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The following poem, from the German was pubished at the request of several persons who heard it read at the conclusion of one of the Boston Theatre lectures:

> Pain's furnace heat within me quivers. God's breath upon the flame doth blow And all my heart in anguish shivers, And trembles at the fiery glow; And yet I whisper, As God will ! And in his hottest fire hold still.

He comes and lays my heart, all heated, On the hard anvil, minded so Into his own fair shape to beat it With his great hammer, blow on blow: And yet I whisper, As God will And at his heaviest blows hold still.

He takes my softened heart and beats it. The sparks fly off at every blow; He turns it o'er and o'er and heats it, And lets it cool and makes it glow; And yet I whisper, As God will; And in his mighty hand hold still.

Why should I murmur? for the sorrow, Thus only longer lived would be; Its end may come, and will, to-morrow, When God has done his work in me; So I say, trusting, As God will! And, trusting to the end, hold still.

He kindles for my profit purely Affliction's glowing fiery brand, And all his heaviest blows are surely Inflicted by a master hand; So I said praying, As God will! And hope in Him, and suffer still.

SERMON BY REV. GERVASE SMITH, M.A.

by the prophets, that shath spoken in these last days unto us by his Son." Now, all this is an apt and striking illustration of the pro-

ed; and as if to intensify the fulfilled pro-

heathenism, and the victory will be Jesus with Christianity are to be destroyed, then it that one of England's professedly Christian Christ's. The spirituality of the Gospel is a follows that Christianity must remain. It is poets had said that "carnage is God's Methodism so early as his fourteenth year. guarantee of its final and glorious success. a system founded on fact. The New Testa. daughter." It is blasphemy. God never He filled the offices of leader and local There are three things in this text to which I ment is a record of the most marvellous ask your devout and prayerful attention. doings found in any history in the world. smiles over slaughter. His kingdom is a kingdom of peace, and shame on the man preacher in his native land for several years 1. There are certain things that shall be Look at its chief personage. His miraculous who lays down the worst passions of depraved before his emigration to this country, to shaken. 2. There are certain things that career, heaven, and earth, and hell all humanity at the shrine of Christianity. The which he came with his father's family in shall remain. 3. The contest will establish for ever the great principles and truths of re"Lord over all." And when His mission was doubt. We all remember how, in the life 1847. In June, 1848, he was recommended velation. New, what are the things which fulfilled, He died, not as a malfactor nor as of Martin Luther, it is said that when his to the Conference, and received on trial for are to be shaken? To shake sometimes means a martyr, but as an atonement for the sins of to remove out of the way, and sometimes to human kind. And when His plans and pur. -the 46th Psalm. So let us sing along life's overturn and utterly destroy. There can be poses demanded His presence and service in journey, "God is our refuge and strength, a out interruption to this day. Being healthy, no question that the primary meaning of the the Upper Sanctuary, where "He ever lives present help in time of trouble." text is to the removing, the superseding of Judaism; and we would not speak lightly of His followers as He commissioned them to that grand old system that fills so large a carry His gospel to the ends of the earth. hour, closed his able and eloquent sermon to get through a large amount of work for space in the history of the past, and that was And when the time for the restitution of all with a faithful application to every Christian the advancement of the cause. He has space in the history of the past, and that was And when the time for the resultation of all to gird on afresh his armor, and to battle laboured on a few first-class circuits, and a ings towards his own, his ancient people. second time without sin unto salvation, and manfully for Christ and for truth. Judaism was founded by God. Her temple, will forever establish and perfect his peo-"exceedingly magnificent," had for its archiple. All these facts are included in, and tect the builder and maker of all things; her go toward making up, the Christian dispensaritual was inspired by the afflatus of the Holy tion. Christianity is a great fact—the great. Ghost; her altars and her sacrifices were est fact ever known. Its work is the en time came, God kept the Jews that he might you, but Christ which liveth in you." The

It was never meant to retain it. It had ful- rated? It began the day of Pentecost. The filled its mission, such as it was, to men. It facts of the birthday of Christianity are given lingered out its short time, and then the sun to us with inimitable simplicity in the 2nd of righteousness arose with healing in its chapter of the Acts of the Aposiles. It came wings, to bless not a nation only, but the down from heaven, like a rushing mighty wide world. Phere was not the adaptation in wind; in fire; in the gift of tongue; in it to meet the wants and woes of mankind. miracles. The Holy Ghost inaugurated that It had no great missionary character or work. day—a day when signs and wonders were It never felt, or if it did, it never acted under wrought in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. the conviction, that it held a message of And this was the fulfilment of the prophecy mercy for the human race. If any poor of Joel. We are in danger of forgetting that vagrant wandered across the boundaries the gift of the Pentecost was not local or tem which severed Judea from the idolatrous porary. It was for all men, and for all time to nations, he might go and carry away all the come. We cannot do without it. Through resided some years in the United States good he could get. But he had to go for it | sin this world of ours has become dry, bar-O, brethren, if Judaism were the religion of ren, unfruitful and dead; and at the Pente our race, I doubt whether your wide spread cost the heavens were opened, and the floods lands would have ever felt or ever shared the of prophecy came down on the infant Church as his alma mater in theology. His educa light and liberty which bring salvation, and and on the assembled thousands. It was on in which you so largely rejoice. Judaism had the morning of that memorable day that God no text under which she might "go out into poured out his spirit on the thirsty und bar- Common Schools of that day afforded, joined all the world and preach the Gospel to every ren soil of the moral world, refreshing, recreature." She had no foreign missionary newing, sanctifying, and converting multiwork. God came to "shake," to remove the tudes. "And the showers of blessing" ducted for many years by John Boys, Esq. system. The urim and the thumim were have been falling on men ever since. Many His parents were Wesleyans, but marrying lost; the altars were pulled down; the offer. | a land has been made a sharer of this bivine ings ceased; the fire was put out; the ritual. | gift; and the wilderness and the solitary ism was abrogated; the priestnood disband- place have become as the garden of the Lord. body, he entered the ministry of the Primi phecy, the temple itself fell a pile of utter earth is renewed in righteousness. O! living. ruin! Then the regular line of Kinghood living water, come and fall on us every one was lost—a fact the most marvellous and un. The teachings of Jesus—we speak it reveraccountable in human history-lost to the ently-do not constitute the entirety of our Jew, but devolving on Him whom the Jew re. Christianity, nor does the coming of the jected and crucified. Christ centred in him. Spirit alone constitute Christianity, but both | Weslevan Conference in 1852. His circuits self the royal line, on both Joseph's and of them together form our grand system in Mary's side, of sovereignty over the house of God's soul-saving economy. Brethren, we David. He had the most indubitable evi have the Divine Word, and we are shut up cutive order, Dumfries, Aylmer, Sarnia. St dences of his right to the Jewish throne. to absolute dependence on the light and life Thomas, Napanee, Whithy, Mount Elgin The day had come when the Lord made a and power of the Holy Spirit for whatever new covenant with his people. That day success may attend our doings. God emwas brought to earth by Christ. God gave ployed other means and agencies in earlier and Sarnia stations, in the last of which he Judaism and God took it away again. The ages, for the furtherance of His cause, but first covenant He annulled, and now He now, it is "not by might nor by power, but makes an everlasting covenant with the by my spirit saith the Lord," that the battle his business energy, with the blessing of house of David. My brethren, this is only part of the meaning of the text. There are other things that have been taken the substitute of the meaning of the text. There are other things that have been taken to be a substitute of the urim and the thurming that have been taken to be a substitute of the away, and there are things that are yet are both gone; we have no longer prophets church property. He has been, during the among us whose hearts and lips are touched last six years chairman of two separate dissociety are full of import in reference to with the afflatus of the Holy Ghost; the The following discourse was preached by the future; and what the future may develop is probably beyond the conception of the most profound thinker of the times. When the Kev. Gervase Smith, delegate from the English Conference, on Sunday morning, the 20th instant, in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto:

His text was Hebrews xii. 27, "And this word yet once more signified the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are shaken, as of things that cannot be shaken may remain." In the right interior of the more prominent prophecies shall have their literal and minute accomplishment, we thank they very far transcend the domain which legitimately belongs to the finite and the human. That great and stirring events are on the eve of being unfolded, the most protection of the text you will bear in mind the fact that the design is to exhibit the state of the times are pregnant with the unrelated the state of the times are pregnant with the unrelated to an enterprising mind; secondly, as he day German purposes; and what are sacraments or services without "the sign of the times are on the eve of being unfolded, the most protound thinker of the times. When men attempt to fix the dates at which some of the times in our midst to give divine direction to our plans and purposes; and what are sacraments or services without "the sign of the times are on the eve of being unfolded, the most protound thinker of the times. When men attempt to fix the dates at which some direction to our plans and purposes; and what are sacraments or services without "the sign of the straining after some movel aspect of Christianity in our day.

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Methodsm, which affords such and therefore wears well. As an target the shear of the shear of the shear of the shear of the times in t pretation of the text yeu will bear in mind the fact that the design is to exhibit the superiority of the present over the preceding dispensation. In doctrine the Christian system is sublime in its simplicity; and in character, the virtues and graces which its followers exhibit embrace all that is pure and in the earth. It is said that we are nearing a grand crisis—that the axles of progress are lovely and commendable. "For ye are not lovely and commendable. "For ye are not lovely and commendable as the whoele of time are lovely and commendable." For ye are not lovely and commendable as the whoele of time are lovely and commendable. "For ye are not lovely and commendable as the whoele of time are lovely and commendable." It is pure and lovely and commendable as the whoele of time are lovely and commendable. "For ye are not lovely and commendable as the whoele of time are lovely and commendable as the whoele of time are lovely and commendable." The whoele of time are lovely and commendable are the whoele of time are lovely and commendable are lovely and commendable. The whoele of time are lovely and commendable are lovely are lovely and commendable are lovely come unto the Mount that cannot be touch. Soon purpose, we will not say. None could have whether ye be converted Jews or nearing the terminus. If so, so much the of its spiritual character. All material things converted Gentiles, "ye are come unto more important that we should make the converted Gentiles, be are come unto more important that we should make the are undergoing transmutation. The stern after his conversion, he was appointed class-promised worse than he did at that time, Mount Zion and unto the city of the living God." Ye are already come to this Mount

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Mount Zion and unto the city of the living Mount Zion and unto the city of the living God." Ye are already come to this Mount—ye are there now! My brethren, what are to be shaken refer as well to imperfect as they do to impure forms of contrast between the two dispensations. And what a lesson of warning there is to us in the contrast, and the higher privileges which it brings to us! "For if they assended not who."

Let us gird on the armour of righteousness, and do battle for the Lord! But the things and to be the same and conditions of the same are evermore varying; but this divine system has God in the and death; earthly governments are evermore varying; but this divine system has God in the and the Hold. He can the local season of Artenesia Circuit. He holds at the present time the three important offices of Class-leader, Local Preacher. In 1862, he was appointed Refrom home on foot, with the death; and the Ho contrast, and the higher privileges which it brings to us! "For if they escaped not who brings to us! "For if they escaped not who assumptions and corruptions of the Papacy—

The young and the old, the rich and the siderable talent, has indomitable zeal and learning than in his trade—by rising before contrast, and the higher privileges which it brings to us! "For if they escaped not who refused Him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven." But the voice to which the world is now called to listen. the world heard before. It is the same listen. the world heard before. It is the same listen the world heard before and the prophet of Mecca; the poor, the cultured and the old, the rich and the poor, the cultured and the unlettered, each and all find "a sovereign balm for every fear." It is equally adapted to nations as it is to individuals. The Anglo Saxon and the African may all surprised that his health broke down; yet, "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the Fathers of the former days. It is now a rival of revelation. That bloody jubilee of share, as some of them have done, its en '80 transformed a lovely country into a deso-nobling influences. There is one sure resting Chairman of the Owen Sound Wesleyan lation. It was then that she termed death ground in Christianity for the believer. "an eternal sleep," and baptized the coun-Here is the rock, and who can remove District, is a native of the North of Ireland,

The shower will continue to fall, until the tive Methodists in 1847, in which he was

going on—the battle between the everlasting truth of the Gospel and the old dogmas of the things that cannot be shaken, what truth of the Gospel and the old dogmas of the Gospel and the old dogmas of the Gospel and the old dogmas of the Greater is He that is against us." He grieved to think that is against us. The grieved to think that is against us.

The Successful Preacher.

divinely appointed; even the gorgeous robes nobling and sanctifying and glorifying of would have a great congregation. His the while. As a preacher he is able, perin which her sacerdotal servants were clad, mankind. It must remain, therefore, as long heart should be as capacious as those noble suasive, and wears well. No purer man oc-All about and all in Judaism bore the impress of its divine original. But it was not It is not merely acreed, it is a life - a living room for a fleet. When a man has a large, to continue for ever. It had a work to do, apiritual power. That block of marble so and then it was to pass away. God kept the exquisitely modelled and chiseled by the Jews and their religious system in the earth, sculptor, and so minutely life like, is cold, haven, and feel at peace when they have Of Plattsville, Ont. His patronymic of an 1870, he returned to Canada, graduated, and until in his own appointed time he would in- dead, there is no life in it, you may touch it, anchored under the lee of his friendship, ancient New England family, variously took up the threads of his ministerial work, troduce the grander, and simpler, and more spuritual dispensation of the Gospel. Christin reference to experimental religion; it is a such a man is hearty in private as well as spelled, long ago from Old England, and his and among the Germans. His first charge tianity was to have a magnificent introductivity with a tiving principle. It is "Christian name smacks of Puritanism. His was Preston: his present is Hamilton. In tion to the earth. But until the fulness of the hope of glory;" and "you live, yet not he is warm as your own fireside. No pride ancestors in Canada were U. E. Royalists, he 1872, he started the Evangelist, at his own retain in the earth one little living witness religion of the New Testament is never of and selfishness chill you when you approach himself being born near Brockville, in the risk, of which he has been both editor and for himself and for his truth; and when the fered to a body, it addresses itself to the him; he has his doors all open to receive year 1814, so that he is now verging on proprietor ever since—a paper which richly great witness came—the witness whose harbinger was the godly Baptist—the old system of every believer. It is a fitting question to you, and you are at home with him at once. sixty, but sprightly and vivacious as a boy.

Our Vortrait Gallery.

THE REV. FRANCIS BERRY, hairman of the Sarnia District, is a gentleman of fifty-three years, born near this of North of Ireland parents, who had He was converted at the age of twenty-two. Regards the old Adelaide Church Sabbath tional advantages were such as what the to those of the Bay street Academy, con the daughter of a leading member of that very active and useful for several years; but returning among his early religious asso ciates, he was recognized as a member of the and stations since then have been, in conse Industrial Institute, Smithville, Collingwood is now for the third year. He has carried

try in blood—the blood of her best and it? Who will undertake to remove the having been born in Fermanagh. in 1823; phet Haggai's declaration, "For thus saith the Lord of Hosts, Yet once, it is a little that he was the greatest curse of modern that he was the greatest curse o while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the desire of all will shake all nations, and the desire of all will shake all nations, and I will fill his house that curse are still lingering in the moral and error will eventually settle the questions shall come; and I will fill his house that curse are still lingering in the moral and error will eventually settle the questions shall come; and I will fill his house that curse are still lingering in the moral and error will eventually settle the question was received and error will eventually settle the question was received and error will eventually settle the question was received and error will eventually settle the question was received and error will eventually settle the question was received that curse are still lingering in the moral and error will eventually settle the question was received and error will eventually settle the question was received that curse are still lingering in the moral and error will eventually settle the question was received that curse are still lingering in the moral and error will eventually settle the question was received that curse are still lingering in the moral and error will eventually settle the question was received that curse are still lingering in the moral and error will eventually settle the question was received that the was the greatest curse of modern that the was the gre moved! The kingdom that cannot be our eyes to the fact that hell's hosts are martional School teacher, for which work he as if to verify the old prediction Saint Paul shake not the earth shaken will overshadow and overthrow all shaken will overshadow and overthrow all shaken will overshadow and overthrow all shalled and led to the attack under the guidance of the prince of the power of the was trained at the National Normal School was trained at the National Normal School

and quiet and prudent at the same time, greater number of second-class ones, ranging from Drummondville and Thorold to Sarnia, Goderich, London, and Owen Sound, where A man must have a great heart if he he is at present, filling many district offices

had to give place to it—it had to pass away, ask, when and how was Christianity inaugu——Spurgeon.

He is a Methodist of the Methodists, his (Concluded on fourth page.)

mother especially having been one of the primitive stamp. He himself is a campmeeting convert (1833), his personal Metho-THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL dism coinciding with the first Union. He began to exhort and preach about two years after his conversion. He is a very able local preacher, and one of the too few of that rank who feel an enthusiasm in their work, and has tried to raise it to a higher status.

He has had secular honors and offices enough,-Justice of the Peace, since 1848: is Commissioner for issuing Marriage Licenses; Notary Public; and Inspector and Valuator of Crown Lands in the County of Oxford. Mr. K. brings a large amount of experience of religion and general business into Conference to which he has been elected. His business has been farming and mer-

REV. CHARLES S. EBY, B.A.

As this young minister is the only delegate from the German section of our Methodist work, we may be forgiven if we should happen to give him a little more pace than the average. He is yet scarcely wenty-nine years of age; but, taking his early disadvantages into account, he has by the blessing of God on his efforts, acimplished more than any man of his years

He was born in the then village of

Goderich, late in 1845, but up to his start-

ing from home in search of an education, lived mostly in the bush, in the township of Peel. Two things have contributed to his rise: first, conversion to God at the early age of twelve years, and identification with Methodism, which affords such ample scope "after severe illness, in 1862, he started to attend Guelph Grammar School, with fifty cents in his pocket-kept 'bach' on obtained a school in Puslinch, in which he remained one year, during which he began to exhort, being employed on the plan of the Berlin Circuit by Rev. R. L. Tucker. In agreat emergency he obeyed the callof the chairman, Mr. Carroll, Christmastime, 1864, and supplied vacancy till Conference, when he proposed o get a collegiate training before he went further. His small hoardings of \$50, supplemented by private teaching and sundry shifts, sustained him at Victoria till he letermined to go to Germany to finish, whither he went in 1868, upon borrowed money and the small Conference appropriation. In Europe he sustained himself by teaching English till he was able to preach in German and French, when, in connection with the missions of the M. E. Church of the United States, he labored in Switzerland and France, on German and French fircuits. During his sojourn in Europe, he attended the lectures of some of the most listinguished Professors in the Continental Universities, travelled extensively, and conversed with persons of the most advanced attainments, by which he greatly improved his scholarship and enlarged his views. In

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OUR MISSIONS.

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brethren in the great North-west have been between Great Britain and her Canadian true path-finders of empire. They have Colonies. done much to placate the often restless spirit of the red man, and to prevent the occurrence loyalty of Methodism, both in the homeland on British soil of such blood-curdling and in this land, to the person and throne of are laying broad and deep in the vast wilds of the Far West the foundations of a noble British laws. Nor less conspicuous is the Christian civilization.

heritage of our children and our children's trine, to its long tried plans of church work children, is thrown open to settlement and will be so rapidly occupied, it will tax to the uttermost the resources of the church, both in men and money, to keep pace with the imperious demand for missionary labour. We need not fear a surplus of men as a result of Methodist union. By the banks of the Red River, on the prairie through which roll the waters of the vast Saskatchewan, and on the far Pacific coast, are the fields white unto the harvest.

In the Eastern portion of our Dominion also, a arduous and important work is laid upon the heart and conscience of our churchto confront the most colossal, compact and well-organized system of papal superstition unscrupulous system already holds in fee a large portion of our country, and is seeking to control the religious future of those fair and fertile provinces of the West. The religious and political differences of Methodists have too often prevented them exerting their due influence on the destiny of the country. But Romanists, at the dictate of an astute and far-seeing hierarchy, has acted as a unit to make their political influence the servant of their religious zeal. To enlighten that spiritual darkness, to instruct the secular ignorance, to overcome inveterate prejudice, to carry the regenerative power of the Gospel to hearts and homes that are barred against it, is the glorious but difficult task of the United Methodism of Canada.

But the Tueton as well as the Gael is in our midst; and we gladly welcome the inincreasing numbers swarming from the old Tuetonic Fatherland beyond the sea. Bu we must meet them with the Gospel, or they will inoculate our national life, in its very infancy, with the rationalistic and infidel virus of the corrupt civilization of Europe. We hope that the General Conference may see the way to thoroughly re-organize and vigorously prosecute our German work. The plan of special German Districts, urged by Bro. Eby, seems eminently feasible, and we believe would be attended with the happiest results. The most sanguine faith can scarcely venture to anticipate what may be the glorious results of the next decade, if we will only rise to the height of our great privilege and solemn obligation, and

Act, act in the living present, Heart within and God o'erhead, RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Meeting last night for the public

The speeches were eloquent, soul stirring, hundred dollars profit to the University in That of the Rev. Gervase Smith, as was market. the loving greetings of the dear old mother prosperity. Dr. Eugene Haanel, its accomher first public reception in her changed one of the foremost of living scientists, has estate, was the prominent feature of the recently procured a complete set of philowould not have it less, vociferously urging formed, no college in the country is better him to go on whenever he speke of desisting. equipped than our own. No one who heard it will soon forget its | The Rev. John Ash, during his recent rich quaint humour, its gushes of tenderness, visit to Great Britain, through the kind its bursts of eloquence, its sparkling gems of services of Dr. Punshon, and the liberality priestly pretensions and ritualistic mummery, college library copies of all the publications dependent circuits which may require aid grace as the great imperious need of the very important contribution to the literary recommending that the salary of married The marvellous success which has attentimes, the only antidote to the infidelity and critical apparatus so indispensible for the ded our Missions in the past is at once a and ungodliness of the age, the sole moral efficiency of an institution of learning. mark of the Divine approval and an augury anti-septic to prevent its corruption. One It is a matter of devout congratulation of future prosperity. Although the Mission- thing, at least was strikingly manifest, and also that, the Theological Faculty, through ary Society has not failed, in response to that is the brooding solicitude, the more the energetic, we had almost said enthusiasprovidential indications, to enter upon new than maternal tenderness with which the tic, efforts of Rev. Prof. Burwash, is in a missions involving great financial outlay, dear old mother Church yearns across the thoroughly efficient condition. This departyet the liberality of the church has promptly sea toward the child of her affection, of her ment we regard as the sinewy right arm of sustained their consecrated enterprise by the prayers, of her toils, of her intense and un- the Church, wherein slumbers a giant's largely increased subscriptions. Already dying regard, in these lands. In the loving strength if we only know how to use it. the magnificent total of nearly \$110,000 for words which fell from our honored brother's We hope the General Conference will vigora single year has been reached. But this is lips, in the very tones of his voice, could be ously sustain this and our other institutions only a starting point, for the inception of felt the throbbing of the maternal heart. of learning, at once the pride and promise new enterprises, and the more vigorous No, though formally severed we are still one, of our rapidly advancing church. prosecution of those to which we are already one in heart and soul and sympathy. There is a living tie that refuses to be smitten in The Dominion already owes an incalculable twain. And this tie more than any political debt to our Missionary pioneers. Our bonds, will preserve inviolate the connexion

Another patent fact was the unfaltering our soverign lady the Queen, and our common lovalty to British institutions and loyalty of Methodism to itself-to its heroic And now that this magnificent region, the traditions, to its God-given system of docand organic system of church life-and its unswerving dependence on the aid of the Holy Spirit for its success in church progress. Under changed conditions, and when all things else are changing, she remains true to these: and while she so remains true God shall set his love upon her to keep her, and no weapon formed against her shall prosper

> We were also favored with the presence of another member of the British Conference the Rev. W. H. Cornforth, the travelling companion of Mr. Smith.

The Rev. J. H. Robinson, of the New Connexion Church in England, in a frank brotherly, warm-hearted speech, gave in his adhesion to the new Church, and bespoke on the face of the earth. That crafty and the continuance of kindly relations with the English New Connexion Church, which Hymn Book," being a rehearsal of fine sorely regretted to lose her Canadian child, head. He expressed his great tranquility On Saturday evening, Devotional Meeting. of mind, his joy in the Lord, that this affil iation had taken place without rending the Ctnadian New Connexion Church. For himself, he felt a little lost; but if he remain ed in Canada, he would cast in his lot with the United Wesleyan Church.

The fine spirited speech of the Rev Robert Boyle, of the Primitive Methodist Conference, breathing only fraternal regard, was, an evidence that in his own expressive figure, the partition was being attenuated, and the walls lowered between the two Churches. Of like import was the friendly speech of R. Walker, Esq., his lay associate.

The Rev. Messrs. Gardner and Benson, of the M. E. Church, Canada, spoke in similar strains. As Dr. Ryerson truly remarked, the proceedings of the evening were no small advance toward a more perfeetly seeing eye to eye, and, let us hope, to a speedy Union into one Canadian Methodist

audience in the services was manifested in of the natural resources of our country, and foundly thankful to the last speaker and to was desirable should not be monopolised by their insisting on an address from Dr. the enterprise and industry of our people. Sargent, after the benediction was pronounced. We have made arrangements for time for this day's issue.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

reception of the official representatives from creasing prosperity of our University of which we are sure will be grandly treated. other Conferences was an exceedingly inter- Victoria College. Rev. J. H. Johnston is All who heard Mr. Smith's magnificent Mason Gallagher of the Reformed Episcopal rolling up the endowment in a magnificent lectures on Wyckliffe and on the Spanish Church, who was received by the Conference The venerable President, Dr. Ryerson manner; and the Rev. S. Rose, our success- Armada, four years ago, will, we are conoccupied the chair with his customary grace ful Book-Steward, is exhibiting his financial fident. be anxious to hear him again. and dignity. The grand congregational sing-skill in the very advantageous investment Tickets, only 40 cents, or three for one ence adjourned. full of living interest, breathing the spirit the purchase of municipal debentures, of warmest christian fraternity and affection. probably the best and safest stock in the and Slater, for "Seaton" and in the sentence,

befitting, from the fact that he was sent as The University, under the presidency of In the sketch of Mr. John Adams, read twin special deputation across the sea, to convey Dr. Nelles, is keeping pace with its financial for "town" and uninformed, for "unfounded." Church to her Cis-Atlantic daughter giving plished Professor of Natural Science, and evening. It was long, but the Conference sophical apparatus; and now, we are in-

poetical illustration, its withering sarcasm at of the Conference Office, procured for the of the mother Church in England, and its through the late Dr. Hoole, of a complete grand exhibition of the Gospel of God's set of the Ante Nicene Fathers, will form a memorial from the same District Meeting,

OUR VISITORS.

REV. GEORGE YOUNG, Chairman of the Manitoba District, is here from Winnipeg. isterial support. This noble specimen of manliness, of Christian gentlemanliness, of ministerial fidelity, his honors hung loosely upon him, and that tee on the Itinerancy. prairie air and pemican agreed with his health. Is it possible that this is a man of 52? How have the years sped with us and our friends? He does not look to be more than forty. So fair, and full, and rubicund is he. May his shadow never grow less! And may "He, who was with the Church in the Judge Wilmot. wilderness," be his guide even until death.

ORDER OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK .-For the benefit of several of our friends in the country, who wish to make their visit to the city coincide with the time of some of the important public services, we would state that thosa services for the rest of the week are as follows: -To-night, (Wednesday) Rev. Ger vase Smith's Lecture on "The Trial of the Seven Bishops;" Thursday evening, a Conference Missionary Meeting, when Rev Geo. Young, of Manitoba, and Rev. Messrs. McDougall and Campbell, from Saskatchewar country, and others are expected to address the audience. On Friday, a musical entertaimment, entitled "An Evening with our classical music by the Metropolitan Church duplicate copy shall be published in the ence legislation seems to have this tendency, but which invoked richest blessings on her choir, under the leadership of F. Torrington.

> For the information of our visitors from abroad, we would state that the Institutions best worth seeing in our city are the Ostiful grounds and monuments, its fine library to the said Committee, which was approved. pendent court of appeal which should review and museum; the Normal School with its admirable Gallery of Paintings and Statuary and fine collection of Educational apparatus: St. Michael's Cathedral just north of the Metropolitan Church, and if time wili permit, the Lunatic Asylum, Trinity College, and the Central Industrial Prison, at the west end of the city, in which direction also lie the Provincial Exhibition grounds.

OUR city is full of visitors to the Provincial Exhibition. We believe that the number of entries and the excellence of the articles exhibited is unprecedented. We hope that our friends, from the East especially, Conference gentlemen from a long distance, similar to the resolution now under dis-The venerable Bishop Richardson, of the business of Conference to examine this ex- a Provincial Exhibition of such magnitude, it was well known that such rule had to be same Church, probably the most aged living position of the productions of our soil, and Bishop in the world, pronounced the ben-the creations of the skill of our western artizans and artists. We are convinced that The intense and unabated interest of the they will carry away favourable impressions like himself, came from the East were pro and prestige that belonged to office, that it

The list of the Standing Committees of

to-night,-Subject, "The Trial of the Seven secure, if possible, the privilege of visiting We are glad to learn the great and in- Bishops," a grand episode of English history,

> ERRATA.—In the second article on "Early Methodism," &c., read Toronto for "Canada," Two twin pastors," drop the word "twin."

> > PROCEEDINGS OF THE

FIRST CENERAL CONFERENCE

SEVENTH DAY - MORNING SESSION. (Continued.)

Rev. J. C. SLATER presented a memorial from the Sarnia District Meeting, relating to its mirth-provoking anecdotes, its lucid ex- of that establishment. These, with the from the Contingent Mission Funds, which, position of the vast and varied operations valuable gift of the Missionary Society, on motion, was referred to the Committee of 1873 shall be adopted, and that the Nova

Mr. SLATER also presented another ministers shall be \$800 per year, at least. Referred to the Committee on the Itinerancy of Newfoundland, shall consist of that Proand Ministerial support.

On motion of Dr. RICE, the Committee to prepare the answer to the address of the of Ontario and Quebec and 3 in the Mari-General Conference of the M. E. Church, which was received by the last Canadian Wesleyan Conference.

Rev. T. W. Constable presented a referred to the Committee on Book and may reside. Publishing interests.

On motion of Dr. Fowler, a memorial from the Guelph District Meeting, on equal- the usage was in the M. E. Church, U. S., izing the salaries of Ministers, presented to but the matter was finally committed to the the last Canadian Conference, and forwarded committe on Discipline. to this General Conference, was referred to . the Committee on the Itinerancy and Min-

Rev. C. Fish presented a memorial from the Peterborough Quarterly Meeting, relating to an extension of Ministers, stay on and missionary heroism, is looking as though circuits, which was referred to the Commit- lengthy and earnest debate.

Also, one from Millbank Circuit, on the of the English Conference was that re-

from Dr. Aylsworth; which was referred to a that there were so many persons in that Committee of four for further consideration, Conference who were so thoroughly capable and which committee should consist of Revs. administering Connexional affairs, and he J. Borland, G. M. Ritchie, Dr. Lavell and thought as we had so often profited by the

the Metropolitan Church Quarterly Board, practice on this subject. Toronto, respecting the extension of Ministhe Committee on the Itinerancy.

from the same Circuit relating to the order it would be difficult to secure suitable perof Public Worship, which was referred to the sons to preside if the system of rotation Committee on Discipline.

tion directing that duplicate copies of all it was thought, that this General Conference motions and memorials, presented to the should not take away the rights of the should be the property of the Secretary of the this resolution be acted upon. Conference, and the other given to the Chairman of the Committee to whom the Conference that all power is vested in this

Standing Committees shall be instructed to shall or shall not re-clect. He was afraid prepare duplicate copies of reports, which that there was danger of making changes they may present to the Conference, which rather too rapidly. Much of the Confer-DAILY RECORDER.

that Mr. B. Hopkins, one of the Assistant Conferences, and making all their actions Secretaries, was so indisposed that he could final, will make the church into so many not be in his place, probably for some days, isolated bodies, and do away with the bond The Rev. W. WILLIAMS also stated that of union that ought to exist among all Mr. Hopkins' place on the Committee on Methodists. He had seen great injustice goode Hall and Higher Law Courts on Missions was vacant, and therefore moved sometimes done by Annual legislation, and Queen-st. west; the University with its beau- that Mr. A. B. Walker should be appointed he thought that there should be some inde

> The names of Mr. A. S. Arksey and Rev. all matters of the Annual Conferences. . Brettle, not having been printed on the of Rev. G. S. Millegan, M.A., from the ference alone. Committee on Publishing Interests, it was ordered that they shall be added.

reminded the Conference of the fact that could not re-elect oftener thrn once in four the Provincial Exhibition was now being years. held in Toronto, and he for one thought forenoon, so that the members might have had some relation to the case in hand. the privilege of attending the Exhibition. He thought as there were present at this rule in the Canada Conference, which was will take advantage of some interval in the who have never had the privilege of seeing cussion, which met his hearty approval; but it would only be an act of courtesy to give suspended when a re-election was desired like that this should be done

with which they have been treated.

Conference and their members, with latest best time for a visit to be paid to the Exhi- make themselves familiar with the Discia full report of these important speeches, additions and revisions, will be found on our bition, and it was finally resolved, on the pline and usages of the church, so that they but are unable to get them all in type in outside page. It will be found useful for motion of Mr. W. H. Gibbs, that the Presi- might be capable of administering the affairs

Don't forget Rev. Gervase Smith's Lecture with the Managers of the Exhibition to the Exhibition at 7 o'clock on Thursday

The VICE-PRESIDENT introduced the Rev

After singing the Doxology, the President pronounced the benediction, and the Confer-

SEVENTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 o'clock, the PRESIDENT commenced the 209th Hymn, after the singing of which, the Rev. J. Borland led in prayer. Minutes of the Morning Session were read and confirmed

REV. J. BORLAND read the Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Dr. Avisworth, which was adopted. It recommended, 1. That whereas much of what the document contains has already been dealt with. NITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH it is needless to re-open the matters again. 2. Such motions as refer to changes of our doctrines and wodes of practice shall shall be refered to the Committees who have such matters under their consideration.

REV. J. A. WILLIAMS presented the Report No. 2 of the Committee or Discipline. that the recommendations relating to the division of the work into Annual Conferences as mentioned in pp. 168-169 in the Minutes Scotia Conference shall consist of the Province of Nova Scotia, and the island of Bermuda; The New Brunswick Conference shall consist of the Provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island; and the Conference vince, Labrador, and the adjoining islands. Thus the work will be divided in 6 Annual on Official Correspondence was instructed Conferences, there being 3 in the Provinces time Provinces.

Dr. Jeffers was in favour of a clause being added to the Minute relating to the constitution of Annual Conferences, to the memorial from the Montreal District Meet- effect that the officers of the General Coning, relating to the subject of a Book Room | ference shall be members of the Annual and weekly Journal in that city, which was Conference within the bounds of which they

DR. RICE and others took part in the discussion on this question, and stated what

Rev. W. R. PARKER moved a resolution recommending, "That the same person shall not be elected to the office of President of the Annual Conferences oftener than once in four years.'

This resolution was the subject of a Rev. E. H. DEWART said that the practice

elections could not take place oftener than once in eight years, and he thought that MR. M. NEVILLE presented a memorial to this practice was to be attributed the fact example and experience of our fathers in REY. W. Scott presented a memorial from England we would do well to adopt their Others were of opinion that this General

ters' stay on Circuits, which was referred to Conference had no right to say who should or should not be President of the Annual MR. Scott, also presented a memorial Conferences, there might be cases in which had to peevail. A Conference might be REV. G. R. SANDERSON moved a Resolu- small, and then there would be trouble, and Conference shall be prepared, one of which Annual Conferences, which it would do if

Rev. J. RYERSON reminded the General the motion or memorial may be referred. | Conference; it is within its province to say Rev. E. Barrass asked as a favor that whether the Annual Conferences shall or and there is danger, as he conceived, that Rev. D. SAVAGE informed the Conference the division of the work into the Annual

Dr. Rice reminded the General Conferlist of Contingent Fund Committee, it was ence that, according to the basis of union. ordered that they shall be added; also, the the Annual Conferences have not the power names of Rev. R, Jones, being omitted from of legislation, and such power is vested in the the Committee on Education, and that General Conference, and in the General Con-

Rev. J. LATHERN instanced the state of Newfoundland Conference, which he thought The Rev. N. R. WILLOUGHBY, M.A., would be greatly inconvenienced if they

Rev. T. W. Constable read some extracts that the Conference should adjourn for one from the Discipline, which, as he conceived,

Rev. A. HURLBURT referred to the old an opportunity for them to attend, he would He was for distributing honors as he would distribute responsibilities; moreover, he was Rev. A. Nicholson said that those who, of opinion that, there was a kind of influence the Conference generally for the courtesy the same persons; if the highest honors of Conferences were within the reach of young Several persons made suggestions as to the men, then they would be more likely to dent of the Conference shall communicate thereof, when called to the important offices

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of administrators. Still he could not very well see how the law could obtain in all In the Leslieville Mission, in a day, shady orchard cases, though at the same time, he was of one-half mile cast of the Don Bridge, on Sundays, opinion that, the restriction was good, excapt in the case of small Conferences.

Dr. Pickard thought that the matter might be safely left in the hands of the Annual Conference, as they would certainly know best now to manage such matters. It might be that one Conference would have a restrictive rule, while another would not. He hoped that Newfoundland would not be the only Missionary Conference, but that there would be several others away out on the Pacific Coast. Such a rule could easily apply to England, where there were so many men of large and extensive experiience, but it can easily be seen that the case is very different in our Annual Conferences. He would therefore put no restriction on the Annual Conferences, but leave them to regulate the Presidency by such bye-laws as they might deem necessary.

Rev. A. SUTHERLAND thought that a good deal of the discussion was irrelevent. If reelections were so objectionable, than he thought that Chairmen of Districts, Book Stewards, Missionary Secretaries and Editors, should not be re-elected, but he fancied the brethren who were the occupants of these offices would not like the principle of restriction to be so extended. Some of the objections made against re-election were in his judgment very weak, as for instance, the patronage of office. He did not think that there was much in this, for nobody could bid very high for favors in the Conferences. As to prestige there may be something in that, but as to the executive officers in general, he thought there was not much of prestige about them, and everybody seemed to think that they were kind of common property, which they could find fault with as they thought proper. He was of opinion that this restrictive rule, should it obtain, would be an interference with the rights of the Annual Conferences, and therefore they should be left free, for certainly they were not regarded as so many idle boys who could not be trusted. On the vote being taken the resolution of restriction was lost.

Rev. J. H. Robinson, Representative of the Methodist New Connexion in England. was introduced to the Conference and made a brief speech, in which he thanked the Conference for their kindness to him. He had for several days anticipated the pleasure and profit of attending this General Conference, and he felt sure that he would not be disappointed.

The remaining portions of the Report of the Committee on Discipline were taken up and Rules 25.32 on p. 169-176, and with 10 PER CENT. DISCOUNT TO MINISTERS IT ALL one exception were accepted with some slight verbal alterations.

Dr. Douglas presented a document containing a plan for the better regulation and time for the meeting of the various Standing Committees which was adopted

Correspondence.

OUR HYMN BOOK.

In answer to the questions why some of our Excellent Hymns are not sung. I think this may be safely affirmed that a large number of that class LADIES', GENTS', and CHILDREN'S FURS are peculiar meters and as a rule, a minister can hardly venture on any of them without long previous notice to the leaders of singing and in a multitude of our congregations it is extremly hazardous to venture on a 6 lines 8's while any of the peculiar meters are entirely out of the question. And I think another affirmation may be ventured upon, that if the Hymns now popular, were sent abroad without notes as the unsung hymns our collection are, they too would be left unused, and in an age that has so much culture thrown into its singing, the old Hymn Book without notes has not a fair chance with popular collections in small portable volumes, set to music.

But that many the jingling ditties running their brief day at the present, have any claim to rank with the hymns produced by the old masters of song is very far from being true. Henry Ward Beecher has recently said that a great many modern hymns and tunes are "sentimentalism. gone drunk." I feel he says, a righteous indignation when I think of the stalwart stanzas of old Watts, PRESIDENT: REV. S. S. NELLES, of John and Charles Wesley, of Dodderidge and Montgomery, and the hymns of many others of modern date, noble recitations of Christand the Gos pel, magnificent deliniations of the other life, and of all the experiences of a Christian, and see our THE SESSION 1874-5 children, brought up on such miserable trash and garbage as they to often are, in our Sunday schools it is a sin and a shame. I know that children at five years of age are old enough to feel the grandeur of those old hymns and they are being cheated of them.

And to hastily revised our hand book, expunge

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some of the grandest Christian hymns, that were ever penned, because they are not often sung, to make room for the dwarfish sentimentalism of much that is now popular would be a reproach for

No, we are obliged to do something, but let us make haste slowly, and if we could publish a suplement, a small volume of choice selections, we might from the two ultimately issue a collection as nearly perfect as possible. But do not let us throw away the wheat to replace it with chaff, because it happens to be either a native production or having its brief popular run.

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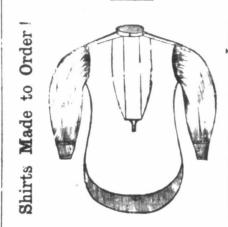
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United Connexion. He is a man who sees the bearing of measures at a glance, and prosecutes his chosen ones with enthusiasm and perseverance. At school and college he stood high in his classes. His scholarship is writed. He is a slashing writer, a good preacher and lecturer; and we believe he will prove himself adapted to attach subordinates to himself, and to govern them after. It is to be hoped his plans will receive consideration, and his efforts encouragement, by the General Conference and Connexion at

While yet growing, his "lathy" figure gave him an ungainly appearance; but now he has filled up into a fine specimen of manly beauty. His tall, straight figure, easy car riage, dark hair and beard, and coal-black eyes, to our taste, give him a fine appearance. Alas! ladies, there is no chance for you—he is married to a wife who has all his heart. A nobler heart never throbbed in human breast than that of Charles S. Eby. A thousand times, may God Almighty bless him!

We must here correct our surmise about Mr. Sparling being the youngest member of the General Conference, Mr. Eby being two years his junior.

REV. EDWIN HOLMES,

was born in the picturesque village of Old Bolingbroke, Lincolnshire England, of English parents, on the 10th of October, 1833. He was brought up in the Church of England, his father being for nearly thirty years clerk in the Established Church, Living, however, in the shire of the Wesleys, Methodism was earnestly at work, and he was first brought under its hallowing influences by being invited as musician to lead the choir of the Wesleyan church. In the Rev. Dr. Rice latter part of the summer of 1854, while residing in Boston, in the same shire, he was invited to take part with the choir of the New Connexion Church, West-street, and almost immediately after, under the labors of W. Pacey, was led to Christ, and united with that Church. He, with three other young men, formed a society in connexion with the Church, named it "The Band of Love Society," and met weekly for prayer, reading of the Scriptures, and making preparations for public speaking. Immediately after his conversion he was put in the plan as a local preacher, appointed tract distributer, a teacher in the Sabbath School, and soon after its Superintendent. In the early part of 1857 he was appointed by the English N.C. Conference as a Missionary to Canada, and in July of that year, after hearing a lecture on Canada by Rev. J. H. Robinson (who was then on a visit to England), a "farewell sermon" by Dr. Crofts, and enjoying a "Farewell Tea Meeting" given by the kind friends of Liverpool, he with four other Missionaries, sailed in the steamer Anglo- R. Richardson. Saxon, and in nine and a half days reached Canada's shore. Since then he has labored Rev. J. C. Slater in the Dereham, Norwich, Penville, London, Nassageweya, Prince Edward, Milford, Aylmer, Manvers, and Mount Forest circuits. He has had the honour of being Chairman of Districts, Secretary of Conference, is now Secretary-Treasurer of the Paternal Fund, and also now is, and has been for several years past, one of the four "Directors" of the Rev. James Gray Superanuated Preachers' Annuitant Society.

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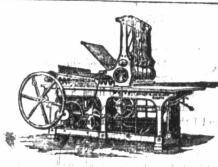
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