintings of the Catacombs, which throw a light upon the subject not to be found in any other contemporary record.

The other articles are:—The King of the Mountains—The March to Coomassie—Russian Reminiscences—Down the St. Lawrence on a Raft—Current Events and Current Literature, and the usual variety of poetry. The editor's current criticism is, as usual, vigorous, racy, keen and trenchant. Prof. Goldwin Smith is, we think, one of the very best writers of English, living.

Connexional Notices.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following: Ottawa, per Chairman, \$55

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SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND. The Treasurer thankfully acknowledges the following, received per Rev. A. Sutherland: Mr. and Mrs. John Mathewson, Montreal, proceeds of "Golden Wedding Fund," 1874, \$35 61. Jons Dorcas, Treasurer.

CENTREVILLE.

There will be a four days' meeting in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Centreville, commencing on Sabbath, October 4th. Services at 10.30 a.m., 2.30 and 6.30 p.m. Both clerical and lay brethren are cordially invited to attend. W. RILAND.

THE WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—MONTREAL.

The second term of this institution will commence on Thursday, October 1st. Examinations will open at 2 p.m. in the Lecture Hall, Dorchester Street Church. For information, address Rev. Dr. Douglas, Montreal.

ALICE MISSION—CHURCH DEDICATION. The dedicatory services of the "Alice" Church will (D.V.) be conducted by Rev. R. Whitting, chairman of district, on Sabbath, Oct. 4th, at 10.30 a.m., and in the afternoon by Rev. E. H. Jenkins at 3 p.m.

A tea meeting will be held in the church on Monday evening, the 5th of October, to aid in the liquidation of the debt on the church. The above named ministers and the Rev. Messrs Kropp and Fowler are expected to be present.

HORNING'S MILLS.

A four days' meeting will be held at the Lavender Appointment, on this mission, to commence at nine o'clock on Thursday, October 1st, JOHN MATHAN.

HARVEST DINNER.

The friends at Westgrove appointment, (Napessan Mills), Newburgh Circuit, purpose having a harvest dinner, in the grove on Mr. Peter Miller's farm, on Thursday, October 1st. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Addresses will be delivered by several talented speakers. Good vocal and instrumental music. Tickets fifty cents, children half price. Proceeds to be applied towards the erection of a new W. M. Church at Westgrove. The public are cordially invited to attend.

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ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

The Anniversary Sermons in connection with the North St. W. M. Church, in London, will be delivered by the Rev. John Potts, of Toronto, on the morning and evening of October 11th.

JAMES HANCOCK.

LOYD TOWN CIRCUIT.

A four days' meeting will be held in the Monkman Church, commencing on Tuesday, the 13th of October. Services each day at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. Ministers and workers for Christ on adjoining circuits will please come to our help.

THOS. CAMPBELL.

FOUR DAYS' MEETING.

A four days' meeting will be held (D.V.) at the Brookdale Appointment, Harmony Circuit, commencing Saturday, October 10th, at 2.30. We earnestly invite ministers and friends from the adjoining circuits and appointments to attend the services; and also solicit fervent, believing prayer for the down shedding of the Holy Spirit.

D. W. THOMPSON, Sup't.

CHURCH OPENING—WILKINSON MISSION.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church in Oxenden, will be opened for divine service on Sabbath, the 11th October, Rev. J. G. Laird, Chairman of Owen Sound District, will preach in the morning at 10.30, and in the evening at 6 o'clock. Rev. J. Green, Financial Secretary, will preach at 2.30 in the afternoon.

A. THOMPSON, Sup't.

ROSEMONT.

A four days' meeting will be held in the new church, fifth line of Midland, beginning Tuesday, October 13th, at 10 a.m. Services each day at 10 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m. Ministers on adjoining circuits and friends are cordially invited to come and help.

J. W. TORREY.

NELSON CAMP MEETING.

A camp meeting will (D.V.) be held on the old ground near Salem, Nelson, under the auspices of the United W. M. Church, commencing on Thursday evening, October 1st, 1874, at 7 o'clock. Single tents, 15 feet by 12, price \$1.50, and every additional 12 feet at the same rate. Application for tents to be made as soon as possible to Rev. J. G. Fallis, Zimmerman, P.O.

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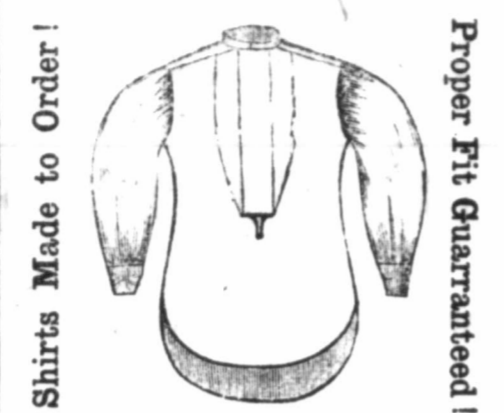
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Higher Female Education.

The following article was published editorially in the *Sunday Times* of this city, although taken without acknowledgement from the editorial columns of the *Evangelical Witness*.

The demand for greater facilities for the higher education of young ladies is creating a supply of superior institutions for that purpose; we augur great benefit to society therefrom. The higher educational advantages of our daughters have too long been unduly restricted, and what there were have, for the most part, been very expensive, more so than for young men. That education has also been confined to largely to showy accomplishments instead of solid acquirements. It was calculated to form rapid and shallow followers of fashion rather than refined and intellectual women. Experience has shown that girls can climb side by side with their brothers up the difficult steps of learning, asking no favour, and often carrying off the palm from the sterner sex; and they have done this without prejudice to their health, but often greatly to its advantage. The regular hours, simple, wholesome diet, and pleasant employment of college life prove highly conducive to physical as well as mental health, and many who come to college invalid go home well. Indeed, the strain upon the bodily powers of fashionable folly and dissipation, the round of parties with their late hours, unhygienic dress and rich food, is far greater than that required to gain distinction in literary pursuits. The listless *ennui*, the vacuity of thought and action, and the insatiable novel reading of many young ladies enervate both body and mind, and often cause them to sink into chronic, nervous invalids. Education, by giving resources of mental occupation and enjoyment, by opening vistas of thought and study, and by furnishing rational objects of pursuit in life, increases the vigor of the vital and intellectual faculties, makes existence a blessing instead of a burden, and enables the otherwise listless fair one to be a permanent benefit instead of a transient ornament to society.

The Methodist Church has ever been foremost in the effort to furnish higher education for its sons and daughters. A seminary for both sexes, at Cobourg, long since converted into the University of Victoria College, was the earliest institution of the kind in Canada. Its Ladies' College at Hamilton has won a distinguished reputation, not only in America but in Europe. Its College for both sexes at St. Paul's has opened under most favorable auspices; and now a new candidate for public patronage was recently opened at Whitby. The Directors have purchased the finest private residence in the Dominion, with the beautiful grounds attached, and are vigorously preparing for offering the very best facilities for higher female education. Other Churches are also moving in the same direction. The effects of a generation of highly educated wives and mothers on the elevation of society will be incalculable.

Conference Gittings.

The following is an extract from the racy correspondence of the Editor of the *Provincial Wesleyan*.

To-day (Wednesday) we are in the first stages of General Conference proceedings. There is a marked difference, one sees immediately, between this and ordinary Conferences. An ex-Governor elevated to the Chair, *pro tem*! Lawyers, leading merchants, mechanics, bankers, farmers,—here they are in scores, mixed with most thoughtful disregard of all proprieties of time, and bringing their strength of intellect to bear on the affairs of our Church. It seems but as yesterday that we gave notice of motion in a Charlottetown Conference for opening the doors of our Annual Conference to the public. That resolution actually lay on the table for six years, so fearful were we of losing its object by any attempt at bringing its principle into discussion. And now, here we are with laymen swarming into our Conference like June bees into a choice garden! Thank God, there is no mistaking the ability of our lay delegates. From the commencement they move than justified the opinions of those who legislated to admit the laity into this chief council of our Church. Our own ex-Governor Wilmot, Dr. Allison, Hon. S. L. Shannon, and others took high ground immediately as wise and eloquent men. It was specially refreshing to hear Mr. Wilmot rasping of the sharp edges of old torism, as it quibbled and haggled over technicalities, to the serious loss of good men's time and temper. Dr. Ryerson's speech on taking the chair was very graceful; but in the absence of that, executive experience which gives a Chairman authoritative

strength, he will require one or two veteran High Sheriffs to hold the assembly well in awe. The first day was spent in clearing away masses of such confessional underbrush as usually confronts all pioneers. After this we have every hope, there will be every facility for forwarding the important business of the Conference.

The Crisis of Souls.

Often when travelling among the Alps, one sees a small black cross planted upon a rock, or on the brink of a torrent, or on the verge of the highway, to mark the spot where men have met with sudden death by accident. Solemn reminders, these, of our mortality! But they led our minds still further; for we said within us, if the places where men seal themselves for the second death could be thus manifestly indicated, what a scene would this world present! Here the memorial of a soul undone by yielding to a foul temptation, there a conscience seared by the rejection of a final warning, and yonder a heart forever turned into stone by resisting the last tender appeal of love. Our places of worship would scarce hold the sorrowful monuments which might be erected over spirits whose spirits were forever lost—spirits that date their ruin from sinning against the gospel while under the sound of it.—*Spurgeon*.

The Couriers of the Czar.

The Russian couriers, or pony expressmen, or mail-carriers, as you may choose to call them, travel neither on foot nor on horseback. You will find that in this matter, as in almost every custom and habit of every people, nature compels man to alter his arrangements to suit her conditions. In Tartary they have fine horses, great wide deserts, and splendid roads, and naturally, the couriers there are mounted; in England, where the roads are bad, running through bogs and marches, the old couriers were footmen; in Russia, where snow lies on the ground nearly the whole year, sleighs are used by the couriers. The "Couriers of the Czar," as the mail carriers are called, travel with great rapidity. Fresh horses and drivers are ready at stations every twenty miles apart; but the couriers themselves sleep in the sleigh, and travel from one end of the mail route to the other. Special messengers of the Czar, on public business, travel by the same routes, and with even greater rapidity than the mail carriers. During the Crimean war there occurred an incident illustrating the severity of this service. The Russian general, Prince Mentchikoff who defended Sebastopol, had occasion during the siege of that city, to send an important message to the Czar at St. Petersburg; and ordered a faithful officer to be his messenger, giving him directions not to halt or delay until he stood before the Czar, and above all, not to lose sight of the precious message which he bore. Away went the officer in a sleigh belonging to the Czar's couriers. At the end of each twenty miles, he found fresh horses awaiting him; these were quickly harnessed to his sleigh, in place of the weary animals, and the servants and stable-men would cry out:

"Your Excellency, the horses are ready!"

"Away then!" the officer would say to the driver; and off he would go again at the most rapid pace at which the horses were capable. Riding in this way for several days and nights, suffering with cold, and pursued by wolves in the forests, the officer, weary with watching his despatches day and night, at length reached the palace of the Czar, and was immediately ushered into his presence. He had no sooner handed the Emperor the letter of the general than the messenger sank into a chair and fell fast asleep in the royal presence,—an offence which, in some ages, would have been punishable with instant death. When he had finished reading the despatch, the Czar wished to ask the officer a question, but found he could not awaken him. The attendants called to him, touched and shook him, all in vain; and at last one declared the poor fellow was dead. The Czar was much grieved thereat, and went to the officer and examined his pulse, put his ear down to his side, and declared he could hear his heart thumping. He was only asleep. But he soon found the exhausted officer could not be roused by the usual means. At length the Czar, stooping down, cried in his ears:

"Your Excellency, the horses are ready!"

At the sound of these words, which he had heard every twenty miles of his journey, and the only ones which he had listened to for days, the faithful officer sprang to his feet and cried:

"Away then!"

Instead of drivers and horses, he found the Czar before him, laughing heartily at his confusion and dismay. You may be sure his offence was forgotten; instead of being punished for sleeping when his work was done, the officer was rewarded for his faithfulness.—*St. Nicholas*.

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