

## CONFERENCE DESCRIBED

DR. GIFFIN SPOKE OF THE GREAT LONDON MEETING.

He Was a Member of the First Ecumenical Conference Held in the Same Place in 1881—Marvelous Growth and Spread of the Movement Started by Wesley—Memorial Service for President McKinley with Which the Conference Closed. Brief Shown in London.

Rev. Dr. Giffin faced his friends in Elm Park church yesterday with a happy greeting from all, and he gave them an appropriate home-gathering sermon from the text, "So he brought them to their desired haven." Great congregations were present.

At night he spoke on the Ecumenical conference, which he attended in London, September 4 to 15. He was a member of the first conference held in the same place in 1881. It was a singular fact that at two sessions, so far apart, the assassination of our president should bring a shade upon the both occasions. The doctor took his text last night Psalm 31:10, "They take me up together."

A wicked set, yet a wise suggestion, will always be made—confederate and unites its strength to oppose the good. The churches have been laboring of their foes. One after another they have convened in assemblage to consider mutual welfare.

Following Papal, Anglican, Presbyterian the Methodists for two decades have been going up to their Jerusalem to talk together as to what will add to their spirituality and success. The place this year was most appropriate, being the very edifice of which their denominational apostle was the architect. The pulpit in which Bishop Gallooway preached the opening sermon is the one in which Wesley often stood and spoke, and the lesson was read from the very testament he often used for the same purpose.

WHERE WESLEY PREACHED.

The adjoining room occupies the place where every morning Mr. Wesley preached at 4 and 5 o'clock to not too many bunches, but a crowd of eager listeners. In the yard is the plain parsonage he occupied, simple enough to start no pride. The rear ground of the church is honored with the dust of the founder and Dr. Adam Clarke, Richard Watson, and other heroes of those days. Under the gallery of the church are numerous tablets to worthy making City Road, the Westminster Abbey of our church.

Across the street is the Bundill Fields, a small cemetery, where the great non-conformists rest in peace, such as Richard Cromwell, so famed in the civil strife; Susanna Wesley, mother of the great pair, preacher and poet; John Bunyan, whose allegory has touched the ambition of so many to follow Christ; Daniel Defoe, whose story started our fancy to a wider reach; Isaac Watts, whose hymns we have appropriated, since they sweetly express so much of our faith and feeling. So located the conference was held amid inspiring associations. It was composed of five hundred delegates, three hundred from this side and two hundred from the eastern section. The doctor referred to the fact that Elm Park church was highly honored, in that it had two delegates more than any other one church, and also that the membership of the body was so different from the first, only 72 per cent. of the former delegates present being in attendance this year.

NEW RELIGIOUS FORCE.

He referred to the almost marvel that this movement had spread so far and been so successful that properly convened in what was an ecumenical or world-gathering assembly. Only 150 years after Wesley began his work his spiritual descendants are met from the four corners of the earth, some traveling 12,000 miles to be present. This denomination stands among the younger and indicates a new religious force. It met in the birthplace of the church. Anglicanism has outlasted its earliest structures.

There has its St. Peter's, which he never built or entered. Westminster has invited us to gather in the old home. In the last conference there sat one whose great-grandfather was the thirteenth person who joined the church in 1629. Look at that baker's dozen in 1629 and then at the host represented in 1901 with 48,000 different ministers, 16,000 local preachers, 7,500,000 members and adherents not less than 25,000,000. The increase of members since the last conference in Washington in 1881, or ten years, was reported at 145,000. The total value of property held by the Methodist church in 1881 was set down at \$400,000,000.

The delegates were divided in two parts, as representing the halves of the earth. Americans were there, English, Irish, German, French, Indians, some from China, India, Australia, Fiji; in fact, a real cosmopolitan group it was. We came from twenty-six or twenty-eight kinds of Methodism, some produced by geographical and others by governmental differences, but were all one in doctrine and experience. The evidence was clear that this one life can adapt itself in form to all situations.

It plainly demonstrated that a re-

**MICHAEL MECHLER KILLED.**  
He Tried to Save Another Workman from Injury.

While trying to save a fellow workman from injury, Saturday, Michael Mechler, a painter, was thrown from the porch of A. C. Fuller's residence, at 320 Electric avenue, and fatally injured.

Mechler was employed by Jacobs & Fasold, John Rume another employee of the firm, was working on the same building. He had placed a ladder on the top of the porch and mounted it to paint the upper part of the building. The ladder began to slip and Mechler, who was working on the roof of the porch, observing this, yelled to Rume of his danger and at the same time grabbed the ladder.

The force it had attained threw him heavily to the ground, a distance of fifteen feet, and he sustained injuries to his spine and skull from which he died several hours later.

He resided at 620 Taylor avenue, and is survived by a wife and two children.

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