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## The LATE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

In a previous issue we gave an account of the opening session of the Ecumenical Conference in London, and now we propose to pursue the subject further. That it was a great Methodist gathering is the opinion of all who were privileged to attend its sessions and take part in its proceedings. And this was the generally expressed opinion locally throughout the city of London. It was extensively noticed by the great English dailies and in all of the pulpits of that country. The histories, the secular and religious press and the clergy of all denominations throughout England, Ireland and Scotland are now doing full justice to the memory and work of John Wesley, and the Ecumenical Conference, representing world-wide Methodism, accentuated the love and high esteem in which that great spiritual reformer is held by those sturdy old sons of Anglo-Saxon thought and civilization. The Church of England is actually claiming him as one of her most distinguished sons and indulging the baseless hope that his followers will at some future period return to the Church of which he was so devout a member and minister. This same Church ridiculed him and taloned him in the days of feeble beginnings, but now she is repenting of her folly and heaping laurels upon his memory. She fully appreciates his work as one of the most dominant forces in the religious uplift of the world.

The second day found Bishop Wilson in the chair, and he proved himself a skillful master of assemblies. In this respect no one surpassed him during the sessions of the body. The first thing on the program was a paper by Rev. Edward Bondens, of the United Free Church. He is a tall, bony man, with a very serene face. He gave a hopeful view of "The Present Position of Methodism in the Eastern Section," as to its progress in education, missionary enterprise and spiritual force. Quite a lively discussion followed this paper, in which Australian and Irish Methodism came to the front. A number of lively speeches pitched the enthusiasm to a high point, and there were many outbursts of "hear! hear!" which is the Englishman's way of applauding. In the afternoon, Dr. Goucher, from our side of the water, read a thoroughly prepared paper on "The Present Position of Methodism in the Western Section." It presented the status of the work from our side in a most pleasing and truthful light. His figures and facts were woven into a strong argument, and it made a profound impression. Dr. J. D. Hammond brought forward the condition of Methodism in the South in a substantial and matter-of-fact ten minutes address, in which he dealt largely in statistics. Then N. W. Rowell, a brilliant young Canadian, told in a thrilling way of the success of the work in his part of the country. Just here a general discussion was indulged in, no one speaking longer than five minutes. The venerable Dr. J. C. Simmons, of our Church, fired up the assembly with a rousing speech. But one of the best of these short speeches was that of Dr. E. E. Hoss,

in which our Southern Methodism was made to stand forth in her true light before that great assembly. It was one of the happiest efforts of the afternoon. One brother attempted to inject the South African War into the discussion, but the Bishop promptly ruled him out of order. All in all, it was a fine day. The next day found the Rev. H. B. Kendall in the chair. His presidency was only tolerable, but the conference was not hard to handle. The first paper was upon "The Influence of Methodism in the Promotion of International Peace." The one to whom this paper was assigned was absent, and at the last moment Rev. C. W. Smith, D. D., editor of the Pittsburg Advocate, took his place, and the essay was creditable to himself and the Church to which he belongs. He is a man of rare ability, and handled his subject with wisdom. There were two elegant addresses following this, and upon the same theme. One of them was by the Hon. R. W. Perks, member of Parliament, and the originator of the Twentieth Century Educational Movement. He is a compact, well-built man of a little more than medium height. His face is clean shaven and remarkably expressive of force and intelligence. He was received with an ovation. He spoke without notes and with great readiness. His address was argumentative and packed with suggestive thought. He is a great student, and well prepared for the discussion of his theme. He began by saying: "In speaking for the East and not for the West, I would say that Methodism has never sought political power. We have no backstairs entrance to the departments of State; we have no Methodist section or party in the House of Commons, and we have no agents in what is called society to pull the strings of nations, and we have no organization for the direction of the public press. Methodism's influence is moral; our creed is evangelical, and our faith in humanity is boundless. We look upon every citizen as a unit of the State, and we try to reform the citizen and in that way we change society. Our Church is world-wide in its moral influence, and we have a hold upon the classes that control society, that control kingdoms and republics. This power is not to be found in the salons of society, it is not to be found in the clubs of Pall Mall; but this power is to be found in the homes of the people and at the feet of God." Then he took up arbitration, moderation and conciliation as elements in the settlement of all international troubles. His speech was wonderfully well received. Then followed the great speech of the morning by Bishop Wilson, who, almost on the spur of the moment, was appointed to take the place of a delegate appointed to speak to this question, but who failed to be present. The Bishop looked a little worn and thin, but his great brain was soon in full play. He began by saying: "I shall not waste any time making apologies. If I say anything good it is my own, but if I do not you will charge it to the original who ought to be here and

is not. The question itself is narrowed down to a very small space. A simple exhortation of the Apostle Paul will show the place that we as Methodists and as a Church of God occupy in relation to international peace: 'I will that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath or doubting. I will that first of all prayers, supplications, intercessions, giving of thanks, be made for all men, for Kings and all that are in authority, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.' My impression is that the secret of the whole matter lies right here. We may organize peace conferences and pass peace resolutions, and express ourselves in the newspapers and all that sort of thing; but they are mere incidents, and if they be not sincere and genuine expressions of the power and spirit that underlie our religion to God and humanity, they are nothing more than the passing breeze. The element of power in Methodism has always been at the bottom. It strikes at the spiritual life of the individual. When we get rid of sin we will be rid of war, and our business is to preach a gospel that will reach the cause of these international troubles." From this on to the close he dealt out great thoughts that left the subject radiant with light and truth. It was a magnificent effort. Dr. Hoss got the floor and made another very felicitous five-minute speech. He is one of the best of hand speakers in the conference. The third morning we met under the constraints of great distress. The news of the attempted assassination of President McKinley being a pall over the whole city of London, and especially over the conference. The morning hour was mostly given to the expression of sympathy upon the part of the body. A number spoke very touchingly, but Bishop Galloway got the floor and made one of the most beautiful talks that I ever heard. It moved the entire congregation with its fervor and emotion. Resolutions were passed, and then special prayers were offered for the wounded ruler, his wife, and for the American people. There was not much further interest manifested in the proceedings of the day. Sunday was given up to worship. All of the Methodist pulpits were filled by the visiting ministers. Monday the chair was occupied by Rev. E. J. Watkins, D. D., of Annapolis. The subject for discussion was "Protestantism Versus Modern Sacerdotalism," and Rev. F. W. Bourne, of the Bible Christian branch of Methodism, read the principal paper. He pointed out the errors of sacerdotalism, both in the Anglican and the Roman Church, and the inability of their methods to absolve the sins of the heart, and then showed that real Protestantism taught a much better and the only true way. It was a fine paper. Prof. Charles Stewart, D. D., of Canada, took up the subject and treated it strongly, and then Prof. J. S. Banks, of England, gave a succinct history of sacerdotalism. The afternoon session was devoted to "Methodist Education in the Twentieth Century," and the leading paper was given by Prof. Little, D. D., of the M. E. Church.

Tuesday, with Bishop Vincent in the chair, was a very interesting day. The opening subject was "Christianity and Modern Unbelief," and the leading speaker was none other than the Rev. J. Agair Best, D. D., the most scholarly man in Wesleyan Methodism. He is a teacher in their theological school and an author of wide reputation. He is a firm unbeliever to be an intelligent rejection of the conclusions held firmly by the mass of Christians, as the ground of their hope and the rule of their lives. Then he pointed out the reasonableness of those conclusions, and the authority for them in the great laws of life as well as in the Word of God. It was a remarkably clear and strong paper, and at no distant day we hope to reproduce it in these columns. The Doctor is a man of rare attainments. In personal appearance he is very slight and slender, with a well-formed though small head. But he is very clear and discriminating in his methods of thought. Bishop Hamilton, of the M. E. Church, followed in a popular though wordsy paper upon "Secularism Versus Christianity." He has a rich, fine voice and a very handsome face, but he is not a man of deep thought or wide culture. He is eminently a platform man, whose style is talking with the masses. In the afternoon, "Modern Indifferentism" was taken up and Prof. Shaw read a well-prepared paper, which opened the discussion. In the paper there is one sentence that contains the germ of the discussion: "Let a man once think that it is no matter what he believes, and it will not be long before he believes it is no matter what he does." This was set forth as the great friend of Indifferentism. Deep faith, guided by intelligence, is the foe to Indifferentism. Faith of the right sort is the seed of the new. The whole afternoon was full of interest. Dr. J. M. King gave us a fine address on the "Antidote for Apathy." Dr. Tinsler read a strong and learned paper upon "Ritual Criticism and the Christian Faith." If I gathered the drift of his thought correctly, the trend of it was toward Higher Criticism, and the scholarly members of the conference gave it very close attention and spoke in high terms of its merit. Wednesday was given over to "Methodism and Literature" and to "Young People's Organizations." The first paper was read by Rev. B. H. Kendall, of the Primitive Methodist Church. He reviewed the history of the growth and development of our Church literature, and presented the present status of our work in matters of this sort. Then came the paper of Dr. Hoss on "The New Demands Upon Methodist Authorship." The paper was well written and well received, but it was hardly up to the level of the addresses previously delivered by the Doctor. However, it met expectation, but he did not have sufficient time in which to present a paper on so important a subject. "Methodist Journalism" was then treated by William Brimlow, J. P., and Rev. E. H. Penrose, D. D., of Kentucky. The latter address was eloquent and popular. A number of the editors took a hand in the discussion. The colored brethren clamored for the floor, but the English chairman did not seem to see or hear them. Such had been their persistence in trying

to be heard that they were weary of them having had nothing so important to say when they were on the floor. Their English brethren even drew a trifling amount of their self-pushing efforts to be recognized. In the afternoon, we had some consideration of the work of the young people. Beyond a review of their organization, and their cooperation in the work of the Church, there was nothing especially interesting in the papers and speeches. In the evening the venerable and learned Dr. W. F. Dawson was in the chair. As he came forward the "Wesleyans" and "Other Church Bodies" were loudly cheered. He is a leading man in British Methodism. The reading was given over to a fraternal interchange, and many distinguished members of other Churches were brought before the body and delivered excellent and brotherly addresses. It was a happy occasion and greatly enjoyed. The most taking speech, however, was delivered by Dr. J. Clifford, of the Baptist Church. Now that discussion has been translated, Dr. Clifford is the most prominent and popular minister in his denomination on that side of the water. Thursday morning, Dr. N. B. Day, of Canada, had the chair, and right well did he fill the place. He is a Methodist. "Beholding the Cross" was the theme under discussion. Dr. Williams, of Australia, led off, but the speech of the occasion was by our own Bishop Galloway. We will publish it in full by and by. It was calm, clear, discriminating and highly instructive. The fact is, we have been so long accustomed to emphasizing the goodness and sweetness of the Father's spirit, that in some instances we have not dwelt upon his splendid, reflecting, and sternness. Whereas we have no more in Methodism superior to him in intellect, scholarship and breadth of theological acquirement. On this occasion he stood out as one of our great leaders of strength and leadership. "Neglect of Family Worship" was minutely discussed in a fine paper by Dr. Thomas Rider, of the Methodist Connection. Dr. Sanford Wood, of England, Hoss and others, made pertinent talk of five minutes each on the same subject. The discussion was fitting. In the afternoon Rev. Campbell Morgan, the man who succeeded Mr. Moody at Northfield, was present and his oration delivered an excellent talk on the influence of home religion. He is totally unlike Mr. Moody as it is possible to imagine. In person he is very tall and slender, with a long neck, dreamy face, long big locks, and the bearing of a profound student. But he has Mr. Moody's devout and evangelical spirit. His address was well received. Friday morning introduced a red-hot subject and nearly every brother tried to get the floor. "Practical Methods of Dealing with Liquor Traffic" was the theme. Mr. Daniel Baker, of the Methodist Protestant Church, led off with a heated paper, and the play of small arms was ushered in. But the best all-round speech was delivered by Judge Thos. A. Morris, of the M. E. Church. Things were growing lively, but the whole proceeding was interrupted by the announcement that President McKinley was dying. A

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THEY BURDEN.

To every one on earth, God gives a burden to be carried down. The road that lies between the cross and heaven. It is wholly true, It is wholly true, It is wholly true to thee.

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The burden is Christ's will, And it will make the heathen wild and strong, For every heart is made for God, And every soul is made for Him.

And those who bear the cross, And seek to give it back to God, Must never cease that never can decay, And hope fullness in the way.

Take thou the burden thou dost bear, And lay it on the feet, And whether it be heavy or light, Or full or empty, 'Tis God's will.

It is the heavy load That presses on the life and light of every soul, With Him, the soul restored, It is the heavy load.

It comes not through all the days, But just when God's grace is near, The Christian's work.

HOME MISSION ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Arrangements have been made for rates and the railroads on the conference plan. Let those who attend be sure to secure certificates at their local office.

MRS. LOUIS S. BARTON. Program of annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society, North Texas Conference, Oak Cliff, October 22-25.

Notice. All delegates and visitors to the annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society of North Texas Conference, which convenes at Oak Cliff, October 22-25, are requested on arriving at Dallas to take the Oak Cliff car, which will bring them to the church door.

PROGRAM. W. H. M. Society, West Texas Conference, October 27-29, 1901. Sunday—11 a. m., annual sermon; 2:30 p. m., service at Resene Home.

Monday—9:30 a. m., divine service, Mrs. Abnera Howell, enrollment of delegates; President's address and reports of conference officers; appointment of committees; topic, "Week of Prayer." 2 p. m., divine service, Mrs. T. H. Allen, reports of auxiliaries; topic, "Personage and Supply Department," committee meetings, 8 p. m., address of welcome, Mrs. Fannie Brown, response, Miss Ethel Moore, reports of delegates to New Orleans and St. Louis board meeting.

Tuesday—9:30 a. m., divine service, Mrs. G. M. Sparks; election of officers and delegate to board meeting; topic, "How to Increase Attendance at Meetings," Mrs. E. L. Souby; Question Box, 2 p. m., divine service, Mrs. F. H. C. Elliott; topic, "District Work," Mrs. T. W. Moore; reports of committees; place of meeting; adjournment.

W. H. M. SOCIETY. I have written every auxiliary of the Home Mission Society in the North Texas Conference, urging that they, in making out their reports for annual meeting, to be sure and report everything they have done for their parsonages, both inside and out; also suggest to them to add to reports the needs of their parsonages. I realize that it is necessary to try to arouse them to a sense of personal obligation in this department. We need increased interest and zeal along this line. We should intelligently present this work at our Annual Conferences, urging the auxiliaries to look well after their parsonages. Allow no other work to be in the ascendancy over their care for their pastor's home. Let us, with loving service, discharge the duties we as a Home Mission Society have assumed.

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TREASURER'S REPORT. Report of Treasurer, W. H. M. Society, North Texas Conference, for quarter ending September 15, 1901.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

This is to give notice to all interested that I can not furnish homes during the coming session of the conference for persons bringing children with them. My people say they will not entertain those who bring their babies. I wish that those who have written me "My wife and baby expect to attend conference with me," may take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly. I do not want to embarrass anybody, and so give you due notice, that I may not myself be embarrassed. I have not a place to which I can send you and your wife if you bring your babies with you.

Preachers and delegates who expect to bring their wives with them to the session of the conference will please notify me as soon as possible after reading this notice, that homes may be provided for them. Please do not neglect this, brethren. If you expect us to entertain your wives, we wish to make it as pleasant for all as we can.

RAILROAD RATES. For the meeting of our conference at Corsicana, I am authorized to announce that all lines traversing our territory will sell round trip tickets at conference excursion rates, which is about one fare and one-tenth. Tickets will be on sale November 11 and 12 and for trains arriving at Corsicana on the morning of the 13th tickets will be on sale the 13th.

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WEST TEXAS. Dear Brethren—Permit me to request of each of you who will have settlements to make with the Mission Board, to lay exchange on San Antonio at your homes, and then make your settlements with me by check on San Antonio, instead of in cash. I may not be able to reach conference as early as usual, and the action above requested will greatly facilitate settlements, as well as personally oblige me.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION. The Ministerial Benefit Association will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday night before the opening of the West Texas Conference, in Travis Park Church. The committee appointed at last conference on constitution and by-laws will meet at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday, in Travis Park Church.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION. Let all who expect to apply for aid at our next meeting, December 16, 1901, write to Rev. H. C. Willis, Houston, Texas, for the necessary blanks and information. Follow the directions, and return the application to him as early as possible.

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