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It is stated tonight that Rev. A. F. Kolaszewski, pastor of the independent Polish Catholic church of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and also the head of the independent Polish mission in the city, has approached Chaplain McCabe with a proposition to turn his church, with its congregations, to the Methodist denomination. Chaplain McCabe while admitting that the offer had been made declined to discuss it. It was impossible to get Dr. McCabe until late this evening.

The members chosen to serve on the various conference committees from what may be called the central districts are as follows:

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FEARED THEIR PRESENCE MIGHT EMBARRASS

Lengthy Minority Report Urging that Admission of Women Would Destroy All Respect for the Church Constitution.

CLEVELAND, May 4.—The anticipation of the disposition of the woman question called out a large attendance at the general Methodist Episcopal conference this morning. The delegates were early in their seats and the spectators were more numerous than on any previous day.

Bishop Merrill of Chicago presided, and the first hymn was announced by Rev. Dr. Hurbut of the Sunday School union. A fervent prayer was offered by Dr. Hurbut, after which the business of the morning was taken up.

Rev. H. A. Buchtel of Indiana desired the Episcopate address read in every pulpit. The resolution adopted a resolution to send a copy of the same to each pastor.

Dr. Mueller of Cleveland presented resolutions favoring arbitration for all English-speaking countries, which was adopted and a copy ordered sent to the president of the United States.

The resolutions pictured at length the horrors of war among the English-speaking countries of the world had too much in common to risk the lives and treasures of their people in a bloody conflict. The resolution further reported in favor of an arbitration commission.

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RESULTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS.

Opening at Aqueduct Gets a Nice Crowd and Good Sport.

NEW YORK, May 4.—About 8,000 people were at Aqueduct park today for the opening of the season. The day was perfect, and a cool breeze blew in from the ocean. The best race of the day was the second, at one mile, won by G. Davis, first race, one mile, selling; Jefferson to Kahl, third. Time: 1:02.

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Third race, half mile, selling; Joe Hayman to Simon, 10 to 50 m. Young Hayes to D. D. Moore, 10 to 50 m.

Fourth race, one and one-half miles, selling; Chueng (2) to D. W. Prig, 6 to 15 m.

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