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TRAVELLING AGENTS

are not less noteworthy than the demands for superintendents. The Discipline appoints that Chairmen shall travel through their Districts, Presidents, through their Conferences, yet in addition to this army of itinerant superintendents, Dr. S. would add a yet higher class who shall travel at large.

American Methodism has a grand record, but it is not without its defects. In contrast with our church it has failed to gather strength in the great cities of the land, and to develop a powerful pastorate, adequate to hold their own with competing forces, and why?

In the judgment of some, because the espionage is altogether too great to develop the highest elements of strength and independence for the full measure of pastoral power; indeed, it has become proverbial that the best men retire into the chairs of professors, the presidencies of colleges, the sanctums of editors and almost anything to escape a system of superintendency, that is humiliating if not grievous to men of advancing years.

IMPOSSIBLE TO DEFINE THE VOCATION

of this episcopal office, and the more profoundly this is examined the more manifest does it appear. He cannot appoint either minister or chairman. His presence in the chair of any Conference supersedes the man who has been duly elected, and has the confidence of his Conference.

VITAL TO THE WEAL OF THE CHURCH

is with a President thus elected and through a council in which the lay and clerical element are equal. This affords a security to our laity far beyond that which is to be found alone in any clerical dignitary, however elected. For the settlement of all questions relative to law which arise in the Conferences the President summons the Court of Appeal; presents the case which arises; and the decisions on which are final.

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he has no vocation but as "the chairman of a few committees." It is unfortunate for our author that the chief office of the Church applies equally to the heads of all constitutional departments. Manifestly his ideal of government is autocracy.

EGYPT.

Arrangements for concerted action between England and Turkey in Egypt still are unsettled. Sir Garnet Wolsley has arrived in Egypt. The world feels assured that the immediate future is fraught with important events. England is now fully prepared and resolved to settle this matter without aid from any quarter.

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Tract for the Times, imperfect because of the limitations which a newspaper article necessarily imposes, we can only reiterate our conviction that persistently to depreciate and seek radically to change and revolutionize a system of church polity, approved by our people and under which our mission has grown up, is an experiment too gigantic and perilous to be undertaken, especially when such a change is considered unnecessary.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

The next session of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada will begin in the Centenary Church in the City of Hamilton, Ont., on Wednesday, the sixth day of September next, at nine o'clock, A. M. GEORGE DOUGLAS, President. A. SUTHERLAND, Secretary. July 13th, 1882.

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co-operated for the success of the services. The highly encouraging outlook presented at this meeting, as regards the continued success of the Berwick Camp Meeting effort, is a rebuke to any sceptical or faint-hearted ones, who were disposed to regard its continuance with distrust, if not with indifference. The prospect now is brighter than it has ever been, and by next year we hope to see the grounds nicely graded, and a substantial fence placed around the whole encampment.

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It is said that 16,000 men are now employed in railroad construction in Florida. No trace has been found of the bodies of Hughes and Chisholm, supposed to be drowned at Parrisboro. Ali Ban Khofia, Chief of the Tunisian insurgents with 20,000 Tunisians is encamped near that city. At a mass meeting in Durban a resolution solemnly protesting against the restoration of Ceteaway was almost unanimously adopted. The hospital arrangements are so complete that if a fourth of the British troops in Egypt should be invalided there would be ample medical accommodation for them. In the year ending in April last, it is recorded 3,006 vessels, aggregating 4,257,000 tons, passed through the Suez Canal, of which 2,484, of 3,312,000 tons, were British. There is a petroleum pipe line in the oil region of the Caucasus Mountains, 105 miles long, that delivers every day not less than 1,000,000 pounds of petroleum. Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer goes to Canada this month to take part in the struggle to secure the Scott Act in the western part of the Province of Ontario. One of the most healthful signs of the times is the fact that the savings banks of New York city report an increase of eight million dollars in deposits during the last six months. It is stated that the disclosures of the Nihilist Kyriloff, if they do not implicate the Grand Duke Constantine, convict his son Nicolai, a cousin of the present Emperor, of conspiracies against the throne. A despatch from Jamaica says, Westgate, the self-confessed assassin of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke, in Dublin, has arrived there, and the evidence implicating him with the crime is strong. Agricultural distress is assuming large proportions in Andalusia, Spain, in consequence of the poor harvest and want of labor. There are frequent collisions between the peasantry and police. Mr. Alvan Clark, of Cambridge, the great telescope manufacturer, says Americans are too nervous to do the minute and exact work required in his establishment, such as dividing a circle of metal into 440 parts. All but one of his workmen are foreigners. And now Greece is reported to be arming. An Athens despatch says a commission has been appointed to proceed to England to make a contract for the construction of several powerful war vessels, costing forty millions of drachmas, (\$6,800,000). Advices from Chili state that several skirmishes occurred between Chilians and Peruvians, in all of which the former were victorious, except in one instance where 75 Chilians were attacked by 2,000 Peruvians, and refusing to surrender, all perished. The "Times" concluding review of the work of Parliament says: "The Government do not now present the strength they showed two years ago, but Mr. Gladstone's energy and spirit are apparently unabated, either by reverses or by defections." A meeting of Bonapartists was held recently, attended by 4,000 persons. Resolutions were passed favoring the placing of Prince Victor Napoleon upon the throne of France. M. de Cassagnac declared that the Imperialists were ready for power and meant to take it. A despatch from Geneva says: "Dr. Gobat, an Englishman, left Zurich on Friday last with two guides to ascend the Dent Blanche. All three were found dead on Sunday, having fallen from a precipice. This is the fourth accident of a similar character that has occurred in the Alps this season." Messrs. Church and Gayton have been elected by acclamation for Lunenburg and Yarmouth, respectively. There is to be a contest in Antigonish and Cape Breton. Messrs. Gregory and Widdien, are the candidates in the former field, and Messrs. Chisholm and White, in the latter. Private telegrams say that the troubles in Corea have culminated in a general insurrection and that the King and Queen have been assassinated. The Japanese legation was attacked by natives belonging to a foreign party. A Japanese man-of-war has been despatched to Seoul River. The population of Russia has, according to the latest census, increased by 14 1/2 millions within the last twelve years. It is now 75,067,788 for Russia in Europe, 7,219,077 for Poland, Restoration is demanded as an act of justice, and the list of property referred to contains some which is now of great value. A cable dispatch from London, Eng., to The Globe says: Another Canadian enterprise has been launched upon the market here. To-day the Canadian Fresh Meat Importation Company issued its prospectus. The company has been formed for the purpose of placing cheap and wholesome meat at the command of all classes. The capital stock of the company is £50,000, in shares of £1 each.

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