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The British Conference.

PREPARATORY COMMITTEES. An interesting letter from our attentive English Correspondent, in this day's issue, will acquaint our readers with the most important transactions in the first few days of the British Conference.

Our correspondent alludes to the satisfactory character of the Preparatory Committees. The Reports of these as furnished to the Watchmen are this year more than usually voluminous.

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On re-assembling in the evening, we proceeded to the opening business of electing our President. As might have been expected, there was a very full Conference. Though it was well-known that the choice of the Brethren would most probably fall upon the Rev. John Bunting, the doors of the hall were thronged with an excitement in relation to another gentleman, who will certainly secure the suffrages of the Conference ere long.

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Letter from England.

The one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in England, was celebrated on Wednesday morning, the 18th inst. The various Committees of a preparatory character were held during the previous week, and their proceedings were characterized by that unanimity and heart which distinguish all associations between the Ministers and Laymen of our glorious system.

On entering the Chapel on Wednesday morning the very first object which struck the eye was the pulpit, with its heavy drapery of black, solemnly reminding us that a great man had fallen amongst us. It is not possible for me to describe the influence which that admonitory pulpit exerts, and yet, with all that is solemn about it, there is an element of triumph—for standing there in the midst of business and debate, it reminds us that while God buries His workmen, He carries on His work.

The Conference platform exhibits some painful changes. From the benches of the Ex-Presidents, the venerable George Marsden has disappeared, and from the seats assigned to the representatives of the Conference by the President, West has disappeared. Dr. Cook, Mr. West, the Ex-President, on taking the Presidential Chair for the last time, looked somewhat worn by the anxieties of his office year. The opening hymn, which he gave out with great pathos, was most appropriate.

After prayer by the Rev. Samuel Jackson and James Methley, and after the usual greetings of the Brethren who had not met for twelve months, and some for as many years, the Conference proceeded to fill up the vacancies in the Legal Hundred. In consequence of death and superannuation, according to the rule, ten of these were chosen by seniority, and three by nomination, for special services. Five or six names were proposed by some of the older members of the Conference, but the lot fell upon the Rev. John Bedford, who had discharged the arduous duties of Sub-Secretary for many years, with great ability; the Rev. Dr. Rile, well-known to fame, and the Rev. Joseph Hargreaves, an industrious and hard-working member of the Conference.

In consequence of the large number of vacancies to be filled up, the Conference could not proceed to the election of its President before the Annual Prayer Meeting. As the clock struck twelve, the doors of the hall were opened, and in rushed a panting and palpitating crowd, which had been waiting eagerly outside for nearly an hour. Very blank were the looks of many as they glanced at the Chair, and discovered that they had been not down by public sentiment. The Report also referred to the fact, that it had been resolved, by Parliament, not to open the British Museum and similar institutions on a Sunday.

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For raising up so many promising labourers for his vineyard. The business of confirming or rejecting the recommendations of the duly constituted committees is not beyond the power of the Conference.

The Reports of the Preparatory Committees indicate that the affairs of the Conference are now in a most satisfactory state. The property of our Educational Institutions is in a most flourishing condition, and the Normal College at Westminster, whose arrangements have called forth the highest eulogies of the Government, will not suffice for the exigencies of our educational system.

Further particulars will be sent by the next mail.

Can India be Converted?

Why should the eyes of the world be turned to India at this moment with so deep an interest? Is it not that the great projected gate we may learn that her condition is such as to warrant us in the attempt to save her population from ruin? Certainly, if Divine Providence ever pointed out to the world a field for the Gospel, India should there be no effort made in the endeavor to advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, unless there be an unmistakable command, given in an audible tone.

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