

Methodism in the United States.

A notable conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States has just closed in Los Angeles, California. In many respects it was the most important meeting of the Church in a generation. The matters that came before the members were of unusual interest. The amusement question, the federation with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, fixing districts for the Bishops, and the form of pastorate were all matters that called for ripe judgment and tact. The interest in the amusement question was intense, and the decision rather unexpected. By an overwhelming majority, Conference decline to expunge the clause in the discipline prohibiting participation by members in dancing, card-playing, theatres and circuses. The explanation given is that those who favored the retention of the clause were very active in presenting memorials against the change, while the party that desired the abolition of the prohibitory clause, being confident of success, did not trouble with memorials. It appeared, therefore, that the Church was opposed to any alteration of the discipline.

The unlimited pastorate was a subject of complaint by memorialists representing the ministry, laymen, and congregation. In 1888 the term was extended from three years to five years, and in 1900 the limit was removed. The plan has not given satisfaction. The younger ministers think it is a barrier to their promotion. The smaller churches have chafed and fretted under it. Increasing difficulties are experienced in the stationing work. It would appear from the memorials presented on this point that the itinerant system is still adapted to the needs of the Church in America.

Temperance Under King James I.

(From The Surrey Times.)

From a sermon preached at Petworth by Dr. Richard Chambers in 1620.

To remedy this greates evill of drinkeinge whiche hath bin the ruine of menes of His Majesties subjects . . . I wish the Worshippfull Justices would be pleased to give care to these my requests. Firste: That no ale-house be suffered upon the Commons, and in obscure places, where Rogues and Theeves may resort. Secondly: Not to license any in a village where the minister thereof and all the whole parish shall think it unfit. Thirdly: Not to license any who hath justly stood for misdemeanours or excommunicated a year or two. Fourthly: When the abuse shall grow so great, that poore women out of the anguish of their souls shall crave ayde that their husbands may not spend all at the Pot and they starve—that then there be made some redresse. Lastly: That painful preachers or other officers may be heard and not checked when they justly complaine at your Benches against such places as suffer drinking, carding, and fighting upon the Sabbath dayes in the time of Divine Services.

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as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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A Deserved Tribute.

It will come as a painful surprise to thousands of people in Maine to hear that Dr. George M. Twitchell of Augusta has been obliged to relinquish the editorship of the Maine Farmer on account of ill health. Dr. Twitchell has long been indentified with the agricultural interests of our State and no man has done more brilliant service in their behalf than he. His service has been equally as valuable on the rostrum as in the sanctuary. In every position that he has been placed he has demonstrated his eminent fitness and proved to be worthy of the trust. His last and greatest work of all has been in trying to arouse the people of Maine to the great danger from our game laws as at present administered, and in this as in all other efforts he has been successful. The great revival of public interest is today being shown in the campaign being waged in behalf of Hon. B. M. Fernald for governor, to which Dr. Twitchell has contributed his full share. He now leaves the editorial chair not from choice but from stern necessity. His case is by no means hopeless and it is thought that a year's rest from all mental labor and excitement will restore him to his old-time physical vigor. That this may prove to be the case will be the sincere wish of a host of warm friends in all sections of Maine who have learned to honor and respect the man for his ability and faithfulness to the agricultural interests of our State.—The Northeastern Farmer.

BANISH THE WRINKLES.

In Many Cases They Are Merely Signs of the Ailments of Women.

A woman's face plainly indicates the state of her health. Wrinkles, which every woman dreads, are not necessarily a sign of age. Palor of face, wrinkles and a prematurely aged appearance are the outward indication of those ailments that afflict womankind alone, and from which she too often suffers in uncomplaining silence, rather than consult a doctor. In this condition Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are women's best friend. They actually make new, rich, red blood, and this blood acting upon the nerves and all the organs of the body, brings new health and happiness to weak, weary and despondent women. Mrs. John McKerr, Chickadee, N. W. T., tells for the benefit of other suffering women how she found new health through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. "For some years," says Mrs. McKerr, "I was greatly afflicted with the ailments that make the lives of so many of my sex miserable. The suffering I endured can only be understood by those who are similarly afflicted. I tried many medicines but found none that helped me until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These have actually made me feel like a new person, and the suffering I had endured almost continuously has passed away, and life is no longer the burden it once seemed. I think these pills worth their weight in gold to all who suffer from female complaints or general prostration."

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An Interesting Convention.

The Farmers' and Dairymen's Association of New Brunswick is this season resuming its custom of some years ago of holding a Midsummer Convention.

Gagetown, the heart of one of the finest sections of the country, and a portion which is not easily accessible to the Winter Meeting, has been chosen as the meeting place; and the dates are 27th and 28th June.

The programme will be practical throughout. Most of the discussions will take place in the field where plows, cultivators and harrows, etc., will be tested, or in the orchard where spraying, pruning and grafting will be carried on.

Among the prominent speakers will be Dr. James Fletcher, Dominion Entomologist and Botanist, F. W. Hodson, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner, Hon. L. P. Farris and others.

One fare rates have been secured on the River Steamers; the Intercolonial Railway will give single fare for return on the Standard Certificate plan and the Canada Eastern will sell excursion return tickets, all good going 25th and to return up till 30th.

Everybody is invited to attend the meeting.

Sorry he Spoke.

Mr. Wilkins, wandering aimlessly down the street, met his old friend Pearly, says the Chicago Tribune. "Hello, Pearly!" he called, cheerily. "Where have you been this long time?"

"Serving on a jury," said Pearly. "Well, I can sympathize with you," said Mr. Wilkins. "It must have been a good deal of a bore. Isn't it curious, by the way, that they always seem to want ignoramuses on a jury nowadays? They never take anybody that—that, of course, I mean as a general thing—for they do once in a while get a man of intelligence—I'm not speaking of you, of course—I don't know whether you get exactly what I am driving at or not, but—the fact is, I—that's a mighty fine stick-pin you're wearing, old man. Where'd you get it?"

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

Russians Trapped and Lose Eight Hundred Men.

NEW CHWANG, Sunday, June 12, (midnight).—Information was received here at 10 o'clock tonight through heretofore reliable channels that part of the Japanese that left for Pulan Tien to checkmate the Russians southward advance to relieve Port Arthur, was attacked southeast of Shungmao yesterday. After slight fighting the Japanese made a false retreat, the Russians hotly followed them, when the Japanese made a flank movement, catching the Russians in a trap.

The Russian losses are placed at 800 men. They then fell back on Kaichou and began to retreat along the Baimalgu Teachou road. About two thousand Russian infantry from Kaichou passed through New Chwang this morning, accompanied by a large supply and hospital train. Several carts contained bandaged men. The troops appeared to be fagged out and showed every indication of a long forced march. The officers refused to furnish any information, but a non-commissioned officer told a correspondent of the Associated Press that all the troops were retreating from Tsa Chou. Before he could say anything further he was reprimanded by a captain. Stragglers are closely watched by non-commissioned officers to prevent them talking. The Russians have abandoned the ground mines, eight miles south of here. A native messenger just in from the Russian camp east of here reports that there are many wounded men there.

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CONNELL BROWN.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Quebec, by the Very Rev. Lennox Williams, D. D., on June 11th, Allison B. Connell of Woodstock to Annie T., eldest daughter of Robert Brown, Greenbank, Northampton.

CONNELL-McDONALD.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Grafton, N. B., June 8th, 1904, by Rev. W. B. Wiggins, A. B., Orrin H. Connell, of Lowell, Mass., to Isabine E., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald.

BISHOP-EBBETT.—At the residence of James Bishop, Coronation, Victoria County, N. B., June 8th, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Samuel B. Bishop, of Coronation, to Emma L. Ebbett, of Fredericton, N. B.

CLARK-TURNER.—At the Methodist manse, Woodstock, on Wednesday June 8th, by the Rev. G. A. Ross Ethelinda Turner, of Woodstock, to Stephen L. Clark of Northampton.

CHAMBERS-MITCHELL.—At Woodstock on the 13th inst., by the Rev. Geo. A. Ross, Henry D. Chambers, of Jonesboro, Me., to Mrs. Ida Mitchell, of Granite Hill, York County, N. B.

GRAND TEA MEETING! AT GLASSVILLE**Thursday, June 23rd.**

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