

SATURDAY MORNING, AUG. 24, 1861.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The one hundred and eighteenth Conference of the English Wesleyan body, originally instituted by John Wesley, commenced its sittings July 25th, at Newcastle—on—Tyne, in the commodious and splendid Brunwick Chapel of that city. Of the large body of ministers in membership, only four hundred and fifty were present by choice. The President opened the Conference by giving out the hymn "Glory be to God above." Immediately after the religious services were concluded, the vacancies in the Hundred, or Legal Conference, were filled by nomination and on the ground of seniority. It is proper to note this body of one hundred ministers was originally constituted, and provided by Mr. Wesley just before his death—and provision for legal succession—to hold the property of the connection in trust, and make it obligatory on the Conference to submit its proceedings for approval. The contest for the Presidency at its annual sessions, and the direction of the connexional affairs until the next meeting, usually excites great interest for some time previous, and the spirit of rivalry runs high. Rev. J. Battenson, reported to be an eloquent preacher and successful revivalist, was the fortunate candidate. The election was followed by the presentation of the deputations from the Irish, French, and Australian Conferences, who delivered appropriate addresses. The venerable Waugh, one of the Irish delegation, in the course of his remarks said that while Methodism had lost many by emigration there had been an increase of several hundred. He said in the northern parts of the United States of America—thank God that had hitherto to do with the South—there were more Irish Methodists than in Ireland itself. The want of space forbids further notice of the proceedings of this large and influential body of ministers; more than to give the following interesting facts from the report of the Educational Committee:

"The number of day schools is 660, being an increase of 45 over last year, and 72,163, an increase of 4,553. The amount received from the children's pence is \$37,707, an increase of \$2,139; the teachers' salaries have amounted to \$33,626; and the amount of the schools has been \$65,640. The amount of the pence was reported as 4,617, being an increase of 154; of scholars, 494,489, an increase of 19,585; of scholars in Society, 23,804, an increase of 4,525; in select classes, 1,261. The number of teachers is 89,418, an increase of 3,260. The cost of Sunday-schools has been \$21,922, an increase of \$3,888."

"We learn from the Presbyterian that at a meeting of elders connected with the United Presbyterian Church, held in Edinburgh, Scotland, resolutions were adopted favoring the establishment of a representative General Assembly for the church.

"It is stated by an exchange there are thirty-four of the one hundred and fourteen students at Shrewsbury (U. I.) College, who have the ministry in view!

"From the statistics of the Massachusetts Congregational Association we learn that a net loss of 601 during the past year. The entire number of members is 10,000. The interest in Sabbath-schools is increasing and more attention will hereafter be given to this department of church labor.

"An interesting discussion is going on in the Gospel Herald, organ of the Christians, between Elders of the Disciple and Christian Connexion—themselves of discussion—what must be added to or be taken from either denomination to unite the two bodies. The Methodist says the same paper contains a discussion of foot-washing. One of the dispiants claims that foot washing is a church ordinance, and the other denies it.

"The English correspondent of the N. W. Christian Advocate writes that steps have been taken by the Irish Wesleyan Conference to facilitate a union with the Primitive body of Ireland. The Primitive division on the sacramental question; while the Methodists bearing the same name in England divide upon the camp-meeting question. Though both bear the same name, there is no connecting link uniting them together.

"The Examiner states that the contributions to the Baptist Missionary Union during the last quarter were upwards of one thousand dollars more than in the corresponding quarters of 1860. Encouragement is given by the friends of foreign missions, that the contributions for the remainder of the present year will be equal to the amount of the past year.

"Information has been received that the mission school among the Choctaw Indians, under the care of the Presbyterians, has been suspended in consequence of the laws made of a self-appointed Vigilance Committee, consisting chiefly of persons from Texas, and some undiscerned Indians. According to the Home and Foreign Record, fifteen of the missionaries and teachers have returned to the North. It is feared the Indian missions in the South-west, among not only the Choctaws, but the Creek, Chickasaws and Seminoles are in great danger and probably will be suspended.

"The southern papers denounce in bitter terms, Dix, Spring, Lord and others, for their course in the late General Assembly in regard to national affairs.

"At a semi-annual Conference of the London Mormons, held at Bowbush, there were present Elder "Apostle" and missionaries from Utah. From the reports there seems to be a continual emigration to "Zion" of the saints. Elder Rich presented the names of the officers of the church, (part of whom we give) who were unanimously sustained in the following order: Brigham Young as president, over and ruler throughout the world; and Heber C. Kimball and Daniel H. Wells as his counsellors; Orson Hyde, as President of the "wave apostles," with the members of "quorum" of the apostles as organized present in Zion, etc.

The Rev. Dr. McIntosh, pastor of the American Chapel in Paris, and Corresponding Editor of the "Methodist," in a recent letter speaks of the paid writers on the staff of an important Lord or Journal who went to a member of Parliament for information, as to certain American facts. Being interrogated by the M. P. the object, he replied: I am employed by the Southern Commissioners to write up their side of the question in the press; and I understand that you can give me more information than any one else. The member rebuked him for hiring himself to such masters.

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"FOR AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE.—The various branches of the courts of Lower Canada have been in session for some time now. Mr. Martel has been long and well known in the law, and is generally regarded as a man of much ability and merit. The bar has been greatly enlarged by the admission of Mr. Lévesque, who is a young lawyer of great promise. The members rebuked him for hiring himself to such masters.

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"FOR AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE.—JULIA T. WHITMORE, of East Birmingham, will be a candidate for Associate Judge, subject to the approval of the County Convention.

"FOR AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE.—W. H. LILLIAN of Upper St. John's, will be a candidate for Associate Judge, subject to the approval of the County Convention.

"FOR AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE.—SAMUEL CHADWICK, of Utica, will be a candidate for Associate Judge, subject to the approval of the County Convention.

"FOR SHERIFF.—ADAM WEAVER, of the Seven Mile River, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the approval of the County Convention.

"FOR SHERIFF.—HARRY WOODS, of Utica, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the approval of the County Convention.

"FOR SHERIFF.—HENRY H. STANTON, of Utica, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the approval of the County Convention.

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POLITICAL NOTICES.

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"FOR AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE.—THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE COURTS OF LOWER CANADA HAVE BEEN IN SESSION FOR SOME TIME NOW. MR. MARTEL HAS BEEN LONG AND WELL KNOWN IN THE LAW, AND IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS A MAN OF MUCH ABILITY AND MERIT. THE BAR HAS BEEN GREATLY ENLARGED BY THE ADMISSION OF MR. LEVESQUE, WHO IS A YOUNG LAWYER OF GREAT PROMISE. THE MEMBERS REBUKED HIM FOR HIRING HIMSELF TO SUCH MASTERS.

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