

THE FIVE-YEAR LIMIT

Of Methodist Pastorates Will Probably Be Abolished To-Day.

A MAJORITY REPORT FAVORS IT.

Balloting for Officers Still Interposes Proceedings.

THREE ADVOCATE EDITORS CHOSEN

OMAHA, May 18.—Bishop Foster was in the chair to-day at the Methodist Episcopal General Conference. The special order of the day was the discussion of the time limit question.

The Conference received the fraternal delegates from the Independent Methodist Church, one of whom, Hon. Charles Baker, of Baltimore, read an address. A resolution was adopted expressing satisfaction on the efforts of the fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Independent Methodist Church, and expressing hope that in the near future all branches of the great Methodist Church would become one body.

Bishop Foss presented a minute which the Bishops desired the Conference to adopt. The resolution expressed great satisfaction at the fact that the American people, and especially the Methodist brethren, had liberally replied in relieving the Russian sufferers. The Bishops hoped the good work would continue, and that the famine-stricken people of Russia would be rescued from the perils of famine by the swift-acting messengers carrying provisions from America.

Some Candidates Have Walkovers. After a long dispute as to the order of business the Conference took up the election of a Secretary for the Sunday School and Tract Society. J. L. Hurlbut, the incumbent during the past year, was the only man nominated. The election of an editor for the Methodist Review was taken up. J. W. Mendenhall, the present editor, was, likewise, the one nominee.

The special order was then taken up. It was the report of the Itinerary Committee proposing to strike out that section in the discipline providing for the five-year limit of the pastorate, and to allow the Bishops the option of sending a minister back to the same charge year after year, if expedient. Dr. Arthur Edwards, of Chicago, editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, favored abolishing the five-year limit. It was held, he said, by some that this would abolish itinerancy. It would do no such thing. Every pastorate would cease at the end of every year, just as it does now. This would simply give the Bishops and Presiding Elders power to keep men in those places where they could be of the greatest benefit to the Church, and it would entirely remove the apparent claim of the pastors upon the right to be kept in the same place for five years.

Two Popular Editors Retained. Now came the election of an editor for the Christian Advocate of New York, the itinerancy debate being temporarily interrupted. Rev. Dr. Maius, of the New York East Conference, nominated J. M. Buckley, who has been editor of this, the chief paper of the church, for 12 years. When the applause subsided, Bishop Foster asked, "Am I to understand this to be the unanimous nomination of the Conference?" "Yes, yes," shouted a score of delegates. If the rules of the Conference had permitted, Dr. Buckley would have been elected by a rising vote, but the rules were carried out and a ballot was taken.

Rev. H. M. Moore was nominated for the editorship of the Western Christian Advocate, of Cincinnati. His nomination aroused almost as much enthusiasm as that caused by Dr. Buckley for the New York editorship. Dr. Moore had been the special champion of the women in the great discussions that have been waged in the Church for several years upon the admission of women as delegates to the General Conference. After the ballot was taken the tellers retired, and the report of the Committee on Itinerary regarding the time limit was again taken up.

An Enthusiastic Speaker Goyed. Rev. Mr. Ackerman, of Tennessee, made some lively thrusts at the Presiding Elders and Bishops. The Conference gazed at him, crying, "Louder," when he was yelling at the top of his voice.

A minority report from the committee was presented, opposing the abolishing of the present limit, five years. Dr. Caswell, of Southern California, was in favor of the majority report. He held that the needs of the church and the judgment of the Bishops and Presiding Elders should decide upon the appointments, and not the majority vote. What would the country have thought of President Lincoln if he had removed Grant at the end of the second year of the war and placed somebody else at the head on account of some trivial rule that called for a change? Such an action, he would have been just about as wise as the present method of removing Methodist ministers at the end of every five years without regard to the condition of the work they were doing. He held that in keeping men in the places where they could do the most good, regardless of the number of years, He liked the idea of life pastorates.

Dr. Edwards Still in the Sane. The election of an editor for the Northwestern Christian Advocate came next. The nominees were Dr. Arthur Edwards and Dr. E. D. Whitlock. Dr. Edwards has been the editor for 20 years. After the ballot was taken the tellers retired. The results of the ballots on the New York and Western editorships and on the Tract Society secretaryship were the same as the nominations indicated. It is generally conceded that Dr. Arthur Edwards has been elected editor of the Northwestern Advocate, although official announcement will not be made until to-morrow morning. The Conference adjourned for the day.

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Last night's session was devoted to the ordination of the two Bishops-elect, Rev. Dr. I. C. Clinton, of South Carolina, and Rev. Dr. A. Walters, of New York. A large number were present and the church was crowded. The devotional exercises were conducted by Bishop Lomar. At the conclusion Bishop J. J. Moore preached the ordination sermon. Following the sermon the ordination ceremony took place. It was conducted by Bishop Moore, the senior Bishop, assisted by the other Bishops and Presiding Elders. Each Bishop and Elder placed his hands on the heads of the candidates, and the "Gloria in Excelsis" was repeated by Bishop Moore.



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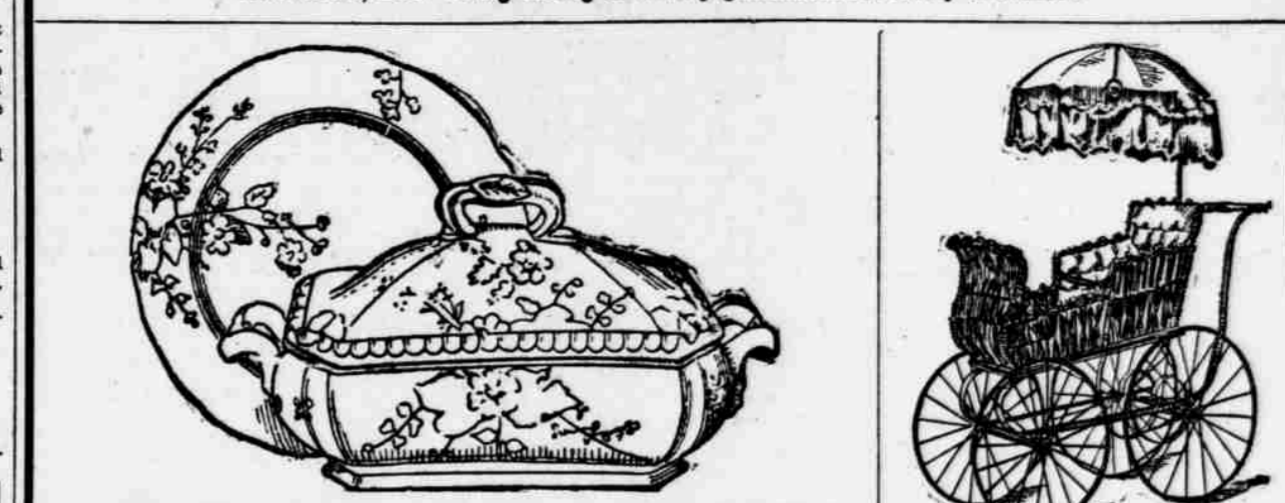
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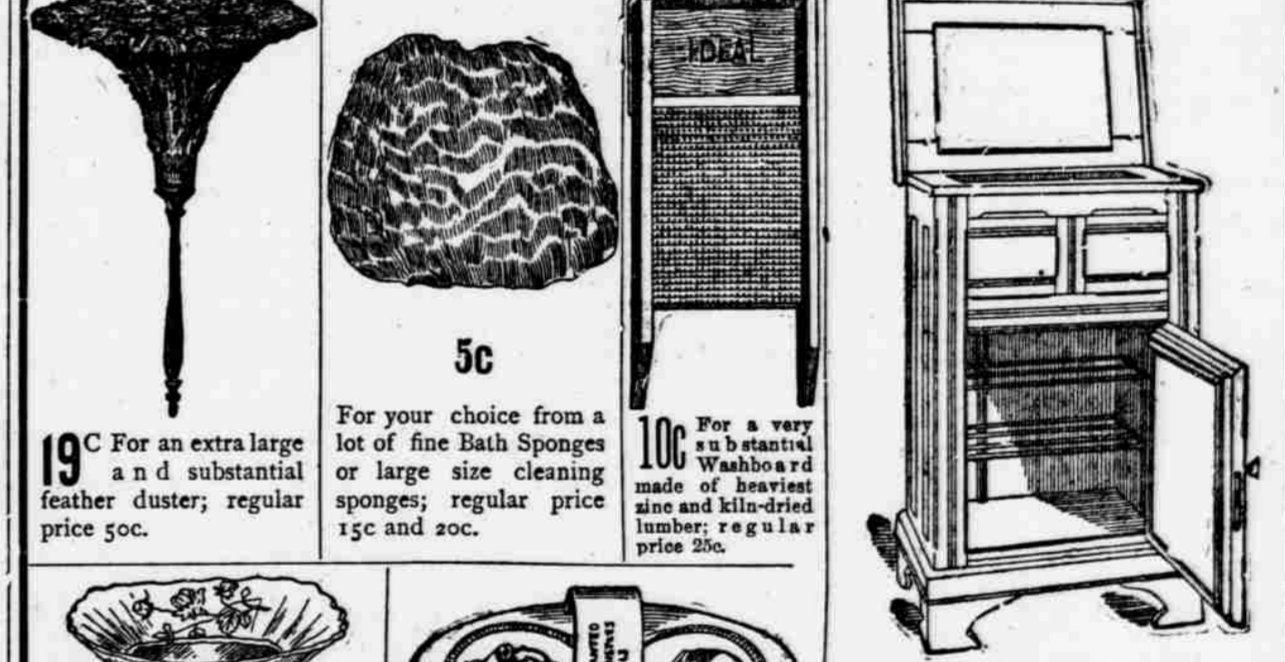
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