

THE UNION SCHEME BEFORE THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

It will be gathered from our summary of English news that the question presented by the Conference of Canada and E. B. America to the British Conference, in regard to Union, has been assented to without a murmur.

THE PRIVILEGE OF WRITING.—On assuming the management of the PROVINCE WESLEYAN, we requested the co-operation of our ministers in filling its columns from week to week.

We take it for granted that every intelligent Christian wishes to be useful. This paper is read every week by at least eight or ten thousand persons, and the opportunity afforded of reaching through its pages human minds and hearts through its pages is more extensive than any Pastor possesses in connection with his people.

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A BATTLE OF GIANTS.—Dr. Curry of the New York Advocate is waging war with Beecher. At a meeting of the New York Preachers, Dr. explained the decline of true religion in that vicinity as being the result of a kind of preaching which he called "emasculated Christianity."

Very natural is this conflict of great men. Possessed of fine talents and wielding potent influence,—each in his sphere—are quite dissimilar in those characteristics which place public men in the first rank. Dr. Curry is a born editor. Conducted with signal ability as are all the Advocates, that of New York is the Christian Advocate, par excellence, simply from the force of Dr. Curry's genius and the thoroughness with which the entire paper is managed.

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Of the five conference students four have been sent to circuit work and one returned to the Institution. Immediately upon his return from England, where, in association with Dr. Pickard, he represents our body at the British Conference, and in part by scheme of Union, our Professor of Theology will enter upon his work for another year.

WESTVILLE, STELLARTON CIRCUIT.—The Ladies of the Westville Congregation held a Tea meeting on the 20th inst., in aid of the Rev. Wm. Arthur, their pastor. The day, though dark, was not unfavorable. The friends gathered in respectable numbers and the whole affair passed off most pleasantly.

It may not be amiss to add that when in Halifax soliciting a little assistance, a friend, a subscriber to a large amount, upon looking and noticing a subscription of fifty dollars which has been lost to us by the Drummond Colliery Explosion, offered to give twenty five if some other friend would also give twenty five. I regret to say that yet, no one has been found to take up the offer.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—I am glad after the bustle of removing and of settling in a new locality is over, to have leisure to talk to your readers about matters and things in and with us. I write in harvest time; and with us the crops are more than usually good. Wheat, both spring and fall is in the barn; barley, too; and this week will see the greater proportion of the oats garnered.

OUR THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION. The Secretary of the Theological Institution Committee was directed by Conference to prepare for the PROVINCE WESLEYAN a Summary of the reports submitted to the Committee at its late Session in Fredericton. He regrets that, and the confusion of moving to a new Circuit, and the demands upon the time and attention of a Minister during the first weeks of his settlement among a new people, he has been almost forgotten. But, as in regard to those who generally come late to his week-night services, so respecting this, he believes that it is "better late than never."

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT. WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE, NEWCASTLE CROSS-TYNS, Aug. 4th, 1873. MY DEAR BROTHER,—There is not much for me to add to my former communication. Our affairs were put into the hands of a large and most respectable Committee, before which we had the honour to appear. Before their report has not been presented, still we have the assurance given us that no hindrance will be thrown in the way of our union with the Canadian Conference. The financial details, which will, in all probability, be generally arranged. More we cannot say for a day or two,—though we do hope that being furnished with the official decision on this point, we shall be able to leave Newcastle by the end of this week. It will require our industries plodding to complete all that we have in hand, so that we may leave Liverpool on the 26th of this month. And this is our purpose.

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London and Bradford Districts, it stretches out on the Lake Erie,—and is united by the iron bonds of two new railroads. Dr. Evans is our Chairman, he lives a very sequestered life, at the Mount Elgin Industrial Institution. An institution in part sustained by Government, and in part by the Missionary Society, at which forty Indian youths are instructed in the arts of civilized life, and receive a good English education. We called upon the Doctor and were disappointed to find that there was neither village nor Indian home in sight. Nothing save the skirting woods, the meandering Thames, the park-like lawn, and acres upon acres of waving crops. The Institution owes 250 acres of land, and employs a teacher, a farmer, a carpenter, a shoemaker, besides several females. I could not but think that the change from city life to so secluded a locality must be a severe trial to the venerable doctor. He had just experienced a very unpleasant incident on his way to Toronto. Some rough had by some means injured his horse when leaving the cars, succeeded in abstracting about \$100 from his pocket, and escaped detection; rather a heavy loss for a Methodist preacher. I am glad to see that some of our noble laymen have started a subscription to make up the loss, and Bro. Rose has volunteered to be treasurer—I hope he will not finally be a loser. It may not be uninteresting to your ministerial language, to know how the salaries in the London District compare with their own. London first, gave its pastor \$1100; London second, \$1,000; Ingersoll, \$10,70; St. Thomas, \$990. London circuits gave \$700 and \$800 respectively. Exeter, \$615; Belton, \$635. The smallest salary given to a married man was \$508. The average for the District was \$738. Besides these amounts, each brother received \$26.00 for each child, and the District is generally supplied with parsonages. Those in the city and at Aylmer are very superior, and worth from \$3 to \$4,000. There is a want of uniformity about parsonages, which causes much inconvenience. The salaries are I believe uniformly paid in cash. There were few deficiencies. I think the heaviest was \$45.00. I have quoted the amounts received,—and all include a free house.

OUR ANNUAL MINUTES are this year as regular as usual with statistical and other information, and considerably more bulky in size. In the year 1872, the number of districts of 1872, have increased to 31, the last of which is Japan,—with Yokohama as its only Circuit named. A French District under Bro. Burland indicates a deeper interest in that important field of missionary work. Red River District begins to look respectable in size, with 8 circuits and 10 missionaries, it embraces the new Province of Manitoba, and British Columbia boasts now of 9 Circuits, and 9 missionaries. The whole number of Circuits and missions has increased to 477 from 416, and the number of preaching appointments is 1,914, and 969 Sunday Schools, and upwards of 70,000 scholars. The present membership is 70,684; an increase of 1,087 members. The amount raised for the year was \$2,657. Contingent Fund, \$5,426; for Education of Candidates, \$2,883; for superannuation, \$11,848; and for missions, \$103,323. The banner missionary District is Toronto, which raised \$12,246. Ontario raised \$11,207, and Hamilton, with 7,900. Contingent Fund, this fund is \$14,583 in the year, surely a noble voucher for the spirit with which our friends intend to sustain our new foreign Secretary.

THE REV. CHARLES CHINQUIY in accordance with the resolution of Synod authorizing him to visit as many of the congregations of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces as he could overtake, visited the congregation of Antigonish on the 10th of July, and lectured in the Church in the evening. His audience consisted of Roman Catholics and members of the congregation. For a little while the Meeting was orderly, but after Mr. Chinquiy had spoken for some time, a number of the Roman Catholics went out of the church, and soon returned accompanied by others, and continued going out and coming in, always in larger numbers until the close of the services. During the evening an excited crowd of laymen appeared in front of the Church, the lobby, and doorway, and ultimately took forcible possession of the building. They interrupted the speaker by continual noise, frequently shouting "you lie, you lie," and by raising the alarm of fire, and ringing the bells, and school-bells, in which way they attempted wholly to break up the meeting. The violence of the crowd was such that the door of the Church was wrenched from its hinges, and the iron bar from the gate. The meeting however continued until all after 10 o'clock, P. M. The audience was then dismissed, but Messrs. Chinquiy and Goodfellow, with a few others, remained in the Church nearly half an hour longer, waiting for the crowd to disperse. But instead of doing so they still continued to press to the porch and about the entrance. Mr. Goodfellow being informed that they intended violence, went out and urged them to separate. They refused to do so. On Messrs. Chinquiy, Goodfellow, and those with them leaving the church soon after, they were met by a crowd of two or three hundred persons, consisting chiefly, not of

THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE. We have the Hutchinson and Recorder only down to the 5th inst. But by the kindness of our Delegates, the *Wesleyan Chronicle*, furnishing a condensed summary of the proceedings, comes as late as the 3th. We furnish our readers with the best digest available from all these sources.—The *Chronicle* says:— We are all proud to make Wiseman the president of the Conference. Dr. Nelles, and also the representatives of the Eastern British American Conference, Dr. Stewart and Dr. Pickard, who took part in the proceedings, and who are fully with us and separately with us in the conduct of the meeting, had been arrived at in roomed to the adoption of the Conference. After a long consultation we arrived substantially at certain results, and requested Mr. Bedford to be kind enough to put those results into a written form, which he has done in the most judicious manner, and also by his four brethren who have acted as his secretaries. (Hear, hear.) I beg to state, before reading this document that it has been carefully read through by every member of the Committee individually and separately, and also by the four brethren who have acted as his secretaries from the other side of the water; that it comes before you with the full and perfect concurrence of all the parties concerned.—The Ex-President concluded by presenting the report of the Committee, and the report of the Secretary, which he read in connection with the articles of union; and he moved that the report be received.

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The sun has set resplendent in the west. We saw her crimson face glow with light; Her soul has reached the heavenly rest.

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"Bless you," I said, "I've got one little angel to love me anyhow." Then I got up to go, and I opened the door she stood there with the wind blowing her hair about, and as I stepped to kiss her the candle was puffed out, and I felt her little hands around me.

It happened that night, Sir—that very night I knew something would be wrong. I had a lot of work to do, and I didn't think of going to bed.

They tell me that I was four days before I began to come to myself. The first thing that came into my mind was that I was in a dark place, and I was all alone.

CHAPTER III. HIS WIFE BETTY.

It was weeks ago I got well enough to be about again. The house had got pretty well stripped of what was in it—and that wasn't much—long before I could think about trying to pick up a bit of a living.

And I've veered and worried her many a time, (and Uncle John sighed), and she'd bear it all as patient as angel. She wouldn't say a word of scolding for days 'n' days (here Uncle John smiled).

CHAPTER IV. THE DRUNKEN FIDDLER.

Well, as I said, I began to cast about for a living, and I couldn't think of anything but to fiddle. You know, Sir, I dearly love music.

The Farm.

A FIVE ACRE FARM.

What a difference there is in men, and certainly what a difference in farmers. The country Gentleman answers the question, "What can a man do with five acres of land?"

COLONS ON HORSES' FEET.

Corns are not a disease, but result from injuries to the sole of the foot. When the sole is pierced, a blow from a stone which strikes it injures the sensitive portion of the foot which should be protected by the sole, and an effusion of blood or serum occurs, which presses upon the bruised part and causes lameness.

Another sign up till thirteen or fourteen o'clock, leads a life of eases and other disquietudes, becomes pale, dyspeptic, and wretched, and then flies to the doctor, and cries, "Oh, doctor, what shall I take?"

It is regularity that does the business. To sit up till twelve o'clock, three nights in a row, and then get to bed at nine o'clock four nights, one might think that would be very well, and that at any rate it would be "so far so good."

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OVER THE WAY.

I've been living close beside them Day by day; I can hear their voices and busy feet, For it is but a narrow width of street.

Not even their names do I know, I never met them; But hearts like mine are beating there, And the hours bear freight of joy or care.

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