

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE RECEIVES A BLOW

Question Voted Upon by the German Methodist Conference.

LARGE MAJORITY OPPOSED TO IT

Conference Also Considered Adversely the Constitutional Proposition to Increase the Present Lay Representation of Two Delegates from Each Annual Conference to the General Body--Prayers for the Republic and President McKinley.

The East German Methodist Episcopal conference yesterday voted against woman's suffrage at the general conference and against increasing the present representation of two laymen from each conference to the general conference.

Religious exercises led by Rev. H. Hastendorf, of New York city, opened the morning session. Prayers were offered for the safety of the Republic and



REV. J. J. MESSMER.

the welfare and wisdom of President McKinley and the secretary was instructed to communicate that part of the proceedings to the country's chief executive.

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