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The 'Ideal, "Chisel in hand stood a sculptor boy, With a marble block before him :

And his face lit up with a smile of joy, As an angel's dream passed o'er him. He carved the dream on a shapeless stone, With many a sharp incision, With heaven's own light the sculpture shone; He had caught that angel vision.

Poetry.

"Sculptors of life are we as we stand, With our souls uncarved before us, Awaiting the hour when at God's command Our life-dream shall pass o'er us. If we carve it then on the yielding stone, With many a sharp incision, Its heavenly beauty shall be our own, Our lives that angel's vision.'

-Bishop Doane.

THE WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The proceedings on Friday evening were opened by a tea dispensation of such a character that the half dozen large tables in the school room were kept continuously occupied for nearly two hours. During this time,

the evening's entertainment commenced by the Rev. Mr. Potts, pastor of the church, giving out the hymn-"See how great a flame aspires." There was a powerful choir, accompaniments were played by Mr. Tor rington in a perfect style. Indeed, the against which, if we and our children are them, and that many a time in doing so he musical portion of the services was of a high faithful to God in the simplicity of the character.

The Rev. Mr. Rose was appointed to the chair, in the enforced absence of the Rev. Dr. Wood. The Chairman observed briefly

are truly loyal men-loyal to the Crown founder was a truly loyal man. Just a hun dred years ago he wrote his "Calm address loving and conciliatory. When those colonies became a nation they rallied round the Rankin, of the Philadelphia Conference of

one of Wesley's circuits. He welcomed them

and success of Methodism. We must have united hands the foundations of a church clerical brethren when they came among gospel which we preach, the gates of hell coats and white chokers (laughter); but shall not prevail.

strangers in the name of the laymen of hospitality, the fact that every decent man the object of the meeting was met for busi- Toronto. He said allusion had been made did not lock his door was a stretch of gen ommon thing now-a days, but on board that silver and Barbara Heck, and how much does America owe to those persons ? They were the foun more than half a century since a Methodist could distinctly recollect the appearance of the progress which had been achieved, and preacher left Albany to come to Canada, and The choir gave the chorus "The Lord gave to-day you could more easily travel to Japan ing that the good people were wise in their Brunswick, especially among the fishermen. the word," followed by the solo, "How than that devoted man could perform his journey. Well, what was the result of that the Gospel of peace," and the choir again, noble man's career ? He (the speaker) could "Their sound is gone out into all lands," not tell. This he knew, the Methodist

all the delegates, those from Newfoundland are worthy of the highest honor, for in 1775 by the ministers. He believed there was not a single clergyman who under-rated the im-building in which they were then assembled building in which they were then assembled the ministers. He believed that this Island was recorded in the Minutes as this General Conference. portance of this order in connection with bore ample testimony. He could not, however, the more Christianity there was in connec-

Hon. S L. SHANNON premised his remarks structure if they had left the poor in order the better would society be governed. The not only as Christitian brethren whom we by saying that he could not admit the com to arrive at this; if they had abandoned speaker here dwelt at some length upon the love, but as Methodist fellow subjects, who pliment of the Chairman that he was one of the cabin, and the frontiers, and the school- spurious philosophy of Herbert Spencer, houses to get into palaces—had this been Darwin, Tyndall and others, which was sap. for the purpose of learning wisdom, informa. their policy he would have mourned instead ping the healthy religious life of the present loyal to the British Connexion, and loyal to tion as would be of use to him on his return of rejoiced, but this was not the case. He age. His remarks on this subject were our own beloved Dominion. Our sainted home. He represented the lay element from remembered years ago how the Methodists charactized by a vein of sarcasm and pleasthe East, and on behalf of the lay element used to sing. What joyous hymns! and what antry at the expense these pseudo philosohe would thank the people of Toronto for tears used to accompany their songs in the phers, which provoked not a little merriment. their cordial hospitality; it was the first time prayer meetings in his father's barn! Ah, especially when he said that if he had his to the American colonies," which, although, the lay element had ever been honored in said he. what powerful singing that was; but own way he would decorate Darwin with a strong and earnest against rebellion, was meeting with their clerical friends on equal little did they suspect that there was wrapt string of monkey tails! In all earnestness terms. He remembered when a boy in up in it the magnificient harmony which they he hoped that every effort would be made Nova Scotia how the clergymen used to lock had listened to that evening. He rejoiced in to guard the young against the specious nies became a nation they rallied round the Church which Wesley planted, and they have continued to rally, until the four preachers, Boardman, Pilmoor, Asbury and Destruction of the grant of the special planted in the special pla The speaker here referred to the great good the good old camp meeting songs. (Ap- aries, and that was the reason why Bishop which had resulted from the labors of plause.) They, as Methodists, progressed on Peck did not know when he crossed the 1774, have become seventy Conferences, "Bishop" Black, one of the first pioneers of in perfect harmony with their humbly bowing lines, his heart was so full of the Master, and numbering thousands of members. They Methodism in his country, and contemporary down at the foot of the cross. He congratu- he met the same blessed influences here as have grown until they have become the larg. est Church of any name in the United States. "Father" Black passed away, and his honest Church of any name in the United States. ored sen took charge of the Establishments away their interest in their public common and when he asked what kind of a speech Mr. W. regarded this Conference as an era in in Halifax; but they knew little or nothing school institutions-in fact, his friend Dr. he was to make, he was told to make a glori-Methodism. As the Rev. W. Arthur had about organization until Dr. Evans came Ryerson would not permit any one to do so. fying speech, put the people in a good lately said, "We have seen times of pulling among them—he it was who opened their (Hear, hear.) The broad, vast, high and deep humor by praising their country. After I down God grant that, we may now see times of pulling eyes. "You are getting on very well," he down God grant that; we may now see times of building up!" This Conference was a sort of reconstructing Conference, and would serve, he trusted, as an example for Metho-dists throughout the world. We now inauof course, the church was filling also, so that by the time 8 o'clock had arrived it was pretty well filled. serve, ne trusted, as an example for method dists throughout the world. We now inau-gurate the day of united forces. The door is open to all to contribute to the extension the Eastern British American Conference the rev. doctor here (Dr. Ryerson) would and success of Methodism. We must have every vital force, either by infusion or by ap any difficulty arises they all had to go to propriation, for there is nothing good or Bishop Evans' Act. On behalf of the lay was the similarity between the two countries that he (the bishop) could not for the life of that he (the bishop) could not for the life of the lay that he (the bishop) could not for the life of the lay that he (the bishop) could not for the life of the lay that he (the bishop) could not for the life of the lay that he (the bishop) could not for the life of the lay that he (the bishop) could not for the life of the lay that he (the bishop) could not for the life of the lay can afford to ignore. He welcomed them to thanking the friends here for the kind hospi. him say when he crossed the line. (Applause.) He would hardly know he was in Canada for him say when he crossed the line. (Applause.) whose singing was excellent. The organ the Queen City of the West, to lay with had no doubt that they always welcomed the a month to come. He was pleased to come among them, although he did not appear before them in any representative character -he had merely come on the invitation of his could quite understand that they were enter. taining angels unawares in the guise of black friend, Dr. Green, and he begged to submit if that was not tantamount to an invitation

congratulate them upon this magnificent tion with the government of the country rose in response and offered a few remarks, in the the people in favor of annexation, but after wards he did not meet a man, woman, or ichild

in favor of annexation, and the reason assigned was that the mother country had treated them so kindly, and he believed that had the thirteen colonies been treated in the same spirit, they would have still retained their connection with the British Empire. The speaker then quoted the beautiful and touching language of the Apostle to the Phillippians to express his tender solicitude in behalf of the church here, as well as when a troupe of lawyers and other sus. from the entire Canadian Methodist body. the joyful remembrance he should bear away Mr. JOHN MACDONALD also welcomed the trangers in the name of the lawmen of conclusion, he said that he thought he was sibilities and duties which lay before them in speechless, and he knew that he had no resoluthe future, the bishop resumed his seat. tion, and a man who was speechless and had no resolution could not be expected to do a great deal. He hoped, however, that the little he had

poons and plate would be all right trials and triumphs of the first pioneers, and and the meeting was dismissed with the bene The National Anthem was right loyally sung. vessel there were two persons, Philip Embury after they had taken their departure (loud the great results which had followed their diction. laughter), and that they would leave a good efforts. He referred to the paternal solicicharacter behind them. He had visited tude with which the Home Conference had Toronto on three occasions. His first visit always regarded them; and also gave very was now occupied by a number of the promi ders of Methodism on this continent. Little took place when he was quite young, and he interesting statistical information, showing Our Portrait Gallery.

had come from a distance to sojourn for a short time among us here in Toronto, and to hear their words in reply. The platform nent lay and clerical gentlemen attending the Conference.

beautiful are the feet of them that preach (Messiah) Handel.

words of welcome to the representatives at future there was no telling what it would be the Conference. He gave a brief sketch of if they were only faithful. the rise of the Methodist body in Canada, of its struggles out of the disabilities that were for cooling streams.' well remembered by many in the audience. He spoke of the freedom enjoyed in this country, and contrasted the position of Meth odism in Toronto to what it was when he knew it near fifty years ago, when there was but one church 40 x 30 ft. in dimensions, and last speaker had given him and his friends to a small membership. He pronounced a grand eulogy on the glorious liberty, civil and religious, that we enjoy. He reminded us that it was not always so, that it was won by many behalf of himself and friends, that welcome a hard fought fight, not with material but with moral weapons. He was glad to welcome the Conference on the ground of our common Methodism, and to see those once alienated now sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. He shook hands with them all in his heart.

Mr. R. WILKES, M.P., on behalf of the laity of the city spoke words of welcome to their guests. He regarded this Conference as no ordinary gathering. It was something more than an every day Methodist Conference. Representatives were there from all parts of the vast Dominion of Canada, and even from that connecting link between the Dominion and England-Newfoundland. We have already, Mr. Wilkes remarked, brought New foundland into the Confederacy Methodistical ly, and it only remains for our rulers to secure her political allegiance. The gentlemen now present belonged to the various professions, and had proved themselves deserving of the honour conferred upon them by their consti- when he found that Bro. Carroll was not a tuents who had sent them here. He, (the speaker,) paid a graceful compliment to the varied attainments in theology and literature, a grudge. He had listened with pleasure to in judical political and mercantile life of our the Hon. Mr. Rogerson, of Newfoundland, guests, whom he welcomed as men true, tried and trusted among Methodists. At a period when iniquity abounds, when gilded vice literally running mountains high, to come and flaunts her attractions, and when ritualism and heresy endeavor to corrupt the truth of God, it is well to welcome men who rally round the work in which they were engaged. It did old Bible doctrines, and who will discharge him good to hear that excellent gentleman their duty to the church and the world. He welcomed them as representatives of Methodism from the six Provinces comprising experience, etc., we were not able to go about to the city. It was a great pleasure for him there were more of them in a place which Island, Newfoundland, which links the Do-

After this the Rev. Dr. RYERSON addressed they need not be ashamed, and as to the

The choir then sang "As pants the heart purpose of ascertaining the sentiments of

Rev. DAVID SAVAGE was the first who was called upon to respond. He said that as the understand that he had no words of welcome to respond. But he was sure that he welcom. had never to contend with divisions such as was gratefully appreciated. He (the speaker) has been consummated, and was particularly then referred to the good fellowship which pleased with the manner and spirit in which with whom he had occasionally corresponded, that offered greater contrasts than the secalthough they had never met in the flesh tions which they represented. You are before. He thanked God that it was now

permitted them to look into each other's taces and greet one another in the name of wrees of the Atlantic roll into our noble lege, hitherto denied them, of solemnizing their common Master. He also rejoiced to harbor. Here you are looking forward to marriages. Old Father Williams, who, like defatigable labors hundreds and thousands of miles away from his own home, looking after the interests of his extensive parish, and now it was his privilege to see him face to face. Delighted also he was to meet with Dr. Sargant, who had given them his record of Methodist experience, and also to meet with Dr. Evans. He (Dr. Savage) noticed Bro. Carroll, the historian of Canadian Method ism, sitting modestly in front there. He could have almost bowed his head and wept Ancient, particularly in connection with the member of the first Methodist Conferencea whole-souled man nevertheless, and one who had it not in his heart to owe any body who had braved the perils of one of the severest cyclones of this or any other season when the waves of the Atlantic were perhaps visit us, and give us his contribution in the way of counsel and Christian sympathy, and legislative experience to help in the great equalled. from Newfoundland representing the lay

the city then in contrast with what it was at the great work which was being carried on the present time. He could not help remark. by the instrumentality of Methodism in New generation in the arrangements which they From their peculiar position they might be

made with a view to the future wants of the regarded as the sentinels in connection with REV. EDWARD BRADSHAW RYCKMAN, M.A., people. He referred at some length to the the work. The gospel had spread from their educational system and institutions of the shores to Jersey and Guernsey, and thence country. There then came the tremendous found its way to France. He would exhort Church of Canada had a history of which struggle in reference to Confederation. He his brethren to renewed and earnest Chriswas at the forefront at the time, and also a tian labor, and trusted that the bond of affecmember of the Government. Some of the tion that had fastened upon the hearts of Canadian friends came down to spy out the the people toward their pastors would be

land, and we, said he, came up here for the come more closely cemented. He has never taken any prominent part in Hon. JUDGE WILMOT, on rising, begged to The choir then sang "As pants the heart for cooling streams." The CHAIRMAN said the next speakers would respond to the greetings they had re-ceived. Rev. DAVID SAVAGE was the first who was ally lost my seat at the next election, when I welcome which had been given them. Ever boro, not far from the picturesque town of any lost my seat at the next election, when I was allowed to retire to private life. The hon, gentleman here adverted to the union of the different branches of the Methodist before, and new Connexion Methodist for them, of course he could not be expected to respond. But he was sure that he welcom. man's and Vanderlips being both U.E. ed him in his heart, and he could say, on had characterised the Western Church, and the reflection of one, and he thought the Loyalist families, whose loyalty to British that he rejoiced at the bond of union which true Methodist always had the John Wesley institutions made them chose Canada as look on him that could not be got rid of their home, at a time when it was far\from Methodist as he was, he had been obliged to had been promoted by their assembling together. It did him good to meet with the Rev. Wm. Nicholson, from Halifax, N. S., with whom he had occasionally corresponded, being as attractive as now. This fact of race may to some extent account for his healthy constitution, and patient love of here alluded to the difficulties he had to work and study.

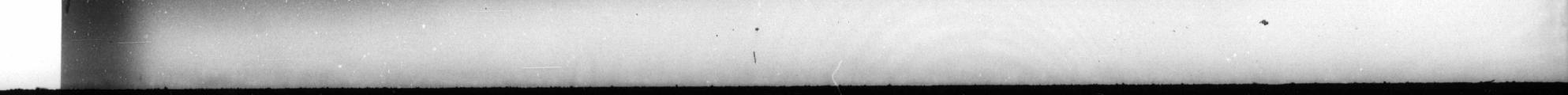
water lakes, but down with us the blue ment whereby dissenters obtained the priviman became connected with the Wesleyan their common Master. He also rejoiced to see Bishop Peck, who, although approaching the period in life when men usually claim the privilege of quietness and repose, still labored under the conditions of the itiner-ancy with a zeal as undiminished as ever. He had read of the great Bishop Peck, of his in Church evinces the value of having institutions of learning under Christian control and direction. He was converted in 1854. while attending Victoria College as a student, and joined the Church of his parents it is; but let me tell you that there is not a sea in the whole world that is not whitened marriage license," was Williams' prompt and grandparents, the Rev. G. R. Sanderby the sails of Nova Scotia. You draw your treasures from the green backs around your Williams, of the Methodist Church." "And son being then pastor of the Wesleyan treasures from the green banks around you; we go up into, the great waters, and there great 2" demanded the Secretary "By "The church at Cobourg. He graduated in 1855 from those richer banks around our coasts what authority?" said the brave old man, "the highest banks around our coasts what authority?" said the brave old man, "the highest banks around be the bighest authority?" with the highest banks around be the bighest banks around be been by the bighest banks around by the bighest "the highest authority in the world, the gold medal then, but he would have been the sea. In allusion to the noble specimens British Conference." (Applause.) Now that gold medalist if there had been. The writer of the manhood which were to be found among his countrymen, he instanced the such a pill in his life before. Speaking of the Rev. Mr. Set the Rev. Mr. Set the Rev. Mr. Set the Convocation that year, when he were the patriotism and love of freedom which at the Convocation that year, when he wore wreck of that ill-fated vessel on the 31st of characterized his countrymen, Judge Wilmot remarked that when news of the Fenian raid the red rose as the token of being the best March, 1873, when upwards of three hundred had reached their ears he could have raised student of the year. His essay on "Rich March, 1873, when upwards of three hundred lives were lost. This man had been origin-ally a sailor on the Royal Alfred, and become so engleared to the people of Halifax on account of his plety and zeal that leave was obtained from the Admiralty to release him his duties and he was ordained and from his duties, and he was ordained and became the fishermen's clergyman; and when the hour of need arrived the Rev Mr the hour of need arrived the Rev. Mr. claimed as their own both the Queen and Ancient, as is well known, exhibited a the throne, and gloried in the Red Crose superintendent of the city of Kingston. He heroism of daring and self-sacrifice rarely banner which had triumphed both by land has been successively chairman of the Stanand sea. (Applause.) And Methodists must stead and Chatham Districts. For the two

BISHOP PECK, in rising to address the meet- needs be loyal-they could not be Wesleyan last years before the division of the old ing, could not refrain from giving expression Methodists unless they were loyal to God order, and he was rather amused to hear him to his appreciation of the very hearty per and right. He was glad to see Methodusts Wesleyan Conference of Canada, he officially express surprise that with all our Conference sonal welcome he had received when he came in positions of power, and he believed if discharged the duties of Secretary. He was this great Dominion, and from that half way our work with better tact, and discharge our to be present at such a gathering and in such he could name there would be less of some- last year appointed Principal of the Danda's duties with greater freedom and with more a noble edifice. It was once a question as to thing else. Fancy such a thing as Methodist Wesleyan Institute, to which his thorough business-like despatch. (Laughter.) The what kind of house Methodists ought to have; opposition. Fancy the leading men in the scholarship and capacity for imparting minion with the grand old mother country— from which may we never be separated. Of estimate in which the lay element was held proved to be the germ of an edufice of im. their teeth all sharpened up, and their claws (Concluded on fourth page.)

THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

With his prematurely grey head, open healthy countenance and well-formed frame, is a fine type of physical manhood. There is something about the man that gives you an idea of superiority to littleness or meanness.

here, said he, upon the shores of the fresh encounter in his efforts to secure an enact-The circumstances under which Mr. Ryck-



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TORÓNTO, TUESDAY, SEPT. 22, 1874.

WE regret to learn that in some cases there is an irregularity about the delivery of the RECORDER. We assure our patrons that the cause lies not with us, as the paper is regularly mailed. We have called the attention of the post office authorities to the fact and trust the irregularity complained of may at once cease.

THE CONFERENCE FROM A GAL LERY POINT OF VIEW.

EPOCHAL indeed is the present assembly of There seems too to be a happy fitness in the Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and assembly of the First General Conference of for ever." the United Wesleyan Methodist Church of the Dominion in this the most magnificent of all the ecclesiastical edifices in provincial Methodism. From our seat in the gallery, somewhat separated by position in the building as well as by non-participation in .the honor of delegation, we are attracted by the marvellous beauty, proportion, and appropriateness of the edifice. Beyond any building

anything that may be called a precedent to move on to a successful issue.

the whole course of their proceedings in connection with the Union Movement.

of Newfoundland have any deleterious ten- be expected. dency on the human animal ; and from the fullness of knowledge that has characterized the remarks they have already made, one of a piscatory diet to the production of intellectual power.

they loyal Canadians and warm-hearted The power of the Lord was present, a Methodists, and though it would be out of revival influence was felt, and a Divine place for a gallery on-looker to cheer their unction rested upon the large assembly. pointed and telling remarks, yet from the to the conference and to the church. point of our pen (or pencil) we give them a hearty God-speed.

SABBATH IN HAMILTON.

CENTENARY CHURCH.

This most beautiful and commodious church was filled on Sunday morning and evening with attentive congregations. In the morning the Rev. W. H. Cornforth, of representative ministers and lay gentlemen | London, England, occupied the pulpit. His in the Metropolitan Church of this city. text was from Hebrews xiii. 8, "Jesus

> His theme was the immutability of Christ. He dwelt with great beauty and power upon the uncreated and unending existence of the Son of God; upon his power as the cause and consummator of all things, and his unchangeableness in the purposes of his redeeming love. The sermon gave great delight to all who heard it.

In the evening the Rev. Alexander we have ever been privileged to see, does it Sutherland, of Montreal, preached from Isa. first part of which consisted of what is

spent in deciding upon plans whereby busi- Reception to the honoured brethren who Rethodist Episcopal Church North and in the clause which relates to the time of ness may the more speedily be done; but visit us as representatives from the parent stituted two separate bodies in Canada, but mittee recommend that the first Wednesday Christian principle and common sense will Conference of Great Britain, and the sister henceforth to be one; heart beating to heart, after September 15th shall be the time. overcome all difficulties, and the Conference Conferences of Canada and the United and with a holy chivalry we are going forth Different suggestions embodying amend-

exhibiting that thorough sincerity and can- of Canada; Rev. J. H. Robinson, of the Certainly the men of the East are no dis- be the first to open fraternal relations be-

THE Religious Service in the Metropolitan Church last night, was an occasion of great spiritual power and blessing. In the enseems to gain an additional confirmation of forced absence of the Rev. D. Savage, the modern theory concerning the adaptatiou through committee duties, the Rev. J. Potts conducted the exercises. They partook of the blended nature of a prayer-meeting and love-feast, in which both ministeral and No less than ourselves of the West are lay-brethren, with united fervor, took part.

Such services cannot fail to be a blessing

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST CENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

OF CANADA.

SIXTH DAY.

As is generally the case at Conferences, there was a small attendance at this first session of the Conference after Sabbath. Several of the Delegates had been preaching at Hamilton and elsewhere, so that the session did not commence until near 10 o'clock. Devotional exercises, consisting of singing and reading the scriptures and prayer, by Rev. J. Macallister, were first conducted, then followed the reading of the Minutes of the session of Saturday forenoon, which were confirmed.

The order of the day was entered upon, the first business of which was reading Reports. Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS, Secretary

of the Committee on the Discipline, presented the first report of that committee, the

The report of the Committee on Discipline An Open Session of the Conference will be ance, as in its midst are representatives from was resumed by Rev. J. A. Williams readguide them, and much time is unavoidably held to-night for the purpose of giving a Public the parent body in England, from the States. The following ministers are ex, to conquer the world. Never did Methodism ments were made, some named October The respresentatives of the late New pected to be present and to convey the greet-onnexion Methodist Church are in full ings of the different bodies which they are Connexion Methodist Church are in full ings of the different bodies which they re- family, trusting and hoping that the day will reasons were assigned in favour of the dates force and prime order, contributing their present:-Rev. Gervase Smith, M.A., Secre- soon come when they, with us, will be one chosen, and it was a matter of some difficuldue share to the intellectual and spiritual tary of the British Conference; Revs. J in all that constitutes a United Methodism. ty to find a date which would suit farmers, wealth of the assembly, maintaining and Gardner and M. Benson, of the M.E. Church But these things do not come so much by the legal profession, merchants, and the prolegislation as they do by a larger effusion of fessors of the colleges ; but at length Judge the spirit of our common Master upon us. Deacon moved as an amendment to the did Christian feeling which has characterized English N.C. Conference, and Rev. Dr. Sar- And when the more abundant blessings shall Committee's proposal, that the time should gant, of the M. E. Church South, in the come they will long for closer union with us. be the first Wednesday in September, which United States. The latter gentleman will May the time soon come when we will all be was carried. The next General Conference one! In the meantime he had a dream on will therefore commence on the first Wedhis mind-he would call it a dream-and it nesday in September, 1879. The next clause of the Committee's recredit to their country. From their fine tween the large and flourishing Church of was, that we were capable of receiving a freshness of complexion and fully developed Southern Methodism and any Canadian de- larger infusion of the true Methodistic spirit port referred to the first business of the physical frames, it appears that neither the nomination. With such an array of able calling us to the formation of a cosmopolitan General Conference, the election of a Presibreezes of the Bøy of Fundy, nor the fogs speakers an occasion of great interest may gathering-making us all one great Ecumeni- dent by ballot, without debate, from the cal body. He thought we were grandly old Ministerial Delegates, which was adopted.

fashioned over here. Our preaching was so The Committee recommended the election pointed, with the grand old Gospel, and our of a Secretary or Secretaries in a similar esponses were so fervid and hearty, that we way, but the Rev. E. H. Dewart moved as eemed to be all soul. He admired our soul- an amendment that the clauses shall read, a saving methods of preaching the Word of Secretary and two Assistant Secretaries, God, and our inspiring unison in the service which was seconded by W. H. Gibbs, Esq. of sacred song. He asked, for what purpose A lively discussion took place on the motion is God raising us up among the churches, and and amendment. A rising vote was called making us the largest of all unendowed Pro- for, the amendment had 65 votes, and the testant organizations, but that he might motion 60. Mr. J. Macdonald stated that make us the honored instruments in bringing some had not voted, and as this was contrary much glory to Him. Again, he felt himself to the rules of order, the vote was taken honored in being among us. He would again, when the amendment was carried a whisper a thing-he would venture to whis- second time, there being 78 for and 68 per it—it seemed to him that we must have against it.

A pleasant episode here took place. The been sorely perplexed in making choice, among so many able men, of our President; President announced that the Rev. E. and now that we have put the right man in Holmes was required to leave the Conference the right place, he assured us that, at their to perform a marriage ceremony, and he next General Conference in the United supposed the Conference would not object. States, they would gladly hail our repre- Leave was granted. As there was a large sentative among them. It was fitting that assembly of the fair sex in the galleries at this you, sir,-addressing the Chair--should, at time, they gave evidence by their smiles that your age, and after your long services to they were particularly interested just then. your Church and your country, live long The Committee recommended the election enough to enjoy this honour, and bear this of a Vice-President, in the same way as the urden. You were not ready to die until election of a President and Secretary, which you saw this Union consummated. God was approved.

pared you to see and to shure this blessed The restrictive rules, 1, 2 and 3 were read, Union. May He bless you and make you a and the Committee recommended that they thousand fold ! And may we all at last share be retained. Some thought that No. 3 might the Union that will be indissoluble in the be modified, as it was sometimes found not to be sufficiently flexible to meet exigencies The venerable Bishop was deeply affected that might arise ; but to this it was replied, during the delivery of his address, and at that there were other rules which would need the close the Conference cheered him again all possible exigencies, and besides there were notes appended to the society rules, as printed Rev. Dr. SARGENT in brief terms expressed by our Annual Conferences, which would his endorsation of the rev. gentleman's re- meet the wishes of all. Astothe rules relating

to the doctrines, these could not be touched, Dr. DOUGLAS moved and Dr. PICKARD without endangering the church property, as seconded a resolution, which was unani- the deeds were made with the specific men-

mously adopted, to the effect that the Con- tion of the doctrines mentioned. The recom-

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combine the requirements of a first-class auditorium with the arhitectural beauties that gratify the eve of cultivated taste. Its ornamentation is chaste and elegant, and is largely incorporated in the design of the building, so that the gaudy frescoing which in some American churches dazzles by its strong contrasts of coloring, and its abundance of lights and shadows, is not needed, and the vivid coloring of the stained win-

tints of the walls. There is throughout no extravagance-nothing which to the trained. eye appears taudry or superfluous, while the spaciousness of the audience room, and the adaptation of all its arrangements to the

needs of Methodist worship commends it to the strictest utilitarian.

But this is not the time for large indulgence in architectural criticism, for below us is gathered an assembly of reverend and sagacious heads, each one alive with prayerful and thoughtful interest, concerning the important work of the hour.

And a splendid gathering of men they are. We can say with all candour that there is not one among the number with an inferior physiognomy. There may be seen in one face the elastic promptness of the man of business, on another, the expression of trained thinking which the study of law produces, intelligence, a fourth has the eyes and complexion of the student, another the hearty

smile and honest shrewdness which bespeaks the thrifty and independent agriculturalist.

But upon every face, merchant, lawyer, farmer, minister, piety has left its traces; expression there seems to shine the elevation, purity and hope which religion imparts.

The work they have before them is a momentous one. There is the amalgamation or harmonising of the distinct and somewhat different Conferences or Connexions, the ference.

fixing a name for the united Church, the arrangement of a plan for full amalgamation Churches, the general review of all the provision for the future maintenance and

full development of all these interests for the ensuing four years. These matters come pressing on every mind of that assembly, but as we look at their countenances, sparkling with vivid intelligence, and elevated by

Christian principle we do not fear the result. It is true they are treading on ground Victoria College, and to the article on the ever auything else but one. This General ference. Minutes of the morning session referred to the Committee on Discipline. new to every one of them, they have scarcely same subject on outside page.

known as the twenty-five articles of religion, lxiii. 1, "Who is this that cometh from sometimes called Mr. Wesley's Creed, which Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah ? on motion was adopted, and will take its this that is glorious in his apparel, travelplace at the beginning of the new Book of ling in the greatness of his strength ? I that Discipline. speak in righteousness, mighty to save." Dr. Allison, on behalf of the Nominating The proposition which he illustrated was. Committee, presented a further report, in which they recommended the appointing of Jesus Christ a mighty Saviour. the following Standing committees :---viz.,

1. Because in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

2. Because of the very depth of his dows receives an agreeable relief in the sober numiliation. He is red in his apparel. The mightiest power is weakness and humiliation.

> 3. Because of the power by which he draws men to himself.

4. The might of his saving power is shown by the materials out of which he builds his church.

5. Because he is a Saviour to all ages, classes and conditions of men. 6. Because he saves under all possible the Discipline.

circumstances.

7. The mighty effect of his name and work upon the world prove it.

8. Such is the universal testimony of his people. Patriarchs, prophets, martyrs, the Saul's, the Magdalene's, the Peter's, the dying thief, do all proclaim "mighty to save.!" The sermon produced a profound effect upon the immense audience. The collections for the day were in aid of the and a third the expression is of broad general Ladies' Benevolent Society and Orphans' Home.

ZION TABERNACLE.

Rev. James Hannon, of London, preached morning and evening on the occasion of frescoing and fitting up the old church, and re-opening it as the Lecture Room of the New blending with their varied specialities of Tabernacle. The congregations were large, queen of women. As he, the Bishop, was former pastor.

JOHN STREET CHURCH.

The pulpit of this church was filled morning and evening by the Rev. Charles Fish General Conference there was a practical diverse financial and other interests of the of Peterboro', Delegate to 'the General Con' proof that some of the branches of the

KING STREET CHURCH. In the morning, the Pastor, Rev. W. W. of the late Wesleyan and New Connexion Carson preached, and in the evening the honored name of Methodism. . We are service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. aware that the present hour is pregdifferent departments of Church work with Cornforth, who preached from "O woman, great is thy faith."

> SIMCOE STREET CHURCH-The pulpit was occupied morning and public mind is to be most healthily affected evening by the Pastor, Rev. J. P. Lewis.

We would call attention to the advertisement of the Medical Department of our

Rev. W. J. HUNTER presented a memorial from Ottawa City, Centre Circuit, relating to the extension of the period of Ministers' term on circuits, which was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy

members.

from the same Circuit also, a memorial relating to the order of Public Worship, which was reported to the Committee on Rev. H. TINDAL presented a memorial from the New Connexion District Meeting,

No. 17.—On Temperance, 11 members.

No. 18.—On Sabbath Observance, 17

No. 19.-Official Correspondence, 8 mem-

No. 20.—On the Hymn Book, 20 mem-

Owen Sound, relating to the adjustment of Circuits where Wesleyan and Methodist, New Connexion Ministers have both been recently stationed, which was referred to the Committee which is to adjust such matters. Committee No. 9.

As Bishop Peck has to preside at one of his own Conferences on Wednesday, the President stated that he could not remain any longer at the General Conference than the present session, the order of business was therefore suspended, to give the Bishop an opportunity of saying farewell. Bishop PECK said that the most profound interest is felt throughout all the States of the Union in everything pertaining to Canada. Americans were not silent spectators on the cause of British freedom. They loved Queen Victoria, and they regarded her Majesty as the and the people delighted to hear their greatly interested in everything that tended to the unification of Methodism, he rejoiced

> that in Canada there was such a growing feeling in favor of that subject, and he felt special interest in the fact that at this Methodist family at least, were disposed to come together, and trusted that the example thus -set, would be followed by others who bear the nant with interest in reference to the world's

future. We are surely to be greater and stronger, now that we are gathered into one ecclesiastical body; and we know that the by this union. Everywhere he hears congratulations in reference to our union'; and

any little differences which may yet exist

Conference presented a very pleasing appear- | were read and confirmed.

ference had heard with profound satisfaction mendation was adopted. the eloquent words of fraternal greeting which the Rev. Bishop PECK, of the M. E. Church of the United States, has just ad- all, on recommendation, adopted. Want of dressed to us, we cordially reciprocate these space prevents us giving them in full.

kingdom of His glory.

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expressions of Christian regard, and fervently pray that God's choicest blessings may continue to rest upon the church and country which Bishop Peck so worthily represents ; That on Thursday evening next, a Missionthe Conference also expresses its obligation ary meeting shall be held in the Conference to the Bishop for the rich evangelical sermon Church, the Hon. Judge Wilmot to preside. which he preached on Sabbath evening in and Revs. G. Young, G. McDougall, J.

adopted the resolution by a rising vote. Bishop PECK, in acknowledging the vote,

and he confidently expected that a delega- a Court of appeal on decisions of law. tion from this Conference would be present.

know us. Let them know that if they are few others received a few votes. Weslevan Methodists, so are we. You know

Conference, but you can assure the brethren to learn many things from our Canadian brethren. We heartily pray that the present unity movement may be a grand success. Dr. Sargent, in his usual genial strain, addressed the Conference, and was listened to with great attention, though occasionally interrupted by cheers, and at the close of his address the Rev. Asahel Hurlburt moved, and Rev. W. H. Poole seconded, the fol-

lowing resolution : "That the Committee on Official Correspondence is instructed to prepare an address to the General Conference of the M.E. Church South, and express the hearty desire of this body to open and establish paternal intercourse both by letter and exchange of representatives with the southren branch of the great Methodist family." The Conference adopted this resoltion by

a rising vote. The Rev. R. J. Foreman was permitted

to go home for the purpose of attending a funeral of the R.S. of his circuit. The session was closed with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 o'clock the President gave out a among us will soon disappear, and soon we hymn, which was sung, followed with prayer pulpit. He considered such a practice as will think it almost incredible that we were by a brother from the New Brunswick Con- unwise and injurious. The resolution was

The rules 13 to 17 on pages 167 and 168. Minutes of Canada Conference, 1873, were

Rev. W. J. HUNTER presented Report No. 1 from the Committee on Missions. The following recommendation was adopted : the Metropolitan Church. The Conference Borland, G. S. Milligan, D. D. Currie, and Dr. Sargent to address the meeting.

On motion of Dr. JEFFERS, the Committee said that the next General Conference of the on Discipline were instructed to consider M. E. Church would be held in May, 1876, the expediency of appointing a Committee as

On motion of Rev. J. BORLAND, the Con-The Rev. THOMAS SARGENT, D.D., from ference proceeded to ballot for a Vice-Presi-Baltimore, was introduced to the Conference dent of this General Conference. At the as belonging to the M. E. Church, South. first ballot, there was no election, as none of He submitted a letter from Rev. Dr. SUM- the candidates received a majority vote, MERS, whom he designated as the Archbishop though Dr. Douglas and Dr. Rice were the of the South. We are permitted to make a highest on the list. On the second ballot few extracts from the letter. Dr. SUMMERS being taken, it was found that 156 votes had says: "I am glad that you go to Toronto. been cast, 79 were therefore required to elect I want you to represent the Southern Church | a candidate for the Vice-Presidency; and Dr. to our Canadian brethren. They do not Douglas received 99, Dr. Rice 54, and a

Dr. DOUGLAS was called to the platform how intensely Wesleyan I am, and that is and thanked his brethren who had made him the reason I am where I am. Let them a servant of servants. He trusted that he know that we stand where Wesley, Coke, was profoundly grateful, but the extreme and Asbury put us in 1789, necessary kindness of the Conference had unfitted him modifications being granted. I have no for making a speech. He trusted that noofficial authority to solicit the sending of a thing would occur to disable their beloved fraternal messenger to our next General President, so that his (Dr. Douglas's) duties would not be onerous. Again he thanked that one would be received with genuine all those who had voted against him equally Southern Methodist cordiality. We want with those who had voted for him, but he was sincere when he declared that he wished his long-tried and true friend, Dr. Rice, had stood where he (Dr. Douglas) stands.

Rev. J. Ports announced that the Rev. G. Young was in the Conference, and he moved that he be called to the platform. The Conference soon sanctioned the motion and Mr. Young ascended the platform amid cheers, and in addressing the Conference, he said his feelings were very peculiar, as he

now saw what he hoped, but could not expect, to see. He was glad to see the Conference consisting, as it does, of so many representatives from the east, west, north and south. He related some coincidences between the first Conference he attended and the present one. He felt somewhat tired, as he had had a tedious journey of nearly a week's travel, 250 miles of which was by an old-fashioned stage, when he had a lot of discharged American soldiers for fellow passengers, and they were not the most desirable companions. Again he thanked them, and expressed the hope that they would soon their brother McDougal amongst them.

Rev. H. F. BLAND gave notice of motion relative to the reading of sermons in the

On motion of Dr. RICE, Revs. G. R. San





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instruction eminently qualify him. He is not what is known as a popular or sensational preacher. His sermons being more instructive than oratorical. His voice is full and distinct, yet we have heard him preach sermons that were worthy of a more effective style of elocution. He has little of the tact of the diplomatist, being Trank and outspoken in the expression of his sentiment, with no deficiency of moral courage when circumstances require. He is not ready to agree with the last view of a case he has heard, but is an independent thinker, and not easily moved to change his convictions after they have been formed. He is a good specimen of frank, honourable, independent manhood.

RICHARD LUTTERELL, Esq., Is an Irish-born gentleman, who came to Canada an orphan boy, in 1854. Three years after, conversion to God in Montreal, under the efficient ministry of the Rev. George Young, gave true elevation and a strong impulse to his young, vigorous mind,

insomuch that he has become the active JOHN P. BRIDGEMAN, ESQ., and successful man of business, and very useful member of the church. He has filled the offices of Leader, Local Preacher, and Circuit Steward. He went into the service of the Grand Trunk as brakesman, in 1859, and is now Assistant Senior Superintendent of the Intercolonial Railway over 371 miles of road. His present residence is Monkton, N.B. His own pious exclamation is, "I owe everything to Methodism, blessed be God."

REV. ASAHEL HURLBURT,

Is of a family which has been in Canada ture of the Church. A thorough Wesleyan ninety years. His own immediate parents is he, and all his five children are in the came in as children with their parents. They Courch, one a minister, and one, if not more. were of the U.E. Loyalist stock from the a minister's wife. Mr. B. is a sturdy Can-New England Colonies. Mr. H. was born adian yeoman.

near Prescott, in 1805, which makes him now sixty-nine years of age. He has very few appearances of age for a man bordering on "three-score years and ten," and who has preached, although a superannuate, about converted at the age of twenty-one, and en-

and long experience eminently qualifying him for the position he now occupies.

REV. DAVID DERMOTT ROLSTON Was born 5th of August, 1819, in Ballymartrim, Armagh, Ireland. He was converted to God and joined the Methodist New Connexion Church in 1836. Subsequently he was duly installed respec tively as class leader, exhorter, and local preacher, and in 1846 was taken out to travel as a ministerial probationer. He travelled in Cavan and Monaghan, in his native land ; was sent out to Canada in 1847 as a missionary by the English Missionary Committee. For twenty-seven years he has been laboring in this Canadian field, and for the last eighteen years he has, almost uniformly, been the chairman on the district on which he travelled; and was in 1864 elected President of the M. N. C. Conference, then

sitting in the city of Hamilton, Ont. Mr. R. has been of great influence, and an able preacher in the lesser branch of the now united church, and is not likely to lose position by the change.

Of the Smithville circuit, long a recording steward, and attending from year to year at the District Meeting, now makes his appearance in the General Conference itself as a delegate. His connection with the Church as a minister began at the celebrated "four teen days' meeting" held by "Father Lang" at Smithville, in 1830, which makes his membership cover the last 44 years. He is no inexperienced boy, but an elderly man of sixty-nine. His familiarity with civic matters will make him valuable in the Legisla-

Victoria Medical College.

It is a matter for congratulation that among the institutions creditable to our DENTIST country the Medical Schools stands second seventy times during the past year. He was to none, and favorably compare with those in other parts of the world so far as tered the ministry forty-six years ago. He them. It is a matter of notoriety that Canalabored on Circuits thirty-five years, during dian Medical Students when they go abroad Cor. of King and Church Streets, which period, he was seventeen years the either to the United States or Europe never Chairman of a District. He has been Secre- fail to make a good record for themselves. tary of Conference, Co-Delegate and Repre- Of the medical schools in the lead in send-Medical College has taken the lead in sendsentative to the General Conference of the ing successful graduates to almost every part M. E. Church in the United States. Being of the world. In addition to the large numone of the most upright and religiously de- ber of succesful practitioners in Ontario and voted of men, and being of a calm, sound Quebec, she has representatives in Manitoba, British Columbia and the United States, with wisdom and fidelity. No minister of and in the larger cities of the Union rankeverywhere engaged in lucrative practice, the body enjoys more largely the confidence ing among the most distinguished of the of those who know him. This confidence profession. Her graduates are also found, has been evinced by his election to this First in Great Britain and Eastern Colonies. Moreover two of them are pioneer misionaries in China and Japan. Two years ago not be such as would be appreciated by the the Wesleyan Church of Canada decided to superficial, but for thought, language, and open a mission in Japan, and the Rev. D. vitality, it deserves to be pronounced McDonald, a native of Canada, then taking masterly. In person, Mr. H. is tall and a course of medicine at Victoria Medical College, was one of the two selected for this important work. Upon passing his final in height, and one hundred and sixty pounds examination, which he did with honors, he in weight. In complexion he was a blonde, proceeded at once to his distant field of labors. Although only a year engaged in acquiring a knowledge of the language and the people, Dr. McDonald has so far secured pulpit of his old friend and co-adjuter John the confidence of the people that he was Carroll, in the Leslieville Mission, a sermon offered a position of trust in the interior of the country where his medical skill would be called in requisition. And he was also town of Mitchel, among his children, looked the ex-Tycoon. The Canada Presbyterian Formosa, China, and the Rev. Dr. Fraser, says, "Drawing towards the end of my a graduate of Victoria College, is now, we believe, on his way to inaugurate the mission work, and will no doubt be equally succesful in his pioneer work. As a proof of the efficiency of the present staff of teachers the fact may here be mentioned that at the examinations before the Ontario Medical Council last spring, out of about 80 who passed from all the medical schools in Canada, Mr. P. McLean, the gold medallist of Victoria Medical College stood the highest delegates of the General Conference, and to in the list. The College is situated opposite the Toronto General Hospital, which secures for her students the important advantage of ready and easy access to see the practice of of that institution. The building is new and for internal convenience and comfort is unequalled in the Province. The students of this college have the opportunity of competing for all the honors, prizes, medals &c., offered by All the members of the faculty are active quality, at a moderate price. The smallest size working men, who pride themselves in diligent attention to duty. All the staff reside the duties assigned them. The number of students in attendance last session was much larger than in the previous year, and from is essentially a Canadian institution, and its persons. We have only time to say, that belonging to a Royal Charter; or any other warrespected to observe that the belonging to a Royal Charter; or any other cach article is guaranteed by the Makers to be as Mr. Hough is loved and honored in all the extraneous help; but upon the intrinsic merit "represented." "THE CASKET" can be ordered through all



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judgment, he has acted in every emergency General Conference. His preaching may sizeable, being five feet ten and a half inches and his hair even yet is not much changed. He preached on Sunday morning last, in the of masterly structure and forceful energy.

Mr. Hurlburt resides near the village or up to as a counsellor and patriarch by the Church is about planting a mission field at surrounding ministers and churches. He pilgrimage, in looking to the future I have no fear that brings torment."

JAMES HOUGH, ESQ.,

Deputy Clerk of the Crown for the County of Wellington the last twenty years. This is a gentleman whom it affords us a great deal of pleasure to introduce to his fellow the great United Methodist Church for which he is now one of the legislators.

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He is a native of old England, and may stand as a specimen of the traditional "good old English gentleman." Born in Ilkstone, Derby hire ; brought up in Nottingham. His age is seventy. He was converted in his native country, in 1830, where he became a class leader. Came to America in 1835, and taining the degree well as that of resided first in New Jersey, where he united Victoria University. The staff of teachers with the M. E. Church. Came on to Guelph, embraces some of the leading practitioners U. C., the following June, where he and of Toronto, and the best of teaching talent. several other English Methodists formed themselves into a class, and employed a local preacher as their pastor (Mr. Fear), and in Toronto, and none of them are incapacited surrendered themselves to the first Confer- by age or infirmity from discharging fully ential appointed, Rev. Mr. Nankeville, in 1838. Mr. H. organized the first Sabbath School in that town, and soon became a very the large number already registered it is exta'ented local preacher. Has long been a pected the class of next session will be unmodel leader and teacher of a Young Men's usually large. The Victoria Medical College Bible Class, consisting now of about sixty



