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TORONTO CONFERENCE.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

The ministerial session opened Wednesday morning, June 8th, at Parkdale Methodist church. The President of the Conference, Rev. H. S. Matthews, was in the chair. The usual examination of ministerial character was made.

The following were received into full connection: R. G. Davey, B.A., B.D., Toronto West; E. A. Pearson, B.A., John Robson, B.A., Frederick Langford, B.A., B.D., A. P. Lester, of Brampton; J. B. Aikenshead, of Bracebridge; also W. W. Walker and J. V. Plunkett, of Parry Sound.

Probationers of three years—H. L. Lovering, J. E. Gardiner and W. C. Sanderson, Toronto East; E. C. Laker, J. H. Oliver, F. E. Fletcher, B.A., Brampton; Isaac Couch. The case of H. Lee was laid over for the present.

Two years' probationers—W. E. Hassard, B.A., Toronto East; A. J. Toye, A. G. Hudson, B.A., Toronto West; A. E. Swartout, H. T. Ferguson, B.A., Brampton; George Mason, Wesley Elliott, W. T. Wickert, Bracebridge; C. W. Reynolds, Whitby; E. I. Hart, B.A., E. H. Johnston, B.A., Wesley Deane, Orangeville; Henry A. Fish, A. Philip Brace, W. Horrocks Moore, D. G. Noble, Algoma; Thomas Scott, Barrie; W. F. Roach, Bradford; J. D. Fitzpatrick, Collingwood.

One year probationers—John A. Jackson, Geo. Lawrence, Toronto West; G. Agar, B.A., Brampton; Gilbert W. Robinson, B.A., Bradford; E. J. Adams, Orangeville; Fred. J. Brown, B.A., Barrie; Gideon Powell, J. J. Sparring, E. T. Douglas, Bracebridge; A. J. Paul, Parry Sound; T. G. McAteer, W. B. Sallows, Algoma.

The supernumerary ministers were recorded as follows: Toronto East, Revs. John Hunt, George Young, D.D., John Hodgson, J. C. Slater, W. S. Blackstock, Wm. Bee, D. Clappison, Henry Harris, Wm. Lomas, Geo. Abbs, John Shuttleworth, Chas. Sylvester; Toronto West, Revs. S. Tucker, E. Barras, T. A. Ferguson, J. Milner, M. Fawcett, Thos. Woolsey, P. D. Hill, S. Card, James Smith, W. L. Scott, N. E. Scott, J. H. Starr, Chas. Fish, Dr. Jas. Elliott; Brampton, Revs. Robt. Boyle, George Jacques, W. Herridge, Wm. Richardson; Bradford, George F. Lee, W. S. Hughan, Henry McDowell; Orangeville, Wm. Shannon; Barrie, Revs. E. B. Harper, D.D., Chas. Taylor, Thos. Williams; Collingwood, John Foster, E. Sallows.

Supernumerary ministers—Toronto East, Rev. John G. Manly; Toronto West, Revs. J. F. Latimer, J. H. Holmes, J. J. Doel, T. W. Glover, J. H. Barkwell; Brampton, Rev. T. S. Keough; Orangeville, Revs. Joseph Simpson, T. Barrie, W. Bacon; Bracebridge, Rev. B. N. Hill.

On motion Bro. J. H. Stonehouse was restored to the active work. Bro. J. N. Lake was restored to the active work, and on motion his credentials were granted him.

Rev. Virgil C. Hart, M.D., Superintendent of Chinese Missions, was added to the list of approved ministers.

The committee to whom was referred the charges against Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D., made their report. The committee met in pursuance to an order of the Conference. Rev. J. F. German, M.A., was appointed chairman, and Rev. Dr. Parker was elected secretary. The charges made by one Isaac Watts were read by the chairman, and a general conversation ensued. The church membership of the said Mr. Watts was conceded, whereupon the following finding was reached: "That your committee, having heard the charges preferred by Bro. Watts against Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D., find that they have reference to questions that were fully considered by a committee called by the Chairman of the Toronto West District to consult with Bro. Phillips on his doctrinal opinions, and were also investigated by the recent District Meeting, and having pronounced in favor of Bro. Phillips' soundness in doctrine, the committee therefore recommend that the minutes of the District Meeting in this case be adopted.

"J. F. GERMAN, M.A., Chairman.
"W. R. PARKER, D.D., Secretary."

The above report of the committee was adopted. The case of James Thompson, who has resigned in Orangeville District, was resumed, and a minute of the District Meeting, accepting his resignation on account of his theological views being out of harmony with Methodist doctrine, was adopted.

The following are candidates for the ministry: E. R. Young, Jr., C. C. Fry, W. G. Watson, B.A., Daniel Norman, W. Ernest Baker, John J. Ferguson, B.A., W. J. Treble, John Linton, Arthur B. Sanderson, George Sydney Smith, W. Wallace, G. Caldwell, G. W. Robinson, John B. Freesbury, William Summers, Thomas H. Ellis, Thomas Ingram.

The following were permitted to take work under chairman of districts: James B. Sanderson, Samuel Duan Dinnick, Lewis H. Allen, J. George Rogers, George L. Miller, George Waugh, Herbert L. Partridge, W. J. Morrison.

In the evening religious services were held in the church, Rev. Hugh Johnston, D.D., presiding. The chairman spoke of the great revival movements that had followed some of the Conferences in the past, and said that the same movement would follow this Conference if all sought a proper outpouring of the Spirit. There was nothing, he said, the Methodist of Toronto needed so much as a rich outpouring of the Spirit. Methodism was applied Christianity; its one work was to bring men to Jesus, and it was from this it had its origin. There was a great need of spiritual leadership, and probably the greatest need of the Church was of men full of the Holy Ghost, of faith and of power.

Rev. J. E. Sanderson, of Willowdale, the next speaker, followed in the same strain. The cause of revivals after the Conferences in the past, he said, was the great faith of the people, and the earnestness and enthusiasm that had been aroused by the Conferences. Mr. Sanderson thought the Church was falling into stereotyped ways of doing everything, and said that was probably the reason why there were not so many glorious revivals as in times past. He believed in the free and easy ways where the audience, as well as the pastors, could take part in the services.

Rev. Peter Addison, of Aurora; Rev. Dr. Parker, of Barrie, and Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, also gave short addresses.

FIRST DAY.

The initial session of the ninth Annual Toronto Conference opened at nine o'clock on Thursday morning, June 9th, in Dunn Avenue (Parkdale) Methodist church, Toronto. Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, presided; and the body of the spacious edifice was well filled with ministerial and lay delegates, while many spectators watched the proceedings from the gallery. The first hour was devoted to religious exercises, led by the General Superintendent.

At ten o'clock Dr. Carman addressed the Conference upon the work which was before them and upon that which had been accomplished during the past year. He believed that God was raising up a true type of Methodism in this Dominion, and he would always have faith in Canada, which nothing had ever shaken except the actions of certain politicians. (Hear, hear.) But he believed that God would yet raise up a mighty, noble people in this fair Dominion under the British flag. (Cheers.) Why should not their public men show sufficient patriotism and Christian magnanimity to come together and draw up a scheme which would be in the best interests of the country? So long as the people were so servile to their king, so long would the results be unsatisfactory. He was not prepared to affirm that the moral or spiritual condition of the past was better than now; but in the past he believed there had been a greater readiness both on the part of the preacher to do his allotted task and of the people to receive him who was sent to them. The Doctor spoke with earnestness for over an hour, and was listened to with close attention.

At the conclusion of his address Dr. Carman instructed the secretary to call the roll, when 125 ministerial and 126 lay delegates answered to their names, after which the ballots were distributed for the choice of a President.

A most exciting contest followed, with the result that Rev. Geo. J. Bishop was elected with 142 votes, over Rev. Dr. Parker, who received 122 votes. The total number of votes cast was 268, with 135 necessary to an election. The result was not known till several ballots had been taken, so close was the contest at times.

Rev. G. J. Bishop, in accepting the office, hoped he would never do anything to detract from the honor and standing of the Conference, and that he might be permitted to add something to its credit. He thought there was a growing opposition to sensationalism and worldly methods in achieving spiritual results in their work. (Applause.)

The session closed with the doxology and several announcements.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Upon resuming at 2:30 p.m. the election of the secretary for the ensuing year took place after the regular devotional exercises. Rev. B. N. Burns, B.A., was elected by a large ballot, receiving 120 votes; Mr. J. Moore, the next on the list, receiving 52 votes. One hundred and ninety votes were cast.

Mr. J. W. St. John, as secretary of the Committee on Arrangements, moved the adoption of a report, being a programme of the work to be accomplished, which it was hoped would have the effect of expediting the work. The report was adopted with a slight amendment. The following gentlemen were elected assistant secretaries: Mr. Benjamin Westwood, Rev. L. W. Hill, B.A., and Rev. R. P. Bowles, M.A.; journal secretary, Rev. Dr. Barras; Conference letter-writers, Rev. W. S. Blackstock and Rev. T. S. Manning.

The annual report of the Conference Special Committee was read.

The proposal of the trustees of the Clarendon Avenue church, Toronto, to sell twenty feet of their property to the adjoining fire-hall, the proceeds to be applied to the church purposes, was approved.

On motion of Rev. J. B. Smith a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring President for the able and faithful way in which he had discharged his duties.

Rev. Mr. Matthews briefly replied. He appreciated the complimentary remarks, and was glad to be able to testify to the valuable assistance that

had been rendered him in his work on many occasions by members of the Conference.

Rev. Dr. A. Burns, of the Niagara Conference, was introduced, and made a few appropriate remarks.

Rev. Dr. Briggs presented the report of the Publishing House. The sales of books and stationery during the year closed March 31st, reached \$138,000. The total circulation of Sunday-school periodicals amounted to 235,000 copies. If the CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN and Methodist Magazine were added, the total circulation of each issue was more than a quarter of a million copies, or an advance of 4,208 copies on the preceding year. The total amount turned over by the Publishing House in all departments during the year amounted to over \$380,000, a net profit of over \$23,000. The report was adopted.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Parker, seconded by Rev. Dr. Harper, and unanimously carried, "That this Conference has heard with great satisfaction the general and financial statement of our valued Book Steward, Rev. Dr. Briggs; and the vindication of his editorial methods, the clear and fair defence of our doctrines, and the forcible presentation of the immense advantages of our religious literature, and especially that supplied by the CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN to our wide connexion, by the esteemed Editor, Rev. Dr. Dewart. We shall gladly continue our patronage and support to our Book Room and its publications."

Many motions and memorials were referred to the several committees to be considered and reported upon.

THE FEDERATION FUND.

Chancellor Burwash desired to present Dr. Potts' reports in the absence of that gentleman in England. A general account of the Federation Fund showed that the total subscriptions to date amounted to \$483,870. Besides which were \$300 in land and \$10,000 in verbal promises, which it was hoped to realize. This would make a total of \$474,770. There had been received on building fund subscriptions to date \$207,967, which, with amount of interest, general fund subscriptions, etc., amounted to \$250,818. They had now an amount of \$60,000 in the bank for all purposes. The endowment fund subscriptions amounted to \$250,000. They would thus be able to complete the building without borrowing a single cent, and were prepared to start and build on October 1st next with that amount paid up. Of the total amount subscribed (\$479,000), Toronto Conference had subscribed \$358,958, leaving the remaining \$120,042 to be subscribed among all the other Conferences. There was still unpaid \$70,000. Concerning the state of the work at Victoria College he said that they had had a satisfactory year and made good progress. About 200 students had been in attendance during the year. They would in the future have larger advantages in theology and arts than ever before by reason of affiliation with Toronto University. All their students would matriculate under a common examination next year.

Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Montreal, followed. The college of which he was a representative (Wesleyan Theological) was not financially strong. The assets were \$100,000. The income was \$6,000 a year, which covered the annual expenditure. They felt the need of the endowment of another chair very much. Of the seventy students in attendance last year, twelve attended McGill University, and fifteen were taking the B.A. course.

Votes of thanks were passed to various officers of the Conference.

The Conference adjourned shortly before 6 p.m. to meet again at 8 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

The session opened at eight o'clock with devotional exercises, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. A number of ladies were present.

The Nominating Committee presented their first report, having elected Rev. W. J. Maxwell chairman, and M. John T. Moore secretary.

TEMPERANCE WORK.

The first order of business on the evening programme was the Temperance work of the Church. A deputation from the W.O.T.U. of the Toronto District was introduced to plead the cause of total Prohibition. The ladies of the deputation were Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Donald, Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Forster, and Mrs. Jarman—Mrs. McKay addressing the Conference. At the conclusion of her remarks, Rev. H. S. Matthews moved for a vote of sympathy and endorsement of the objects of the Union, and the vote was unanimously accorded, with the expression of the hope that total Prohibition in Canada was not far distant.

A second deputation, headed by Mr. F. S. Spence, was introduced from the Dominion Alliance to advocate the same reform of Prohibition. Having requested the support and assistance of the Conference in the movement, he asked that delegates be appointed to the Dominion and Ontario Alliances, which both meet in September, the former in Montreal and the latter in Toronto. Referring to the Royal Commission, the speaker asked that the Conference do all in its power to make it a success.

A voice—"It's a sham."
Mr. Spence replied that he would not say it was a sham, but he believed it was a shuffie. (Hear, hear.)

Rev. W. A. Hunter, another member of the deputation, spoke briefly, the other delegates being Messrs. McKay, D. M. Mihell, James Thompson, and W. Falconer.

A deputation from the Woman's Missionary Society was then introduced, consisting of Mrs.

McKay, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Thomas Thompson, the first of these ladies acting as spokeswoman. Mrs. McKay briefly sketched the vast work of the Society and its extent, from Newfoundland to the Pacific slope. The figures setting forth the year's work have been already given, and the evidence they gave of the great good the Society is doing was warmly applauded.

A hearty vote of sympathy in the work was moved by Dr. Johnston and President Bishop, the latter adding his personal testimony of the valuable work done in his own congregation. This vote was supplemented by a resolution calling upon the churches in the district to set apart a special Missionary Sunday once a year.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The annual report of the Ontario Ladies' College at Whitby was then presented by Mr. George A. Cox, the president of the Board of Directors, and showed that institution to be in a flourishing financial condition, and possessing an enviable record for successful high-grade educational work. Dr. Hare, Principal of the College, supplemented the report with an enthusiastic speech, setting forth the scholastic advantages of the establishment, the complete internal arrangements, and the admirable facilities at its command for giving the pupils the benefits of a healthy country residence combined with the advantages accruing from its close proximity to Toronto. The report was received and endorsed with the usual resolution of commendation and support.

This concluded the evening's proceedings, and the meeting adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

The church choir and individual members thereof contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening by several very enjoyable selections.

SECOND DAY.

The second day's proceedings of the Conference began at two o'clock in the afternoon, the morning having been entirely devoted to committee work. Rev. George J. Bishop, the newly-elected President, occupied the chair, and led the opening devotional exercises, after which the minutes of Thursday's proceedings were read and adopted.

Rev. Dr. Hugh Johnston presented the annual report of the Hamilton Ladies' College, which has already been epitomized. The report was adopted, and the usual resolution of endorsement passed on motion of Dr. Johnston and Mr. H. A. Massey.

Mr. Edward Gurney called attention to several seeming discrepancies in figures submitted to the Committee on the State of the Work, and asked that the ex-President and Dr. Johnston be added to that committee, as they might have information on the subject. The suggestion was referred to the Nominating Committee for attention.

Rev. G. Washington presented the report of the Board of Examiners, which recommended the same examiners as last year, with the following changes: Arithmetic, Rev. J. H. Stevenson, B.D.; Wesley's Sermons, Rev. J. F. German, M.A.; Christian Perfection, Rev. Hugh Johnston, D.D.; Smith's Old Testament History, Rev. Dr. Galbraith; Fletcher and Steele, Rev. J. J. Reddit; Bible's Organisation of the Christian Church, Dr. Hugh Johnston; Bowne's Theism, Rev. T. Manning, B.A.; Gospel of St. John in Greek, Cambridge New Testament, Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D. The report recommended that the next examination be held in Berkeley Street church, on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1892.

Rev. George Webber and Rev. Dr. Galbraith were named as representatives to the Board of Albert College, and Rev. G. Washington, M.A., to that of Alma College. The report was adopted.

The report of the Sustentation Fund was next presented. It showed a total receipt of \$835, of which \$820 had been distributed among needy circuits, leaving a balance of \$15. The report was adopted.

Dr. J. J. MacLaren was called upon to present a report from the Conference representatives on the commission on Conference boundaries. The details of the limits of the proposed new Conferences, as drawn up by the commission appointed under authority of the last General Conference, have already been published in the GUARDIAN of June 1st.

Some difference of opinion was expressed as to the wisdom of discussing the matter then, and finally it was decided to take the matter up at the next session.

At this stage several prominent visitors were introduced, viz., Rev. Edward Roberts, Cobourg, and Rev. E. N. Baker, Belleville, the President and secretary of the Bay of Quinte Conference; Rev. E. P. Mackay, pastor of the Parkdale Presbyterian church; Rev. Peter German, of Niagara Conference, and father of the pastor of the church in which the Conference is meeting; Rev. William Savage, of Guelph Conference, and Rev. J. W. Cannon, of Bay of Quinte. All these gentlemen were warmly received, and several addressed a few words of greeting and brotherly good-will, personally and on behalf of the various districts.

NEW EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Earlier in the session it was discovered that the Educational Committee appointed on Thursday was unconstitutional, inasmuch as too large a number had been placed thereon, and the Nominating Committee was consequently instructed to rename this committee. This was now done by a special report, and the following gentlemen placed thereon: The President and Secretary of the Conference and Rev. H. S. Matthews, Dr. E. B. Harper, Dr. E. H. Dewart, Dr. S. G. Stone, Messrs.

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BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE.

THIRD DAY.

The proceedings of the Conference were opened at nine o'clock a.m., with the usual devotional exercises, the President, Rev. E. Roberts, occupying the chair.

After roll call and the confirmation of the minutes of Saturday's proceedings, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by a standing vote, and amid loud applause, on motion of Rev. O. E. Lambly, M. A., and seconded by Rev. J. S. Clarke:

"That we desire to place on record an expression of our profound gratitude to the great Head of the Church that our gifted and beloved brother, Rev. Dr. Douglas, Principal of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, has been permitted to visit us during the sessions of our Conference in Port Hope. In the masterly and memorable ordination sermon delivered by the Doctor on Sabbath morning, June 5th, we recognized the fact that the pulpit is his throne. With clear analysis of divine truth; with wondrous wealth of luminous illustration; with peerless perfection of elegant diction; with marvellous insight into the human heart, and with tender and touching pathos he unfolded God's gracious purposes in the ministry of sorrow. We believe the Doctor's presence and ministrations among us will prove a lasting benediction to the Methodism of our Conference, and we devoutly pray that in the good providence of God our dear brother may long be spared to lead the militant hosts of Christ against the serried ranks of wrong, and when the Gospel banner shall fall from his nerveless hand and the silver trumpet is hushed into quietness, that from the amarantine hills of the glory land we may still hear the accents of his loving call, 'Come on my brethren, come on!'"

A number of memorials were presented from the several districts of the Conference.

The Conference Boundary Commission report was submitted by Rev. J. S. Clarke. The details of this report were thoroughly discussed, the debate occupying the balance of the morning session, and was unfinished when the noon hour of adjournment arrived.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two o'clock the annual memorial service was held for those members of the Conference who had died during the previous year.

The deceased brethren whose memory was thus honored were Rev. Hiram Williams, Rev. Dunnington and Rev. Ezra A. Oser.

Those ministers and lay brethren who took part in the service and spoke of the departed members were: Revs. Dr. Gardiner (Niagara Conference), J. S. Clarke, Robert Sanderson, David Wilson, T. W. Jolliffe, W. H. Cook, Wm. Burns, Wm. Jolliffe, Joseph Young, Dr. Barrass (Toronto Conference), and R. Hassard.

At the conclusion of the memorial service a deputation was introduced from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, the ladies of the deputation being Mrs. Platt, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Kilgour, Mrs. T. M. Campbell and Mrs. Dr. Gardiner.

Mrs. Platt read a most interesting account of the work of the association, and showed how extensive and vital that work is, the address concluding with an earnest and eloquent appeal to the Conference for its continued sympathy and practical support of the society.

In partial response to this appeal the following resolution received the standing endorsement of the Conference:

"That having heard the beautiful and earnest address of Mrs. G. D. Platt, the representative of the Woman's Missionary Society, we all rejoice to learn of the continued growth and prosperity of this much-needed and highly useful department of missionary effort in the Methodist Church. We heartily sympathize with our sisters in their desire and purpose to convey the Master's message to the ends of the earth. We hail with devout gratitude and joy these co-workers in the vineyard of our Lord, and earnestly pray that the great Head of the Church may crown with increasing success the labors of this band of consecrated womanhood, and bid them a hearty God-speed in the prosecution of their holy and Christ-like work."

Rev. James Gray, treasurer of the Superannuation Fund and the General Conference Fund, presented his annual reports. The former showed that some \$15,000 had been loaned to or invested in the latter fund; and the latter showed the average yearly income to be between \$5,500 and \$6,000, with a present deficit of about \$17,000, towards the liquidation of which the said \$15,000 "investment" from the Superannuation Fund had been applied. Strong exception was taken by some of the brethren to the loaning of this money to the Conference Fund on the ground that the law governing the Superannuation Fund required its moneys to be invested in real estate securities; and it was further claimed that one treasurer handling the two funds and borrowing backwards and forwards, was tantamount to taking from Peter to pay Paul, and that if it was not so easy for the Conference Fund to borrow money, it would be more carefully and economically expended. As, however, a resolution condemning the transaction might have the appearance of a vote of non-confidence, the report the Superannuation Fund was received.

Further discussion followed upon the expenditure in the General Conference Fund, where large sums were entered under the head of delegates' expenses to the Omaha Conference, to the English and Irish Conferences, and other foreign points. Several speakers protested very vigorously against these charges, claiming that they were exorbitantly high, and that with so many of the Church schemes in heavy debt, and this very fund among the worst, it was inexcusable that their representatives should be allowed to charge so heavily for their services. More than one brother asserted that the actual expenses incurred by these travelling members were only their actual railroad and steamboat fares, as the friends at the points visited entertained them like princes; and another said that many could be found who would gladly accept the honor of representing them at these foreign points without charging a cent. These sentiments were one and all loudly applauded, and although the report was finally received, it was intimated that an outspoken resolution on the subject would be offered later on.

Revs. A. B. Chambers (Toronto), E. H. Koyl

(Niagara), and W. Whittington, recently returned from Japan, were introduced and welcomed. The latter announced, amid applause, the founding of a Methodist college in British Columbia, and his own appointment as principal thereof.

The report of the Superannuation Fund of this Conference was then presented by Rev. Amos Campbell, treasurer, after which the brethren adjourned.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Missionary Society was held in the evening, when a large congregation assembled to take part in the exercises. Rev. James Curtis, of Keene, presided, and opened the proceedings with a few general remarks upon the work of the year and the immense need for still greater effort. He was followed by Rev. W. H. Secombe, formerly missionary to Newfoundland and more recently engaged in mission work on the Pacific Coast. The speaker held the attention of his audience for nearly an hour while he gave a rapid but comprehensive sketch of the vast field opening in all parts of the world to missionary enterprise, and urged the Methodist Church to hold her own in the fight for Christ. Rev. Neil A. McDermid, of Pipton, was the last speaker, and his eloquent and pertinent remarks were attentively listened to. The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the enjoyable singing of the church choir, which rendered several well-known and favorite selections.

FOURTH DAY.

President Roberts called the Conference to order at nine o'clock. After preliminaries an interim report of the Educational Committee was presented by Rev. T. J. Edmison, and adopted with the amendment providing that the Committee on Education shall nominate the Board of Examiners, and that the Conference shall confirm or reject that nomination.

The report of the Whitby Ladies' College was read by the secretary and received.

The adjourned debate upon the report of the Conference Boundaries Commission brought over from yesterday morning was resumed, and consumed the greater part of the morning session. A large number of the delegates, clerical and lay, took part, among others, Revs. J. S. Clarke, C. Parker, E. D. Lewis, B. Duke, J. W. Stewart, Dr. Crowle, F. B. Stratton, T. W. Jolliffe, E. D. O'Flynn and Messrs. E. W. Clarke and Everson.

Three propositions were placed before the Conference, a resolution to adopt the report as read, an amendment to receive the report with the addition of a recommendation that Napanee and Tamworth Districts be allowed to remain in Conference No. 2, and an amendment to the amendment that Uxbridge District be allowed to return to Toronto Conference. When the vote was finally taken the amendment to the amendment was voted down and the amendment carried by a majority of about two to one.

The report of the Superannuation Fund of this Conference district as presented last night by the treasurer, Rev. Amos Campbell, was then taken into consideration, and after some discussion adopted. The Conference then adjourned for lunch.

The first business of the afternoon was the reception of the report of the Temperance Committee. The first section dealt with the liquor question, and after setting forth in the preamble the dire effects of the drink traffic elaborated a scheme for the founding of a Total Prohibition League, the members of which shall be pledged to support no political candidate who would not come out squarely for Prohibition above and before every other question, and pledging the members of the Conference to do all in their power to form branches of the proposed league in connection with every church and congregation. It was evidently believed by the committee that this clause would carry with enthusiasm, but at the outset a strong opposition showed itself. The debate was opened on behalf of the clause in a forcible and argumentative speech by Bro. W. G. Jennings, of the township of Hamilton, in West Northumberland, who was followed by Rev. E. Sanderson, of Enniskillen, who strongly opposed the proposal on the ground of its utter impracticability. These were followed by many others, the debate being heated and opinions very sharply defined. After consuming most of the afternoon session in its discussion the formation of the league was approved and the manner of organizing it referred back to the committee for further report. The second and third clauses of the report, condemning most emphatically the opium traffic and the tobacco custom, were very enthusiastically adopted.

The Church Property Committee next presented its report. The first clause, authorizing the purchase of the first Methodist church building yet extant, namely, that at Bay Bay, was carried after some debate; and several other transfers and sales of church property were approved.

An interesting incident in connection with this report was the presentation to the President of the Conference of a walking-stick made from the timbers of the Bay Bay church, said stick to be held by the President as an insignia of his office, and handed to his successor when appointed. The presentation was made by Rev. E. Duke, chairman of the Church Property Committee, amid the cheers of the brethren, and accepted in suitable terms by President Roberts.

The Committee on Education finally reported as follows: The following young men to go to college—Joseph Barnes, A. E. Osterhout, J. W. Shier, W. A. Bunker, M. E. Sezemith, H. McGohey, Frank G. Anderson, E. Bamforth, John Garbutt, W. E. Smith, George Nickle, M. W. Lee, G. M. Gardiner, and Arthur Allin, to Victoria University, Toronto; F. A. Leitch, Charles Adams, and C. E. Sing, to Montreal College. The following were recommended as the Board of Examiners: Revs. O. R. Lambly (chairman), T. J. Edmison (secretary), Joseph Young, W. R. Young, W. O. Beer, J. C. Seymour, Principal Dyer, E. N. Baker, Andrew Wilson, J. P. Wilson, and J. A. McCamus. Rev. E. N. Baker was named as the representative of the Conference to Alma College, and Rev. S. J. Shorey and T. W. Jolliffe to Albert College. The report concluded with a special appeal for aid to the educational work. The report was received and adopted.

The report of the Contingent Fund was received and adopted after some discussion.

A report was laid before the Conference concerning the St. Lawrence Camp-ground, against which there is a mortgage charge of some \$8,000 to \$7,000,

for which a lay brother is being held responsible and pressed for settlement by the loan company holding the mortgage. It was resolved that a special appeal be made for subscriptions towards liquidating the debt during the month of July.

The report of Demill College, Oshawa, was then read, and received with the usual resolution of endorsement, after which the Conference adjourned.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING.

In the evening a mass meeting of the members of the Epworth League and Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor was held, the spacious church being well filled upstairs and down. Practical and eloquent addresses were delivered by Rev. D. S. Honck, of Bridgenorth; Rev. George Copeland, of Pipton; and Mr. William Johnston, of Belleville. Several well rendered selections were contributed by the choir of the church, and great interest was manifested in the proceedings by all present.

CLOSING DAY.

The morning session was entirely taken up with the consideration of the several reports of various standing committees. The first dealt with next year's meeting place, and recommended that the Conference meet next year in Simcoe Street Methodist church, Oshawa, at ten o'clock on the first Thursday in June, the ministerial session taking place the previous day.

The Temperance Committee brought in an amended report as instructed yesterday, and after slight discussion the report was adopted, and the new Prohibition League, as founded and constituted by this Conference, is dealt with as follows:

(1) That steps be taken to form a Prohibition League, to be composed of electors who are willing to make Prohibition the first and leading question of the day, and to subordinate all other questions thereto.

(2) That the members of the said league be bound with the following pledge: "We, the undersigned electors of the county of _____, do solemnly pledge our sacred honor, in the presence of God and these witnesses, that henceforth we will do all in our power by our vote and influence to oppose any Government, Provincial or Dominion, who will not make the prompt and total prohibition of the liquor traffic a leading principle of their government, and honestly enforce the same in so far as our constitution will permit. We furthermore pledge ourselves henceforth to support by our vote and influence any Government, Provincial or Dominion, which will adopt our principles as long as they honestly carry out and enforce the same."

(3) That the officers of the league be a president, secretary and treasurer, with additional canvassers as members.

(4) That all our ministers be respectfully requested to have this report read either to the congregations at the Quarterly Official Meeting, or at such other occasion as they may deem best, in the hope that the people may be induced to take action accordingly, it being understood that such action may be taken conjointly with such other churches and Temperance organizations as may be found willing to co-operate in this great work.

The Statistical Committee presented the following figures of the year's work: Present membership, 36,486, a decrease of 70. Contributions for connexional funds—Missionary Fund, \$23,411.84; Woman's Missionary Society, \$3,949.40; Union Church Relief, \$525.54; Contingent, \$625.49; Sustentation, \$496.97; Educational, \$1,785.29; General Conference, \$718.26; Sunday-school Aid, \$345.56; total increase, \$1,493.95. Amount raised for ministerial support, \$94,562; average salary of effective ministers, \$655.62; average salary of probationers, \$259.88; net deficiencies, \$754. Total for all purposes, \$271,446.54. The report was adopted as read.

The Sabbath-school Committee presented the following statistics: Number of schools, 534, increase, 59; officers and teachers, 4,381, decrease, 22; scholars, 35,587, increase, 792; conversions, 1,795, increase, 239; members of Church, 7,796, decrease, 364; learning catechism, 3,944, increase, 405; pledged to total abstinence, 3,214, increase, 99; volumes in libraries, 86,328, decrease, 2,807; contributions to missions, \$2,384.67, increase, \$467.29; raised for school purposes, \$16,975.98, decrease, \$99.08; Sunday-school Aid and Extension, \$322.23, decrease, \$28.07; teachers' meetings held, 43, decrease, 22; schools open during the whole year, 293, increase, 22.

The report called attention to the neglect of constitutional government in many of the schools, and to the fact that only half the schools were open all the year round. The importance of weekly teachers' meetings for the study of the lesson and the value of the denominational publications received notice, and the report concluded with the recommendation that the first Sabbath in September be set apart as a children's day, specially devoted to bright, happy services for the young people. The report carried *mem. con.*

The Pastoral Address was then read by Rev. Richard Duke. It was a voluminous document, exhaustively dealing with many questions of spiritual and temporal importance to the Church, and at the conclusion of the reading it was adopted with enthusiasm, and ordered to be printed and read from every pulpit in the Conference.

Rev. J. S. Clarke (Brighton), Rev. A. C. Wilson (Newburgh), Dr. Mescham (Oshawa), and William Johnston (Belleville), were appointed as delegates from the Conference to the annual meeting of the Council of the Dominion Alliance at Montreal in September.

The ballot for the Chairmen of Districts was then cast, with the following result, the second name in each district being the financial secretary: Belleville, T. J. Edmison, W. J. Young; Napanee, S. J. Shorey, J. J. Rice; Pipton, O. R. Lambly, M. A.; William Briden; Brighton, J. S. Clarke, R. M. Pope; Cobourg, E. Roberts, D. Balfour; Bowmanville, T. W. Jolliffe, Robert McCulloch; Uxbridge, Joseph Young, James Stewart; Cambridge, William Burns, Benjamin Greatrix; Lindsay, T. M. Campbell, Newton Hall; Peterboro', Joseph H. Locke, W. R. Young; Campbellford, William Buchanan, John E. Wilson; Madoc, William Johnston, John A. McCamus; Tamworth, William Jolliffe, John X. Moran.

A resolution was moved disapproving of the addition of the addition of \$500 to the salary of the General Secretary of the Missionary Board which was recently granted; but after some discussion the motion was voted down by a small majority.

A ballot was taken on the appointment of a clerical delegate from this Conference to the General Missionary Board, and Rev. T. M. Campbell, of Lakeside, was chosen on the fourth ballot, Revs. J. S. Clarke and O. R. Lambly being second and third favorites. Mr. W. R. Aylesworth, of Deseronto, was chosen the lay representative to the same board.

Revs. J. C. Wilson, J. Thom, Jas. Curtis, J. J. Rice and C. W. Watch, with the President and Secretary of Conference, and the Chairman of the District, were appointed a committee to take charge of the arrangements for next Conference meeting.

Warm votes of thanks were rendered the citizens of Port Hope for their hospitable treatment of the brethren; to the Billington Committee, and to the church "and" members of the choir for their services during the week.

A resolution was adopted unanimously expressing the hope that some steps would be taken to retain possession of the old Victoria College building in Cobourg, and favoring the founding of a denominational orphanage there.

This concluded the business before the Conference, and the proceedings terminated with the doxology and benediction at four o'clock.

NIAGARA CONFERENCE.

FOURTH DAY.

The Conference opened at nine o'clock, Rev. Dr. D. G. Sutherland, President, in the chair.

On motion of Rev. T. A. Moore, it was resolved to adjourn at 11.30 to permit the holding of a ministerial session.

Rev. John Wakefield submitted his report as Conference visitor to the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton. The report was adopted.

A vote of thanks to Rev. Dr. Briggs for the ordination sermon, accompanied with a request for its publication, was unanimously adopted.

Rev. J. B. Saunders, M.D., of Brockville, was introduced, and laid before the Conference the case of the trustees of the St. Lawrence camp-ground. It appears that the trustees are seriously embarrassed, and must have relief, or disastrous results to honorable brethren will follow.

A resolution favoring relief through appeals to the circuits was adopted.

The report of the Memorial Committee was read by Rev. Mr. Boyd.

It was resolved that the maximum allowance for horse keep shall be \$75; that, Rev. Dr. Alex. Burns and William McCleary, M.P.P., be appointed Niagara Conference representatives in the Provincial Prison Reform Association of Ontario, and that, while sympathizing with the memorial of the Sabbath-school Association concerning the duties of citizenship, "the committee rejoice that the use of the Bible in the public schools is accomplishing a good work."

Rev. J. H. Haslewood submitted the report of the Sustentation Fund Committee, which was adopted ad. The receipts of the year amounted to \$57,398, and disbursements of an equal sum. Rev. Richard Hobbs was continued as treasurer.

Rev. T. L. Wilkinson appealed to the Conference to assist in purchasing a new lot in the Delhi cemetery, and to provide for the transfer thereto of the remains of Rev. Elder Jackson, a pioneer Methodist.

A collection was taken up for the purpose and a sufficient sum raised.

Rev. Richard Woodworth reported for the Superannuation Fund, showing the assessments for the year paid in full.

The St. Paul's Methodist church, St. Catharines, having invited the Conference to hold its next annual meeting in that city, it was resolved to accept the invitation.

Rev. J. VanWyck, in the absence of Principal Austin, read the report of Alma College, which was adopted.

It was ordered that the list of Niagara Conference delegates to the last General Conference, with any changes therein, be published in the Minutes.

The Conference adjourned at 11.30.

A special session of the Ministerial Conference was held, and George Reader, a probationer, was continued on trial.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened at 2.30.

Rev. William Gernham having brought forward his resolution proposing a graduated tax on ministers' salaries, so as to provide increased revenue for the Sustentation Fund, the President gave his ruling that the proposal is *ultra vires*. He also expressed the hope that an appeal from his decision would be taken to the Court of Appeal.

It was agreed that ministers who are moving shall be responsible for their old charges for two Sundays after the rise of Conference, and to their new charge the following Sunday.

The regulations regarding the billeting fund were re-affirmed.

The publication of the Minutes of Conference was left to the discretion of the Book Steward.

The congratulations of the Montreal Conference having been received by telegraph, the secretary was ordered to send a fraternal reply.

Rev. T. A. Moore reported for the Epworth League, recommending the formation of a league on every circuit, that every league affiliate with the Christian Endeavor Society, and that conventions be arranged for every district. The report was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Clarke read the report of the committee to whom was referred the request of the Dundas Street church, Woodstock, for counsel in their embarrassed condition. It recommended that an effort be made to raise a sum of \$6,000 within the bounds of the Conference; and that Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., be given an assistant in the pastorate of the Hannah Street church, Hamilton, for one year so as to allow him to devote special time during the year towards this purpose. The report was adopted, and the Conference adjourned.

At the missionary anniversary in the evening earnest addresses were delivered by Ernest O. Harris, one of Bishop Taylor's missionaries to Africa, home on a visit; Mrs. McMechan, of London, representative of the Woman's Missionary Society; and Rev. Alexander Sutherland, D.D., Missionary Secretary. A motion of sympathy with the Women's Missionary Society was carried with great enthusiasm.

CLOSING DAY.

The morning session opened with the usual exercises. The Contingent Fund Committee made its report showing receipts of the year 1891 and expenditures \$952.

Rev. Mr. Kerruish presented the report of the Sabbath Observance Committee, condemning the Parliament for neglecting to support the petition for the closing of the Columbia Exhibition, Chicago, on Sundays.

Rev. A. E. Buss read the returns of missionary receipts for the year, showing that the Niagara Conference has raised during the year the sum of \$26,806, an increase of \$417 over the last year.

John Mann, of Brantford, was appointed lay treasurer of the Conference Missionary Fund.

The President was chosen as member of the General Board of Missions.

Rev. Richard Woodworth was elected treasurer of the Conference Superannuation Fund, and Rev. John Kay treasurer of the General Conference Fund.

The Temperance Committee made its report, and a vigorous discussion followed.

Rev. Dr. Badgley read the report from Victoria College, showing the best year in the history of the college.

The venerable and Rev. Dr. Douglas being present, was called upon in the interests of the Montreal Theological College. Wesleyan College was found to be in a most flourishing condition.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened by singing the 418th hymn. The minutes of the morning session were then read.

Rev. J. W. Kerby, on a question of privilege, stated his relation and work in connection with the Dundas Street Methodist church, Woodstock. Mr. Kerby then made an appeal to the Conference for \$1,000, and raised in a few minutes the magnificent sum of \$1,700.

The Temperance Committee's recommendations were: (1) Not to revoke one jot of the demand for immediate prohibition; (2) that, although not regarding the Prohibition Commission as needed, we are glad of the positive effect of the prohibition petitions, and recommend all who can to furnish information to the Commissioners; (3) having declared frequently, and believing that the liquor traffic cannot be legalized without sin, we are driven to the inference that every act of voluntary complicity with the issue of any license is mainly indefensible, so that we cannot endorse any Christian man or member of our Church incurring any avoidable responsibility for the authorizing or issue of a license; (4) with the anomaly that this will likely place the enforcement of the law in the hands of those favorable to the traffic, we have nothing to do but cast the responsibility entirely upon the authors of the license system; (5) we believe that in no respect is it the duty of the temperance people to enforce any temperance legislation whatever beyond that ordinary support which we give to any law. Even if that legislation were entirely in accord with their own requests, such enforcement belongs exclusively to the Government, which in no case ought to evade its responsibility, but especially ought not to do so when the legislation does not profess to be in harmony with the demands of Temperance people. The report recommended further: the submission of the Local Option measure in municipalities; advised Church organizations not to visit summer resorts where liquor is sold; appointed Rev. Dr. Brethour and Mr. Joseph Gibson delegates to the Dominion Alliance; urged attention to the compulsory teaching of Temperance, and appointed Rev. J. W. Cooley treasurer. After one of the most exciting discussions of the Conference, the report was adopted. It was manifest that a considerable minority dissent from the proposal that Christian men should not accept an appointment to the Board of License Commissioners.

The final reading of stations was the next order of business, after which the election of chairmen and financial secretaries took place, with the following results: Hamilton District, chairman, D. G. Sutherland; financial secretary, I. Tovell; St. Catharines District, chairman, J. Wakefield; financial secretary, G. A. Mitchell; Brantford District, chairman, A. E. Buss, M.A.; financial secretary, G. W. Calvert; Woodstock District, chairman, J. S. Ross, M.A.; financial secretary, E. J. Elliott; Simcoe District, chairman, J. H. Robinson; financial secretary, J. A. Jackson. Milton District, chairman, J. S. Williamson; financial secretary, J. Pickering; Welland District, chairman, J. H. Haslewood; financial secretary, V. H. Enory; Norwich District, chairman, W. Kettlewell; financial secretary, W. O. Watson, M.A.

The educational anniversary was opened with the singing of the 925th hymn. Rev. J. Van Wyok, B.A., led in prayer. The church was crowded to the doors, many being turned away.

Rev. James Aude, B.A., of Brantford, was the first speaker. His subject was the "Corollaries of College Education."

The second speaker was Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A. His subject was, "A Trained Ministry the Demand for the Times."

Rev. Dr. Douglas, of Montreal, was the last speaker, and for an hour held the audience spell-bound.

MIDNIGHT SESSION.

At 10.20 p.m. the Conference was gathered in its closing session.

A motion of thanks to the citizens of Tilsonburg for their hospitality in entertaining the Conference, was heartily adopted.

It was resolved to observe July 17th in commemoration of Canada's enjoyment of 100 years of representative Government.

The following were appointed the Conference Special Committee: The President and secretary of Conference, the chairmen of districts, and Revs. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., Geo. A. Mitchell, B.A., John Kay, Richard W. Woodworth and O. G. Collamore.

Dr. Douglas' resolution on the opium question was read and adopted.

The Toronto press were thanked for the reports which they had supplied of the proceedings of the Conference.

Rev. George Calvert was elected reserve delegate to the General Conference, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Dr. Ezra A. Stafford.

The pastoral address was read, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The Statistical Committee report that every fund of the Church within the bounds of the Conference show an increase.

Rev. Mr. Garnham gave notice of appeal from the President's ruling regarding the power of the Conference to levy a tax upon the salaries of ministers to improve the condition of the Sustentation Fund.

The minutes of Conference were read, and approved, and at 12.30, midnight, the doxology was sung, and the benediction brought the Niagara Conference sessions of 1892 to a close.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

June 3rd.

The Friday evening, or reception, service is always a most interesting one. This was no exception to the rule. The church was packed. President Graham opened the meeting by announcing the 682nd hymn, after the singing of which Rev. R. Whiting led the vast congregation in prayer. Secretary Philip then read a part of 2 Timothy ii., after which a beautiful voluntary was given by the choir.

The President then offered a few "explanatory" words in reference to the call to the ministry. First, there must be a clear conversion and the testimony of the Spirit that he is born of God. He must then have a clear conviction that he is called of God. "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." He must then have a call from the Church, and have spent a suitable time in preparation, before he is set apart to this sacred work.

The secretary then read the following names: A. E. Sanderson, S.T.L., C. W. Finch, B.A., B.D., A. Logan, S.T.L., P. H. Allin, B.A., A. T. Jones and W. Williamson who were to be received into full connection.

Bro. W. Williamson said he scarcely knew how to begin to relate his conversion and call to the ministry in the short time allotted him to speak. He had started from Pembroke four years ago as a probationer, with a full conviction of his duty to preach the Gospel. God had opened the door for him, not with that learning and eloquence that some of his brethren possessed, but was determined to do all he could for the salvation of men and women. He had found hard work, but he did not leave his former labors for a life of ease. He believed God had set his seal on his ministry, and precious souls had been saved by the Gospel from his lips. He then gave a sketch of his work, showing the number of miles he had travelled, etc., since entering the work. He had been converted twenty-two years ago, and well remembered the time and place. His call to the ministry was connected with a series of events he could not enumerate. When he was five years of age his most sainted mother was taken from him, and God had kept him ever since. He had formerly labored in the Salvation Army, and was not ashamed of it. He felt the need of a manly dependence on God. He found it easy to exhort and preach, but hard to rebuke as commanded by the Apostle. He did not believe in the goody-goody sort of preachers; it was his duty to rebuke sin wherever seen.

Philip Henry Allin, B.A., said: "Mr. President, dear Christian friends, I see here my first superintendent, my second superintendent, and many sympathizing friends, but my mother, who wanted so much to see me a minister of the Gospel, is silent in death." He was converted at twelve years of age. He wandered, however, and though he always felt he should preach the Gospel he did not like the thought, and studied law; but at a camp-meeting he yielded to the conviction of God's Spirit, and decided to preach the Gospel. He was now trusting in Christ. He was giving his best energies to saving his fellows. This was the most solemn hour of his life. He now dedicated himself afresh to God.

Calvin W. Finch, B.A., said: "Mr. President, dear friends, I feel to-night almost overcome, seeing, to some extent, the responsibility laid upon me." He was converted at about fourteen years of age. He had impressions in early life in reference to preaching the Gospel. In a revival meeting he heard a man's experience, and desired just such a blessing, and he prayed for it, but it was not till he read in a book of a boy being saved that he first gave himself to God, and said, "Thy will be done," and joy came to his soul. For some time he felt as though he never could be fit to be a minister, and while teaching school he attended a holiness meeting; he was almost overpowered by the love of God. He felt he could exercise faith in God to decide to enter the Christian ministry, instead of studying law as he had intended to do, though the thought had been repulsive to him. To-day he felt certain he was called of God to go into the Christian ministry. He would preach the Gospel according to God's will.

A. E. Sanderson, S.T.L., said on a stormy evening in February, 1866, he went to the evening service in Whitby. Special services had been going on, but hitherto he had taken no interest in them. But on this evening, he knew not how, he felt himself a sinner, was led to pray, and felt himself to be a new creature in Christ Jesus. As the time passed he felt he had not given himself fully to God. His ambition had been to make money, to be a successful business man, but still felt he should preach the Gospel. He refused to yield, and lost the witness of the Spirit and wandered back into sin. He spent six or seven years in

business, but felt every day and every hour he was wrong—doing wrong, and felt there was no acceptance for him till he gave himself wholly to God. He received a letter from his father, which none but a Christian father could write, and he felt he must decide or all would be lost. He felt he must yield, so he consecrated himself to God, and felt that God's presence was with him. Having spent several years on probation and in college he now felt the great responsibility resting on him, and asked the prayers of the congregation that he might be faithful to the trust committed to him.

A. T. Jones felt it to be one of the most solemn hours of his life. It was the finally deciding point of his life. He could boast a noble ancestry—the son of Christian parents, a Methodist of at least the third generation. He had had the honor of standing on the same ground and preaching to the same class of people as our noble founder. In regard to his conversion he related the distress he was in on account of sin, but in reading the Scriptures he felt his sins were forgiven. He then dreaded giving his testimony in the class-meeting. He began teaching a class of young men. He asked them to pray for him. He gained strength to speak in class. They then wanted to put him in the pulpit. He began in connection with another young man. He passed his examination as a local preacher, preached his trial sermon, which was a great trial for him, and almost caused him to abandon the work. He loved his farm and his work, and shrank from leaving it to preach the Gospel. He argued he had neither gifts, graces nor fruits but others decided he had. The real reason was, he was unwilling. Not being able to attend college, the way was opened up for him, and so he had no excuse for not doing so. He looked upon all the various circumstances which have led him here as a call to the ministry. He asked the people's prayers for him in trying to serve his Master, Christ.

Rev. Dr. Rose was called upon to move the reception of these young men. He thought the Church was to be congratulated on the number of young men being called by the Spirit into the ministry. He thought the ministry itself might be congratulated on the quality of the young men thus being brought into our ministry. Having proved themselves so well qualified, we have no hesitation in receiving them. These young men would soon find, if they had not already found, that they were in the apostolic succession, not only by apostolic success, but by apostolic failure; for neither the apostles, nor even the Saviour himself, always succeeded as preachers. Why? Because of the hindrance in the people to whom they preached—unbelief. Materialism, the Doctor said, was a great hindrance, both in the poor and the rich. Some are struggling for bread, to whom there is but little use preaching, as Mr. Booth has said, till they are fed. Then there is the common class of people, to whom Mr. Gladstone refers in his book—men seeking wealth, and the luxuries which wealth secures. So both the failures and successes of life have to be contended against. It is no light work to preach the Gospel to-day. Does that bring despair? It would, but for three facts: the power of God; of uniting our will with his; and the possibility of removing the conditions of poverty that keep the masses away from Christ. The speaker congratulated the young brethren on being brought into such a brotherhood. It was no small thing to come into such a brotherhood—one of grand possibilities. It was the pastor's work to go among the people in the bitterest hours of their life. How holy and pure we should be. These young men were to be congratulated on the character of the people whom they were called upon to serve—the grandest people in the world; the cranky ones being overwhelmingly in the minority. They were to be congratulated on the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Church; but still more because of the reward secured, both now and that which shall be. He prayed for the reward upon all the brethren in the ministry.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman seconded the resolution. His heart was filled with very tender and deep emotions, as he remembered the time when he occupied the place of these young men. He also remembered earlier in life, when the revered Dr. Rose, father of the previous speaker, used to come to his father's home. Formerly there were large ordination classes, but only one Conference. It had sometimes been feared the Conferences would be too full, and some had left the ministry and gone into other vocations, for which, perhaps, they were better fitted. A falling off of applicants for the ministry would show a decay in the Church. We are able to supply our own Church, and also to occasionally send one to another Church. It had been laid on the hearts of these young men that they should preach the Gospel. Be it ours to test them. Not every faithful and well-instructed servant of Christ should enter the ministry. An enthusiastic admirer of Christ said, "Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest;" but Jesus sent him home to his secular calling. These young men have completed successfully a severe course of study, including examinations in Church history, logic, rhetoric, apologetics, and the languages in which the Scriptures were written. He would like to see those who sneered at Methodist ministers as ignorant try to pass the examinations they had successfully passed. People are hungering for truth. We

must not try to satisfy this hunger with the swash of sentiment, etc. We esteem fully all Christian experience; but let the pulpit flame with power through any agency intelligence may supply. The most intellectual are not the dearest. This is not an age for wind and declamation, while the battle is being fought that shall decide the destinies of the world. A second reason for heartily seconding the reception of these young men is that they have promised faithfully to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; that they heartily believe in the doctrines of repentance, holiness of heart, eternal rewards and punishments, etc. And they shall need grace to preach them in this age of the world. The Doctor warned the young men against the new theology so-called, and pointed out the danger of preaching from the latest books written to the neglect of the Bible; also the danger of dragging into the pulpit all sorts of social, political, financial and other secular subjects. The speaker gave a scathing rebuke to the habit of advertising sensational topics for sermons to get the people there. We must preach Christ and him crucified. He would like to draw the veil aside and ask the departed Spurgeon what he thought of preaching the Gospel of Christ to save men from sin.

The addresses of both brethren were most appropriate, and delivered with great power; better have perhaps never been heard in our Conference. It was a delightful treat to hear them; and this brief sketch does not by any means give an adequate idea of their excellence.

By a rising vote of the Conference the young men were then formally received.

The President then addressed the young men in suitable terms and welcomed them by the right hand of fellowship, and the meeting closed with the doxology and benediction.

June 4th.

The Conference opened its session at nine o'clock, Rev. W. H. Graham, President, in the chair.

Chief Timothy was called to the platform, and spoke in reference to Oka matters. A committee was appointed, to which the matter was relegated.

A new mission on the Montreal District, to be called Blue Bonnet, was recommended; and a new mission to be called Warren, on the Sudbury District, also one to be called Chalmersford.

It was also resolved that Mansonville, Windsor Mills and St. Armand be constituted missions.

Rev. J. T. Pitcher presented the report of the trustees of Stanstead College. The report noted a larger attendance than at any former period—seventy-nine gentlemen and seventy-one lady students this year. A goodly number have graduated. The spiritual interests were good.

The college visitors in their report were very earnest in their praise of the working of the institution, and were very hopeful for the future.

The sum of \$1,000 was recently left the college by bequest. They urge upon Conference the recommendation and action of last Conference. Principal McAmmond retires from the college, and Professor Bannister has been engaged as Principal. The grant of about \$800 for the year from the Protestant Committee of Public Instruction has been received.

Rev. J. T. Pitcher moved the reception of the report, seconded by Rev. A. Lee Holmes M.A., in an earnest and forcible speech. He said: "It is ours. There is the debt. The endowment and scholastic work of the institution are to be looked at. Our hopes financially have scarcely been realized with regard to the debt. It does not suffer very much for want of larger endowment. There are about 150 students in attendance. Principal Bannister comes to us with years of experience." He strongly urged upon the Conference the claims of the institution.

Rev. J. Scanlon supported the report. Rev. W. K. Shortt, M.A., Rev. B. Whiting, Rev. Dr. Williams, and Rev. E. Chown, of Kingson, spoke in favor of the college.

The report was adopted.

After some discussion of the matter, the several districts were enquired of to ascertain what has been done with reference to the Stanstead College scheme. It was found that the scheme will be generally sustained.

Permission was granted the secretary of Conference to bring in a suitable report in reference to deceased brethren who have a relation to the institution.

Rev. W. Blair, B.A., presented Alma College report. The attendance has been larger than ever before. Fifteen have graduated. The report shows general prosperity. A resolution was passed recognizing the excellent work done.

Rev. S. D. Chown was added to the Memorial Committee. Rev. W. Jackson was appointed convener of the Oka Committee. Rev. Dr. Williams' name was added to the Oka Committee.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. McRitchie.

June 5th.

SABBATH SERVICES.

The Conference lovefeast began at nine o'clock, and was most ably led by Rev. G. McRitchie. The attendance was large, though the morning was very wet. There was evidently great eagerness on the part of those present to testify what the Lord had done for

their souls, for no time was lost in waiting, and it was with difficulty the leader brought the meeting to a close a few minutes before eleven o'clock, when the ordination service began.

After singing hymn 115 prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Ryckman, in which he most earnestly pleaded with God for the young members about to be ordained, not forgetting "the Queen and all in authority over us."

The sermon of Rev. Dr. Hunter has been very highly spoken of. The ordination service followed, when the following young men were set apart to the office and work of the Christian ministry, by the imposition of hands, namely: J. A. Ainsworth, H. W. Burnett, T. E. Burke, S.T.L., T. C. Cassidy, C. W. Finch, B.A., B.D., A. T. Jones, A. Logan, A. W. Mills, F. G. Robinson, A. E. Sanderson, S.T.L., W. J. Wood, G. C. Wood, H. Walker, G. H. Williams.

SABBATH-SCHOOL SERVICES.

Judge Deacon, the superintendent, opened the school by announcing the hymn, "There shall be showers of blessing," followed by prayer by Rev. Mr. Clipham.

Rev. C. E. Bland, B.A., who used to be a Sabbath-school scholar here, gave an address on "Thy Kingdom Come." A kingdom implies a King, laws, and people to do the laws.

Rev. T. C. Brown asked all boys and girls who could talk to hold up their hands, and then asked in what book he could find "Wash you, and make you clean?" How many had washed their hands? Why? To make them clean. God made man pure; man made himself impure. How? Can he be made pure? He illustrated purity by holding up a glass of pure water, and impurity by coloring it.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Rev. B. F. Oliver spoke highly of the W. C. T. U. He thought that instead of our members of Parliament impressing Parliament, the Parliament impressed them; We need men who will not be bought by office. We need a leader—perhaps a woman. He eulogized the work of Lady Somerset. He did not believe the hundreds of millions of Mahometans and Buddhists would refuse a petition for Prohibition. His fear was that professed Christians would do so.

EVENING SERVICES.

The service was opened by the singing of the doxology. Rev. W. Jackson announced the 427th hymn; after the singing of which he led in prayer, the congregation joining in the Lord's Prayer. The choir then sang the anthem, "When I survey the wondrous Cross," which the lesson was taken from Isaiah liii., after which the 437th hymn was sung. Rev. C. R. Flanders, B.A., of Montreal, preached from 1 John iii. 16. Jesus gave himself, which became the crystallization of the Father's love.

down our lives. Jesus laid down his life long before the dark day of crucifixion. If there be no true crucifixion on our part there is no love. The path to Mount Zion has over Calvary. Love is the supreme motive of the self-giving life of our Lord, and also of the Christian life. In other motives there is something of self-seeking. Where do we learn that the mother's love is wonderful, but from the fact that she is willing to lay down her life for her child? "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." So the measure of our love for God is shown in our self-giving. It is the only adequate motive to qualify us for our responsibilities.

Immediately after the public service the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed by the President, assisted by several of the ministerial brethren. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. F. Bland.

Conference arrangements having taken me to an old field of labor adjoining Pembroke, a couple of good brethren kindly reported for me. To them I am indebted for the excellent reports of Saturday and Sunday.

Consecration meetings were also held on Saturday morning and evening.

This morning a good deal of time was occupied in discussing the question of amusements, etc. It was finally decided to leave it to the Pastoral Address Committee, and subsequently a paragraph was read by Rev. Dr. Hunter, which was adopted by the Conference.

Judge Deacon gave a telling address, which was very warmly applauded.

Mr. S. E. Mitchell was appointed lay member of the General Board of Missions.

Rev. F. Ohlholm read the report of Albert College, Belleville, which was, on motion, adopted.

Rev. James Watson presented the report of the Memorial Committee.

Rev. F. DeLong read the report of the committee appointed re the erection of the church at Oka.

The report of the Educational Committee recommended the following young men for college: W. P. Bohart, Isaac Nelson, Frederick Hassold, Charles R. Westgate, William J. Conley, James H. McConnell, Andrew Fairbairn and F. W. Warden. The foregoing brethren are to receive loans and fees.

Ernest A. Davis, William Wilson, Richard G. Peever, Stanley Vaughan, J. R. Hodgson, A. J. Robertson and J. T. Smith, who are to receive fees only.

Robert B. Ewan, J. W. Humphrey, C. A. Sykes, R. Corrigan, B.A., H. Osborne, B.A., P. L. Richardson, B.A., A. H. Farnsworth, W. H. Stevens, A. C. McGilton, E. R. Kelley and O. J. St. Hill without aid.

All the foregoing are to attend the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, except Bro. Conley, Corrigan and Osborne, who are to go to Victoria College, Toronto.

Rev. W. Hall, M.A., and Mr. R. Oughtred were recommended as auditors.

The report of the Sustentation Fund Committee was read by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, and adopted.

A committee was appointed to co-operate with other organizations on the question of prison reform.

The Committee on Camp-meetings reported through its secretary, Rev. A. Lee Holmes, M.A.

The secretary of the Conference was requested, on motion of Rev. J. Kines, to send greetings to the Niagara, London, Bay of Quinte and Guelph Conferences.

Rev. E. W. Crane submitted the report of the Superannuation Fund.

The special committee on the St. Lawrence Camp-ground reported, and the Conference adjourned for noon.

In the afternoon, after devotional exercises, etc., the secretary read a communication from Rev. Dr. Withrow, which was adopted.

Rev. W. Jackson read the report of the Committee on Deaconesses, which was a lengthy document. The formation of a home and training-school, it was believed, would speedily supply the Conference with such evangelists as would put an end to the evils complained of in the memorials sent to Conference.

On motion of Rev. H. F. Bland, seconded by J. M. Oxley, Esq., the Conference pledged its moral support to the British Conference for the speedy removal of the terrible opium vice.

Rev. S. D. Chown, the newly-elected secretary of the Examining Board, read the report of the said Board, and it was adopted.

The Sunday-school Committee reported through its secretary, Rev. J. Watson, F.T.L.; the Sabbath Observance Committee through Rev. W. Pearson; and that on Statistics through Rev. G. S. Orendin.

The statistical report, read by Rev. G. C. Poyser, showed a net increase of 488 members. Other interesting items of information were also given which will appear in the report in the Minutes.

A kind resolution was passed, on motion of Rev. W. Hall, M.A., in reference to the late Rev. L. N. Beaudry. Bro. Hall also presented an excellent report of the French Institute, of which he is the Principal.

It was resolved, on motion of Rev. F. G. Lett, seconded by Rev. A. B. Johnston, that 250 copies of the Pastoral Address be obtained for distribution among the members of the Conference.

A resolution against indulgence in tobacco, etc., was passed, on motion of Revs. W. Henderson and E. S. Howard.

In the evening, a new departure was made by holding a "memorial service" in memory of the

honored brethren who had been called away during the year, there being no less than eleven, an unusually large number, comprising Revs. Robert Bailie, T. W. Constable, W. Hansford, D.D., W. McGill, S. G. Phillips, M.A., G. H. Davies, William Scott, T. O. Adams, N. H. Howard, William Brown, and J. Agar. The President announced a suitable hymn, and called on Rev. W. Hall, M.A., to offer prayer. The choir sang a beautiful anthem, and then the President delivered an eloquent oration in reference to the character and translation of the deceased brethren. He was followed by Revs. G. McRitchie, W. Jackson, G. G. Huxtable, John Armstrong, H. F. Bland, and E. Whiting. All these brethren spoke in eloquent and glowing terms of the dear departed ones. The choir, too, added much to the interest of the meeting by rendering in exquisite style a most beautiful and highly appropriate anthem.

The meeting was one of the most beautifully pathetic and impressive that it has ever been our lot to attend. It was concluded with the usual doxology and the benediction.

Some of the members of Conference have left, but most are remaining to the end.

President Graham is pushing business, and showing his fitness for the position the Conference has so properly given him. It is confidently expected that Conference will close to-night.

One of the first items of business, this morning was the introduction, by Bro. Jackson, of a discussion on the subject of unauthorized evangelists being employed. The resolution aimed at guarding ourselves from the evil done by unmethodistic teaching and methods.

Rev. Thomas McAmmond opposed the resolution in an able address, but it was supported in a still abler address by the President, who vacated the chair for the purpose, followed by Revs. W. Pyke, C. D. Baldwin, Dr. Williams, G. A. Bell, W. Austin, F. Ohlholm and Mr. Nesbitt, of Fallowfield. A few words were also spoken by Revs. B. Pierce and H. A. Young.

Rev. J. Kines would like to discuss the question, but thought as time was precious it was better to discontinue the discussion and take the vote as the Conference seemed to be practically unanimous on the question.

Rev. J. M. Hagar, M.A., wished to speak, and was permitted to do so, and of course spoke well.

A circumstance was related by Rev. Mr. Ohlholm, which was highly appreciated by the Conference, the substance of which was that a man, who lived on a former charge of his, wrote a letter apologizing for the manner in which he had treated him as his pastor, as he had now become "sanctified." But though the speaker wrote in reply thanking him for his kind letter, and reminding him of the fact that he paid \$10 the first year on his salary, and the second year, though subscribing \$10, had only paid \$5, and the third year nothing, he would be glad to hear of that unpaid \$15 being paid into the Lord's treasury. He had received no reply to this professedly "sanctified" brother, but had learned from his class-leader that he had paid no attention to the matter. It was very evident this was not an isolated case.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman also asked a hearing, and spoke with telling effect. He was followed by Revs. S. J. Hughes, Mr. J. E. Nutter, Revs. J. F. Pitcher, G. G. Huxtable, A. L. Holmes, M.A., and I. Wilkinson.

On motion of Revs. C. D. Baldwin and J. Lawson it was decided, by a large majority vote, that Rev. W. Jackson be heard in reference to his motion, and that then the vote be taken. Mr. Jackson spoke; the vote was taken and carried with practical unanimity.

Considerable discussion took place respecting the standing of young men in regard to their studies, after which there was a lively talk on the question of billeting the Conference. It was referred to a committee to report in the afternoon. There seems to be considerable dissatisfaction with present arrangements. It is to be hoped a better plan may be adopted.

Greetings were received this morning from Bay of Quinte, Guelph and Niagara Conferences.

In the afternoon the question of the next Conference came up again, and the report of the committee was adopted, which decided that the balance of the Billeting Fund Committee now on hand be carried forward to the next year, and that the next Conference be held in the town of Cornwall.

A very gratifying report of the Committee on the State of the Work was read by its secretary, Rev. J. E. Lidstone. It was adopted.

The Contingent Fund was reported through Rev. W. Service.

The Epworth League Committee's report was presented by Rev. J. Elliott, B.A.

On motion of Rev. A. B. Johnston, seconded by Rev. J. Lawson, it was resolved to print the same number of the Minutes as last year on the same conditions.

It was moved by Rev. James Lawson, seconded by Rev. J. B. Robeson, and resolved, "That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the publishers of the Montreal Witness and Star for copies of their papers received during the Conference."

The question of evangelists again came up.

A communication from the Single Tax Association was read and laid on the table.

The President having to retire on the Stationing Committee, Rev. R. Whiting was called to the chair.

A communication from the secretary of the Dominion Alliance was read, and referred to the Temperance Committee.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman gave notice of motion re hospitality of Pembroke friends.

Rev. James Larmour, B.A., was requested to write an obituary notice of the late Rev. T. O. Adkins.

Rev. S. N. McAdoo, formerly of this Conference, now of the Minnesota Conference, was introduced, and briefly addressed the Conference in a happy vein, conveying the fraternal greetings of many Canadian brethren now in the Conference to which he belongs.

The Conference, on motion of Revs. Dr. Griffith and W. H. Emsley, approved the ten resolutions adopted by the Provincial Prison Reform Conference held in Toronto, November 27th, 1881.

A number of items of business were despatched, and on motion the Conference adjourned a little earlier in the afternoon than usual.

At eight o'clock the Sabbath-school service was opened, with Rev. J. T. Pitcher in the chair. The

746th hymn was sung, and Rev. J. Watson read the Scriptures and led in prayer. After another hymn the chairman offered a few appropriate remarks, and then called upon Rev. W. S. Jamieson, M.A., who gave a very fine address containing much thought concisely and beautifully arranged.

The "Sweet By-and-bye" was then sung, in affecting manner, and after a few remarks from the chairman, Rev. W. Philp, B.A., B.D., was called upon. After a few pleasantries Bro. Philp struck out into an able address by the remark, "Theistic evolution has come to stay." He believed the Church was growing better. He was no pessimist. He regarded the Sabbath-school as the nursery of the Church, but if children could not attend both the public preaching service and the Sabbath-school, he would certainly have them attend the former. The speaker contended that children belong to God, and therefore the work was the more hopeful. The life of Christ, so beautiful and pure, he contended should be studied more, and he believed it was being studied more and more. He believed every Sabbath-school teacher should love children and flowers. The Church of the future would be what we make it by our nurture of the young.

The address was very interesting, and attentively listened to, of which this does not profess to be even an outline. At its conclusion Rev. W. Jackson was called on for a five-minute speech, as the Stationing Committee were not ready to report, and he gave some very interesting personal reminiscences in relation to the training of a Sabbath-school class.

Next, Rev. O. O. Johnston was called on, and spoke very fluently for a few minutes. Then Mr. C. W. Coates, our popular Montreal Book Steward, was called upon to state what he considered the best twenty books for Sabbath-schools, and in response gave some very interesting hints and information. Judge Deacon was called on, and, as usual, spoke well; so also of Dr. Ryckman, who followed.

At this point the President ascended the platform, and stated that as they were not yet ready to read the stations, R. v. E. Whiting, ex President, would take the chair, and conduct the business yet to be transacted.

Votes of thanks to the Pembroke friends, Billeting Committee, choir, etc., were passed, and many kind words were spoken, after which the excellent choir gave in their own fine style, "God be with you till we meet again," heartily joined in by the large assembly.

The secretary read the report of the Ladies' College, Whitby, which on motion was received.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented by its secretary, Rev. Jas. Lawson.

The Stationing Committee appeared, and there was loud clapping of hands as the President again ascended the platform. There was a great hush while the stations were read. Billeting for chairmen was then proceeded with, and the results made known shortly after, showing that while most of the former chairmen had been re-elected, a few were thus honored for the first time.

The Stationing Committee report having had the hardest time ever known! "On the whole, however, it is conceded the work has been done well.

The Conference has been a very pleasant one, and nothing could exceed the kindness of the Pembroke people. It would be hard to determine whether hosts or guests were the more pleased, for all seemed to enjoy the Conference at Pembroke most thoroughly. It was brought to a close about 2 a.m. on Wednesday, Rev. J. B. Robeson pronouncing the benediction.

Rev. W. H. Graham makes a popular President, and Rev. W. Philp an efficient Secretary.

A very large number of the Pembroke people met at the station, as most of members of Conference left on the early train.

Thus ends my ninth report of the Montreal Annual Conference.

J. L.

Brief Church Items.

TORONTO CONFERENCE.

TORONTO, Berkeley Street.—A reception service took place on Sunday evening, May 29th, in this church, when Rev. Dr. Galbraith, the pastor, and the officials extended the right hand of fellowship to between thirty and forty new members, making a total of 186 who have joined the church during the present Conference year.—Gl be

TORONTO, Parkdale Church.—The annual report for this church for 1881-2 has just been issued, and gives a detailed account of all departments of the work. The Finance Committee, in its report, says: "Considering the fact that the obligations of our church, completed in all details, are necessarily greater during the first years of its history, and having knowledge of the general financial depression of the year 1881, we have great reason to be encouraged by the report of the treasurer." The envelope stewards' report shows that the income from this source has steadily increased during the year, and amounted to \$8,046.73, with arrears at the time of closing the accounts of \$200, all of which are considered good. The pastor's salary of \$2,000 is paid from this source, and the report therefore shows, after meeting this obligation, there is a surplus of \$1,046.73, and \$200 still due. The income from open collections during the year was \$1,452.88, and from pew rentals \$1,788.82. The total amount raised and expended by this congregation for all purposes during the year was over \$16,000. The membership and congregation are increasing, and the outlook is encouraging.

ELMVALE CIRCUIT.—The Recording Steward writes: The Elmvals Circuit at the last Quarterly Meeting gave our minister, Rev. P. Jones, a most cordial invitation to remain for another year with a rise of salary. Mr. Jones has won the good will of the circuit by his very pleasant and genial manner, also by his visiting so much, whether members or not. He has held revival meetings at Allanwood this winter, with good success. Mr. Jones has also, with the assistance of Mr. Viner, the evangelist, held three weeks of revival services in Elmvala. Mr. Viner came fresh from Stayner and Creemore, where he had great success, but on account of want of union with the other churches, the Presbyterians having no settled minister to co-operate with us, caused a non-union spirit. Nevertheless the church was crowded, the meetings good and souls saved. Hallelujah! The Methodists of

Elmvale are working nobly; their numbers are small; both church and parsonage nearly out of debt, and the revival giving them quite an addition to their church, also arrangements are made for a camp-meeting, to be held near the village and to begin in July. Mr. Viner and Mr. McLachlin, with their large tent, will be there. Something quite new for this part."

BOND HEAD.—Rev. J. Wesley Savage, pastor. A pleasant year in church work. Nothing behind in any of the connexional funds. A good increase in the missionary returns. Activity and speed is the order of the day on this attractive circuit. The erection of the new church makes all lively round the old parsonage. The opening is expected to take place on October 1st. The progress of the undertaking is pleasing, agreeable and very encouraging. A good home, a devoted people, short journeys, and made welcome at each appointment, makes the circuit a most desirable one. The pastor leaves it at the end of his three years because the law does not allow a longer term, but he leaves it with fond recollections, saddened, however by painful bereavement, yet sustained by divine graces.

TORONTO, Queen Street.—The recent services at this church were largely attended on the occasion of Rev. Manly Benson's leaving the congregation, over which he has presided with so much success during the ministerial term now drawing to a close. The address in the morning referred chiefly to the duties devolving upon the congregation in connection with the new pastor; and in the evening Mr. Benson delivered one of those stirring and eloquent appeals of an evangelistic character which always characterize his efforts in this direction. At the close of each service the speaker took occasion to thank all who, in connection with the loss by death of his late daughter, Mrs. Blight, had so kindly conveyed by letter and otherwise the expression of their sympathy. It will gratify the friends of Mr. Benson everywhere to learn that his daughter Florence, who has been prostrated with the same disease that terminated so sadly in her sister's case, is considered out of danger.

TORONTO, Gerrard Street.—A special meeting of the Quarterly Official Board of this church was held on Tuesday night, June 7th, to consider means of providing accommodation for the increasing congregation that is being gathered by the popular pastor, Rev. W. J. Barkwell, M. A. It was unanimously agreed that a new building would have to be erected, and arrangements are being made to solicit subscriptions for the building fund. Meanwhile 100 more sittings are to be provided by crowding in more seats ordered by the Board. Mr. William Lawson, ex-organist of the Jarvis Street Baptist church, has been secured as organist and choir-master. The whole church is thoroughly organized for aggressive work during the coming Conference year.—Globe.

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE.

PETERBORO, George Street.—Rev. Joseph H. Locke, pastor. At the last Quarterly Official Board Meeting, when the work of the year was brought into review, it was seen that encouraging progress had been made in all departments of church work. The membership has steadily increased. New members have been introduced at every sacramental service, and at the last thirty were added. All the financial interests of the church have largely advanced. It has been said lately by several persons long in official relation to the church, that this has been the best year financially in the history of the church. We have over six hundred dollars of a surplus in the two years from the weekly envelope contributions, by which a sinking fund is started for the reduction of the church debt. The missionary contributions during the same period have advanced from \$519 to \$806. Our last missionary anniversary, was characterized by a crowded house, a stirring sermon, inspiring addresses and great missionary enthusiasm. Rev. J. V. Smith, Mr. John T. Moore and Mr. William Calvert, of Toronto, were the speakers. Our Sunday-school, under the superintendency of Mr. H. S. Griffin, is large, well organized and prosperous. A large and flourishing Epworth League is developing the gifts and graces of the young people. The completion of the church tower and other improvements, the bottle-vending of the church lot (which is a very large corner lot, extending from street to street), together with additional tree planting, add much to the value and attractiveness of this fine church property.

LONDON CONFERENCE.

CHATEAU Park Street.—Rev. J. W. Annis, M. A., pastor. The annual meeting of this church was held on Wednesday evening, May 25th. The results were exceedingly gratifying to the officials. The membership of the church has risen to 600, being the largest membership of any church in the London Conference. The Sunday-school, with nearly 900 on the roll, and an average attendance of over 800, is larger than ever before, and is said to be the largest Methodist Sunday-school west of Toronto. The Epworth League has also a very large attendance, and is in a very prosperous state. The finances were found to be in a flourishing condition, the plate offerings being much the largest in the history of the church. After paying all the current expenses and \$100 on the mortgage indebtedness, there was left a surplus on hand of over \$300.—Banner.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

DEAR SIR,—We have a bright, sharp little girl six years of age at our shelter. She is of dark complexion, dark hair and blue eyes; is a very affectionate child. Our society prefers, where it is possible, to have its little charges adopted into homes rather than sent to homes with a large number of other children. As a rule this is hardly practicable, but this case is one of the exceptions. I would be glad to correspond with any Christian whom God may not have blessed with children, and who long for an affectionate, bright little one to bless their home.

I think there will be no difficulty in getting her mother to consent to give up all claim to her, as she cannot very well do the child justice, for reasons which I can explain in correspondence. J. STEWART COLEMAN, Secretary Toronto Children's Aid Society, 32 Church Street, Toronto.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Western District of Toronto was held on May 26th and 27th in Wesley church, Dundas Street, Rev. J. F. German presiding. The reports of the various churches in the district showed that during the past year the total Church membership had increased by nearly two hundred.

After the transaction of business of a routine nature, the election of lay delegates to the Conference was proceeded with. Rev. Mr. Manning was appointed secretary for the ensuing year, and Rev. George Webber was elected to the Conference Stationing Committee.

A resolution of sympathy was unanimously passed to Rev. Manly Benson, whose daughter lay seriously ill with diphtheria at the time of the meeting, and has since died.

On motion of Rev. J. E. Starr, seconded by Mr. Albert Ogden, it was resolved to recommend Conference to appoint a committee to assist the Prison Reform Association in securing legislation on the points recently submitted by the Association to the Local Government, and to urge the Government to take speedy action in the matter.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held May 26th at the Metropolitan church, Rev. G. J. Bishop, of Parliament Street church, in the chair. The business before the meeting was almost entirely of a routine nature, pertaining generally to the financial and spiritual progress of the churches. An encouraging increase in church membership was reported in the majority of cases, and on the whole the financial standing of the churches was most satisfactory. After the presentation of statistical reports the committee proceeded with the election of lay delegates to the Conference Committee of the Epworth League, Sabbath-schools and Missions. With regard to the recent agitation for prison reform a resolution was passed unanimously praying the Ontario Government to take action in the matter.

REGINA DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual District Meeting was held in the Wesleyan Methodist church, June 1st and 2nd, Rev. J. M. Harrison, Chairman of the District, presiding. This district is composed of one station and thirteen missions, all of which were represented. Rev. F. B. Stacey was elected secretary. Six probationers were recommended to be continued on trial, and four young men were recommended for reception on probation. The total membership is 1,092; increase, 174. The connexional funds are largely in advance of last year, and there has been raised for all purposes \$11,640, an average of over \$11.25 per member. Two new missions were manned during the year, and the formation of five more new missions was recommended. It was also decided to recommend the division of the district. Two new churches were dedicated during the year. The outlook for Methodism is brighter now than it ever was in this part of the country. We do not need more room, but we do need more men.

The following elections to the several Conference committees were made: Stationing Committee, Rev. Dr. McLean; Sabbath-school Committee, Rev. J. Tozeland and Mr. J. J. Young; Epworth League Committee, Rev. J. W. Dickinson and T. L. Bray; Annual Conference Missionary Committee, Mr. B. P. Richardson.

The district has been exceedingly fortunate in having had for three years as chairman, a brother who has devoted himself untiringly to the interests of our Church on this wide field. His kindly nature, brotherly spirit and executive ability have very materially contributed to the growth and success of our Church on this district during the past three years.

In recognition of the esteem in which he is held, a resolution appreciative of the work of Bro. Harrison, was moved by Dr. McLean, and most heartily endorsed by the brethren.

Two early morning consecration meetings, preaching service, love-feast, sacramental service, and a Sunday-school convention filled up the remaining two pleasant days, spent in this wide-awake little town. F. B. S., Secretary.

BIRTLÉ DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held in the Methodist church, Minnedosa, commencing June 1st, Rev. T. B. Beynon, B. A., presiding. On ballot Rev. John Peters was elected secretary and Rev. T. E. Holling, assistant secretary. All the ministers and probationers were present, except Rev. J. J. Crookshank, Roseburn, who was unavoidably prevented. The questions relative to ministerial character were satisfactorily answered.

The reports from the Board of Examiners went to show that the probationers and candidates for the ministry had been diligent in their studies, having passed satisfactorily in the various branches taken by them.

On the following day the lay representatives from their respective fields were in attendance for the consideration of general business.

An increase of 164 was reported in the membership of the district. The finances showed considerable advance on last year.

The following probationers were recommended to the Conference for permission to attend College: H. Hughes, T. E. Holling, C. D. Darling, Wm. Shaw, W. B. Chagwin.

Rev. Wm. Somerville was elected on ballot to the Stationing Committee, and the following laymen to represent the district in the coming Conference: F. G. Lewis, Birtle; H. Rose, Minnedosa; R. R. Ross, Roseburn; J. T. Lynch, Arrow River; J. H. Martin, Rapid City; Joseph Rook, Minnedosa.

ALGOMA DISTRICT.

The annual meeting was held at Little Current on June 2nd, Rev. J. C. Willmott, M. A., in the chair. The members of the meeting were all received on the dock by the genial pastor of Little Current, Rev. A. P. Brace, who had also arranged with the Ladies' Aid Society an ice cream reception social. A very pleasant programme was gone through, and a hearty welcome accorded to the District Meeting delegates. The meeting adjourned on Thursday afternoon, in order that the chairman and several ministerial brethren might proceed to the opening of the new church at Green Bay,

which is fourteen miles from Little Current. Here we found a most agreeable surprise awaiting us. A neat, substantial and commodious church, well finished in every particular. After partaking of refreshments the pastor, Bro. Brace, briefly introduced the Chairman, Rev. J. C. Willmott, M. A., who made a very interesting and highly instructive address. Bro. Sallows, of St. Joseph's Island, and Bro. Ingram, of Korah, made short and enjoyable speeches. After a delightful solo by Miss M. Anderson, of Little Current, assisted in the chorus by members of the Little Current choir, Rev. Henry A. Fish, of Gore Bay, was then called upon to make a speech and solicit subscriptions. The friends had already given very largely and generously before. Notwithstanding this, together with the subscriptions and the door money, about \$120 was realized, and the church released from debt. Thus a most successful meeting closed. But on the way home in the dark, a sad accident occurred to Rev. J. C. Willmott, who was jerked out of his rig, and only for the mercy of God would have been killed. The horse bolted down a hill, and he fell out as the rig jolted over a large stone, and in falling caught his left leg some way in the wheel, and was dragged some yards before he got loose. He is much bruised and shaken, but after being carefully attended to by the indefatigable kindness of Mrs. Anderson, was enabled to proceed to Conference. The District Meeting closed on Friday at four o'clock. Votes of thanks were passed, and everyone agreed Bro. Brace deserved great credit for his arduous labor. HENRY A. FISH.

ST. CATHARINES DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held in the St. Paul Street church, St. Catharines, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 17th and 18th. Rev. John Wakefield, President of the Niagara Conference, presided. Rev. W. B. Jamieson was elected secretary, and Rev. T. L. Kerruish was appointed assistant.

The reports from the various circuits throughout the district were good—ministers all blameless in life, conversation, and doctrine, and no death in the ranks. Schedules show a membership of 8,062, being an increase on the previous year. The financial condition of the district is encouraging.

Rev. S. Cleaver, B. A., was elected to the Stationing Committee; Rev. T. W. Jackson and William McQuay, M. P. E., to the Sabbath-school Committee; Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B. A., and W. J. Robertson, L. L. B., to the Epworth League Committee; and W. McGibbon, Esq., to the Missionary Committee.

We had a good meeting. W. S. JAMIESON, Secretary.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district met in Carberry on Wednesday morning, May 25th, at nine o'clock, and continued its session until late Thursday evening.

The first day's work was mainly ministerial. Rev. J. O. Walker, of High Bluff, was elected secretary, and Bros. Goard and Barker were nominated assistant secretaries.

The individual examination of ministerial character was then proceeded with, and it was found that all ministers in the district were well qualified for their work. The "passing on" of probationers resulted in recommendations that Bros. Goard and Barker be received into full connection at the ensuing Conference, and that Bros. Linton, Johnston, Ridd, Meamp, Smith, Edwards and Hardwick be continued on trial. Bro. Hardwick having produced certificates showing an extended attendance at superior English schools, desired that he be granted exemption from necessary attendance at college. This case was referred to the Board of Examiners.

Rev. E. A. Scarlett, of Meadow Lea, was then examined carefully before the District Meeting, and having given clear statement of his conversion and call to the ministry, was recommended for reception on probation. Rev. J. H. Rutten was recommended to Conference for the continuance of his relation as supernumerary minister; his health has not warranted him as yet taking up the active work. Recommendations were carried that Reva. T. L. Halliwell and D. N. Peters be continued as supernumerary ministers; and that Rev. Dr. Franklin be left without a station at his own request, to engage in temperance work. Rev. R. J. Reid asked for his credentials of standing. A recommendation granting such credentials was passed, also one to continue Rev. W. Halstead's present station.

At this stage the lay members of the district were admitted, and the work of the general session began.

Rev. J. H. Rutten and Mr. Fieldhouse were elected auditing committee. Circuit schedules were handed in showing an increase of membership in the district of about 240. Excellent Sabbath-school reports were made. Eight new churches have been built during the year, costing, with one new parsonage, \$24,750.

A. E. Smith, C. A. Edwards and W. L. Armstrong were recommended to attend college during the coming year.

Steps were taken regarding the formation of a new district, and a recommendation to be submitted to Conference to that effect was passed.

Reva. J. H. Rutten and E. A. Scarlett and Mr. Fieldhouse having been appointed to draw up a temperance resolution, now reported, reading a resolution, which was unanimously adopted. It recommended every minister and layman to do his best to have as large a vote as possible polled for prohibition in the coming election.

A plan of revival services to be held in the district after Conference was decided upon, and committees were appointed to arrange for such services. The pastors of Portage la Prairie, Burnside and Carberry were appointed to arrange for the work along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the pastors of Neepawa, Arden and Minnedosa to look after this work on the line of the Manitoba and Northwest Railway.

A resolution of thanks to the people of Carberry for their kind hospitality shown to members of the district was unanimously carried, as also a resolution of gratitude to the Chairman, Rev. Thomas Argue, who had so faithfully conducted the affairs of the district during the year and at the present meeting.

Portage la Prairie was chosen as the place for the next District Meeting. The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

NOTE FROM REV. E. E. YOUNG.

DEAR SIR,—Will you permit me, through the columns of the GUARDIAN, to intimate to the many warm-hearted friends of our northern Indians that I intend, if all is well, to start for my old mission fields, north of the Province of Manitoba, in a short time. The hundreds of Indians there are very poor, as regards this world's goods. The building of the O. P. R. has in a great measure cut off the summer income of the men as "trippers" of the Hudson Bay Company. Every letter from the devoted missionaries in the field, while telling of the devout, Christian lives of the people, are full of pathetic appeals for help. I will be glad to act as the almoner of the churches, and take out any gifts or contributions of warm clothing that kind-hearted friends may bestow. My address until July 12th will be, 73 Spadina Road, Toronto.

I hope this notice through the GUARDIAN will be sufficient to put it into my power to clothe many of the widows, and make many a heart dance for joy. EGBERTON R. YOUNG.

MESSRS. CROSLEY AND HUNTER AT WINGHAM.

Messrs. Crosley and Hunter closed their revival services here last Sunday night. In their work of four weeks' duration, large and growing numbers were in attendance; the people flocking from all the country round, many coming long distances. The fundamental themes of the Gospel were taken up by the evangelists and effectively set before the large congregations. Hundreds, it is believed, have been deeply impressed by their heart-searching truths. There have been a number of marked conversions. The town has been greatly stirred in the directness of the preaching of Messrs. Crosley and Hunter.

The Bible readings, held twice a week, the services for boys and girls, attended by some hundreds, the addresses of the evangelists and ministers on the need of modelling their lives after the greatest of all teachers, will long be remembered. At the closing services on Sunday it was estimated there were present about 1,500 persons, while many were unable to get in.

Faithful addresses were made to the converts and kind farewells said to the people and ministers. Messrs. McQuarrie, Presbyterian; Sillery, Methodist; McGregor, Baptist; and Watson, Congregational. The evangelists left on Monday morning for St. Thomas, when, after attending Conference, they will sail for Europe on June 18th on a holiday trip, to return again about the end of July to resume their work in Ontario.—Globe, June 1st.

McALL AUXILIARY.

The Toronto Auxiliary of the Canadian McAll Association met as usual in the library of the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday, June 2nd, Mrs. Edward Blake presiding. The treasurer reported \$140.62 in hand. Mrs. W. B. McMurrich gave an interesting address on "Preparation." Mr. W. E. Long read extracts from a letter of Dr. Estrabard's, treating of the medical branch of the McAll Mission; and Miss Brodie gave a vocal solo. Miss M. Carly then read selections from the report of the ninth annual meeting of the American McAll Association, held in New York city on April 26th and 27th. About one hundred delegates were present, representing the seventy-five auxiliaries scattered over the country from Maine to Kentucky and Florida. The total receipts of the Association for the year were \$42,200.67; of this, the auxiliaries have contributed \$35,891; all of which has been appropriated to the mission work. The expenses of the McAll Association are provided for by a special fund. A recent despatch from Dr. McAll, stating that the yearly accounts were made up, and that there was a deficit of \$2,400, having been read, a delegate from Orange pledged \$300 in the name of the Orange Auxiliary; Philadelpia, \$200; Plainfield, \$100; and Norwich, Conn., and Pottsville, \$100 each. Before the close of the meetings the entire sum was pledged, and the request of a lady, who asked permission to cable Dr. McAll, was willingly granted. Dr. Chamberlain said, "The able literature which has been prepared should be sent forth with liberal hand, so that currents of wise enthusiasm may flow from the centres of the work to each one who thus gains knowledge of it." Dr. Gordon Bolton, Rev. Samuel Anderson, Paris, and Rev. W. B. Rainsford, so well known in Toronto, addressed the evening meeting.

TORONTO COLLEGE OF MUSIC.—The chamber music concerts given by this institution in the pretty hall of the Normal School, on June 2nd and 3rd, embraced three delightful programmes, and those who were fortunate in being present enjoyed a genuine treat. The Detroit Philharmonic Club played with great elegance their special number for strings only. The pianist students of the Toronto College of Music did themselves much credit; and Mr. Torrington, the director of the college, has added another to his successes in his art. Another such series will be appreciated by all lovers of this high-class music, and will do good from an educational standpoint.

From the Mission Rooms

Table with 2 columns: District Name, and Amount. Includes Goderich District, Montreal District, Quebec District, Toronto (Parkdale), etc.

ORDINARY FUND.

Table with 2 columns: Name, and Amount. Includes Miss Gibbons, per Mrs. Miller, Bequest of the late William Gooderham for foreign missions, Legacy of the late Rev. J. S. Johnston.

Our Family Circle.

JUNE.

The fair young month of May has left us now,
And in her stead, the snowy June appears,
With rose-crowned brow, her trailing garments fringed
With all sweet things bright summer lavishes
On this, her favorite child. No skies so pure
As those which arch above this radiant month;
No zephyr soft as that which stirs her robes.
What sun is like the golden sun of June?
What moon can equal hers in silvery splendor,
Sailing the livelong night through seas of blue,
Calm and severe? Can aught on this side heaven
Be lovelier than rose-hued dawn in June?
Can music sweeter be than makes her woods
Resound with song till all the lambent air
Quivers with melody? This is the month
When hill and vale put on their richest dress;
This month the queen of flowers ascends her throne;
This month, at eventide, the lilies pale
Gleam through the gathering dusk, thrilling the sense
With perfume such as seems that they must breathe
Their lives away in fragrance. The June day,
From moon till falls the night, is so enriched
With wealth of color, sound and sweetest scents,
That well we wonder how all perfect things
Come to this perfect month.
Toronto. AMY PARKINSON.

A CHOICE OF CAREERS.

One of the greatest mistakes which mothers, as well as law-givers, make is to expect uniformity of result from different individuals. Children, like communities, must be regarded according to their needs and individual characteristics. Two children of the same surroundings may develop diametrically opposite characteristics and need a diametrically opposite course of training. It is unjust to lay down a rigid law embodying what we believe should be, according to our finite knowledge, and expect to mould people to it. Our conclusions are as apt to be as narrow as that of the Scotch schoolmaster who remarked to Burns' father that Gilbert was a bright boy, but Robert was clean daff and good for naething. It is not given to us to comprehend the abilities even of those bound to us by the nearest ties. The lad who fulfils the conventional type of a bright boy may be but a commonplace fellow beside his duller brother when he arrives at mature years. If we cannot then tell the difference between the dull and the genius, how much less should we presume to lay out careers for our children to follow. Only the All-wise Father, who gives to each his gifts in his degree, can do this.

The utmost that the fondest and wisest parents can do is to watch the development of their children, notice what their tastes are, what interests them, in what branches they seem proficient. It is in this way that the child is started best and at the earliest time on his congenial and therefore his most useful start in life. It is by a kindly but intelligent supervision of this kind that inventors, architects, engineers and orators are started on the careers that most fit them. It is painful to think of the waste of time to which men of ability have been compelled by the foolish judgment of parents in forcing them into studies and callings for which they were unfitted.

At the same time parents must not expect too much of their children. It is natural to exaggerate the bright sayings and doings of those we love. But it may be carried to such an extent that keen disappointment will result when the child of whom so much is expected develops only into the commonplace, sensible, every-day citizen, instead of a genius. Men and women of great talent are rare, and the mass of us must expect to walk in the humble paths of life. Nothing is more dangerous to a child's future than to foster its vanity by expressing exaggerated hopes of its future. Excellent service to the child and to the world in which it lives, is done by making of it a good, practical citizen. Let the parent watch the bent of the child's inclinations, and judge from them only what calling he seems most fitted for. In the vast majority of cases where it is essential that the child should be a bread-winner as soon as he attains years of discretion, it may be necessary for him to do much work that is irksome, and for which he has no special adaptation, before he can choose a calling of his own. The man who is compelled by penury to carve out a career for himself acquires a rugged strength by the means that often enables him to outdistance his rival who has moulded his life from more plastic circumstances.

The time has gone by when wise people judge the young in the masses, and when the quantity of the workers is of more consequence than the quality. These are the times when only

the individuals who are specially adapted by their ability for the calling they have chosen are likely to make a mark. It is not enough that a lad be educated to a profession, but he must have natural adaptation to his career, or he will be a failure. It is far better for a lad that he be a successful mechanic in the humblest walk of life than a lawyer without a case or a physician without a patient.—*New York Tribune.*

THE WIFE OF BISMARCK.

The influence of the Princess Bismarck over her husband has been strong, enduring and elevating, and has never, for a moment, wavered, writes the Countess Wilhelmina, in the December *Ladies' Home Journal*. It is no doubt true, as the Prince so often says, that what he is she has made him. Always she has enjoyed his entire confidence, and knows his diplomatic intentions and plans from conception to fruition, the trust which he places in her discretion and devotion being implicit.

By her marriage with Prince Bismarck she has had three children, all of whom are living, Herbert, William and Marie, now the Countess of Bantzau, who lives with her parents and three little sons at Friedrichsruhe.

The family goes but little into society, preferring rather to entertain their friends in their home. The Princess is a fine musician, her taste for classical music being strongly developed. And one of the prettiest sights at the castle is the evening picture of Bismarck, sitting in his arm-chair, poking meditatively at the fire, while his wife plays Beethoven's sonatas to him, and the family and guests sit about listening and enjoying.

She is of a quick, lively disposition, with good taste, clever wit and intelligence of more than ordinary quality. She is a most prudent and economical housekeeper, famous in times past for the delicious little dinners which she could concoct with the smallest of outlays.

Her religious character is strong to the degree of bigotry. Having inherited a strain of Evangelical piety—her parents were staunch Moravians—she has a feeling of such intense hatred for the French, whom she regards as a nation of heretics, that she was most bitter in her denunciation of them, and strongly urgent in her advice to her husband to exterminate them, her sole reason for all this being a fanatical zeal for the well-being of the Evangelical religion.

The Princess' taste in dress is exquisite, simple and neat; her manner is sweet and natural, someone once having said of it and of her, "She wins all hearts, where the Prince takes them by storm."

In appearance she is still a pretty woman, and one with a nobility of expression better than mere beauty. She is of medium build, five feet seven inches in height, although Prince Bismarck made a note on his bedroom door-post, where he inscribed, in 1880, the heights of the various members of his family, to the effect that the Princess tip-toed a little to reach this.

A FIRST-RATE HEARER.

I had heard much, very much, said about a first rate preacher, and was much interested in the picture drawn by my informant. But as one blade of a pair of scissors sadly lacks the other, and is in a very pitiful state of bereavement without it, so a first-rate preacher must have the counterpart, and I propose to complete the picture by setting forth a first-class hearer.

1. *He is prompt in attendance.* He not only means to be at public worship—many lazy people have very good purposes—but he will be in attendance in time. The preacher counts upon him always being in his place when the service begins. Nobody can think it is he, as the late lifted latch and untimely creaking door sends an unwelcome sound through the sanctuary.

2. *He is an unfailing attendant.* There are now-and-then hearers, half-a-day hearers, once-a-month hearers, and semi-annual hearers. There are such all over the land, but not one of them ever gets him onto their books. He thinks that if public worship is worth being established at all, it is worthy of having a whole-hearted and unfailing support. He thinks "Reverence my sanctuary" means something more than an intermittent attendance; that such a precept presses not a half, but a whole day worship; not merely a now-and-then visit, but visits which

shall know no intermission but what Providence compels. He goes for the whole Sabbath, and all the Sabbaths of the year.

3. *He gives eyes, ears and thought to the preacher.* Eyes, because it helps him to see, and the speaker to address him; ears, because he came for the purpose of hearing; and thought, because eyes and ears, too, might be on the preacher, and yet imagination might make eyes and ears utterly useless as it is sailing away with the hearers to the ends of the earth. Eyes, ears and attention of mind make one, soul and body, a hearer; and we venture to call that a first-rate sort of hearing; though there remains one characteristic more to complete the picture.

4. *He profits by what he hears.* He gives the truth a cordial, hearty welcome. He takes the truth, that heavenly dove, into the ark, and does not compel it to fly away upon the cold and cheerless waters. He muses on what he hears—beseeches holy influence to incorporate it into the spiritual structure of his soul, and not being a forgetful hearer, becomes a doer of the Word.

Though we are not unwilling to hear about first-rate preachers we should be glad to hear more about first-rate hearers; and should be better pleased still to see more of them. There is room for a large number of each in the church where we worship; and, so far as we can learn, there are not a few churches about us in the same state.—*Observer.*

TALK UP THAT PASTOR.

"I do not remember ever to have heard in my father's home one disrespectful or unkind word concerning a minister." That is what we overheard a young woman say not long ago. She paid to her parents a very high compliment, and described a condition of things which should find a counterpart in every Christian home in the land.

Ministers are men. They are not perfect. There are flaws in character and inconsistencies in life. But many persons magnify molehill infirmities into mountains of real badness. The reckless handling of ministerial reputation is one of the flagrant sins of our times. Poisoned arrows are shot from a thousand bows. A minister's reputation is his capital. It is everything. You might a hundred times better burn his home than unjustly assail his good name. As well waylay him and stab him to the heart as break down public confidence in his integrity and religious character. A bad man should not be excused nor shielded because he carries the shepherd's crook. But the fact that he carries the crook should not subject a man to unjust and malignant criticism. We plead for fair play.

Christians should be outspoken and true-blue in loyalty to their minister. Many are against him. They should be for him with emphasis. Many are talking him down. They should talk him up, up. Suppose he does not just suit you. He cannot suit everybody, and he is an ideal pastor in the estimation of a good many people who know almost as much as you do. Kind words count. Speak them often. Allow no one to speak disparagingly of the minister in your presence. Give the faithful man a lift every little while. Talk him up. Talk him up in the church. Talk him up in the home. Talk him up in society. Talk him up on the street, in the shop, on the cars, everywhere. He will take courage. Will preach better sermons. Will put increased enthusiasm into all his multiplied duties. Will win gloriously. And you will have the great joy of knowing that your bracing words proved a real tonic and helped the dear soul to conquests he never could have achieved while struggling alone.—*Epworth Herald.*

A JEWISH VIEW OF JESUS.

The greatness of Jesus lay in that he lent new grandeur to humility, in that he broke down the barriers of the school and brought the wisdom of life from the learned home to the lowliest, thus striking the key-note of humanity. He actually became the Redeemer of the poor, the friend of the cheerless, the comforter of the woe-stricken. He lent both through his life and through his death as the man of sorrow, a deeper meaning, a more solemn pathos to suffering, sickness and sin. Life received from him a new holiness, a greater inspiration. And as he went forth to seek and provide for the lost sheep in Israel, so did the Church founded on his name go forth to redeem the poverty-

stricken, the ignorant and the neglected—all the lower classes of society.

Christianity was the gospel for the poor and the despised. Hence all the works of love, of charity and philanthropy, fostered among the Jews, found under the cross a new powerful impetus, a larger world-wide scope. Jesus represents the highest ideal of the Christian. Moses points to a higher type of manhood. Neither Sinai nor Golgotha, but Zion is the focus and goal of united humanity. Did Christianity indeed enshrine and embody love, the feminine element of the world? Judaism insists first on and battles for righteousness and truth. Duty, the sterner part of life, is also the stronger and more indispensable one. Still we believe that, as has recently been so well said, the two together yield the perfect ideal; their unity will make humanity whole and free.—*Rev. Dr. K. Kohler, in the Menorah.*

VON MOLTKE'S MANNER OF LIFE.

A practical attempt to solve the question, how to grow old, has been made recently by the Oesterraeicher Volksbildungs Verein, which is composed of some of the most brilliant men and best thinkers in Austria. For the edification of its members and the benefit of the public at large, the society sent a number of circulars to men of distinction who have attained an advanced age, containing a series of questions in reference to their habits of life and influences to which they attribute their health and vigor. One of the first replies which reached the club-house was that of Count Von Moltke. The circular, with his interesting answers to the interrogatories, reads as follows:

YOUTH.

Question.—At what age did you begin to attend school, and how many hours a day did you study?

Answer.—In 1808, when eight years old. Four hours a day until 1810; after that, ten hours daily.

Q.—Was your health, as a child, good or poor?

A.—Fair.

Q.—Did you pass your youth in the city, or in the country?

A.—In the country, until ten years old.

Q.—How many hours did you spend, as a rule, in the open air?

A.—Only a few hours, and no certain number.

Q.—Did you play athletic games, and devote time to gymnastic exercises?

A.—Not as a rule.

Q.—How many hours did you sleep?

A.—Ten hours.

Q.—What general remarks do you care to make in regard to your youth?

A.—It was unpleasant and unhappy, without sufficient nourishment, and was passed away from home.

MANHOOD.

Q.—Did you prepare yourself for your profession in the city, or in the country?

A.—In the city.

Q.—How many hours did you work each day?

A.—Different numbers at different times.

Q.—Do you ascribe to any habit a particular influence upon your health?

A.—Temperance in all habits of life, exercise in the open air, whatever the state of the weather; no day passed entirely within doors.

Q.—How long did you sleep?

A.—Between eight and nine hours.

Q.—What change did you make, after reaching an advanced age, in your habits in life?

A.—None.

Q.—How many hours a day did you work in your fiftieth, sixtieth, seventieth, and eightieth year?

A.—It depended upon the demands of the times, and, therefore, often very many.

Q.—What has been your recreation?

A.—Horseback riding, until I reached the age of eighty-six years.

Q.—How many hours do you spend in the open air?

A.—When on my estate in summer, half of the day.

Q.—How many hours do you now sleep?

A.—Still eight hours.

Q.—What peculiarities have you as to nourishment, etc.?

A.—I eat very little, and make use of food extracts.

Q.—To what circumstances or conditions do you ascribe, in the main, your hearty old age?

A.—To the grace of God and temperate habits of life.—*Selected.*

Our Young People.

BE THOROUGH.

Whatsoever you find to do,
Do it, boys, with all your might;
Never be a little true,
Or a little in the right.
Trifles even
Lead to heaven;
Trifles make the life of man;
So in all things
Be as thorough as you can.

Let no one speak their surface dim:
Spotless truth and honor bright!
I'd not give a fig for him
Who says any lie is white!
He who talks
Twists or alters
Little atoms when we speak,
May deceive me,
But believe me,
To himself he is a sneak!

Help the weak if you are strong,
Love the old if you are young;
Own a fault if you are wrong,
If you're angry, hold your tongue.
In each duty
Lies a beauty,
If your eyes you do not shut,
Just as surely
And securely
As a kernel in a nut!

Love with all your heart and soul,—
Love with eye and ear and touch;
That's the moral of the whole,
You can never love too much!
'Tis the glory
Of the story
In our babyhood begun;
Our hearts without it
(Never doubt it)
Are as worlds without a sun.

If you think a word would please,
Say it, if it is but true;
Words will give delight with ease
When no act is asked from you.
Words may often
Soothe and soften,
Gild a joy or heal a pain;
They are treasures
Yielding pleasures—
It is wicked to retain!

Whatsoever you find to do,
Do it, then, with all your might;
Let your prayers be strong and true,—
Prayer, my lads, will keep you right.
Pray in all things,
Great and small things,
Like a Christian gentleman;
And forever,
Now or never,
Be as thorough as you can.

A CASE OF POETIC JUSTICE.

"Father, what is poetic justice?" asked Fred Stanley at the tea-table.

"What put that into the boy's head?" said his mother.

"Why, there was something about it in our reading lesson to-day, and when I asked Miss Thompson what it meant, she said we should see how many of us could find out for ourselves, and give her an illustration of it to-morrow. But I don't know how to find out, unless you tell me, father."

Mr. Stanley looked thoughtful for a moment, then smiled, as if struck by some amusing recollection.

"Poetic justice," he said, "is a kind of justice that reaches us through the unforeseen consequences of our unjust acts. I will tell you a little story, Fred, that will furnish the illustration you are after:

"I recall a summer afternoon, a good many years ago, when I was not as large then as I am now. Two other boys and myself went blackberrying in a big meadow several miles from home. On our way to the meadow, as we paddled along the dusty highway, we met a stray dog. He was a friendless, forlorn-looking creature, and seemed delighted to take up with us; and when we gave him some scraps of bread and meat from our lunch-basket, he capered for joy, and trotted along at our side, as if to say, 'Now, boys, I'm one of you.' We named him Rover, and, boy-like, tried to find out how much he knew and what he could do in the way of tricks; and we soon discovered that he could 'fetch and carry' beautifully. No matter how big the stick or stone, or how far away we threw it, he would reach it and bring it back to us. Fences, ditches, and brambles he seemed to regard only as so many obstacles thrown in his way to try his pluck and endurance, and he overcame them all.

"At length we reached the meadow, and scattered out in quest of blackberries. In my wanderings I discovered a hornets' nest, the largest I ever saw—and I have seen a good many. It was built in a cluster of blackberry vines and hung low, almost touching the ground. Moreover, it was at the foot of a little

hill, and as I scampered up the latter, I was met at the summit by Rover, frisking about with a stick in his mouth. I don't know why the dog and the hornets' nest should have connected themselves in my mind, but they did, and a wicked thought was born of the union.

"'Bob! Will!' I called to the other boys, 'come here; we'll have some fun.'

"They came promptly, and I explained my villainous project. I pointed out the hornets' nest, and proposed that we roll a stone down upon it, and send Rover after the stone.

"'And oh, boys, won't it be fun to see how astonished he'll be when the hornets come out?' I laughingly cried in conclusion.

"They agreed that it would be awfully funny. We selected a good-sized, round stone, called Rover's special attention to it, and started it down the hill. When it had a fair start we turned the dog loose, and the poor fellow, never suspecting our treachery, darted after the stone with a joyous bark. We had taken good aim, and as the ground was smooth the stone went true to its mark, and crashed into the hornets' nest just as Rover sprang upon it. In less than a minute the furious insects had swarmed out and settled upon the poor animal. His surprise and dismay fulfilled our anticipation, and we had just begun to double ourselves up in paroxysms of laughter, when, with frenzied yelps of agony he came tearing up the hill toward us, followed by the hornets.

"'Run!' I shouted, and we did run; but the maddened dog ran faster and dashed into our midst with piteous appeals for help. The hornets settled like a black avenging cloud all over us, and the scene that followed baffles my power of description. We ran, we scratched, we rolled on the ground and howled with agony, till the meadow was, for the time being, turned into a pandemonium.

"I have never known just how long the torture lasted, but I remember it was poor Rover who rose to the emergency, and with superior instinct showed us a way to rid ourselves of our vindictive assailants. As soon as he realized that we, too, were in distress, and could give no assistance, he ran blindly to a stream that flowed through the meadow not far away, and plunging in dived clear beneath the surface. We followed him and only ventured to crawl out from the friendly element when we were assured that the enemy had withdrawn.

"Then we sat on the bank of the stream and looked at each other dolefully through our swollen, purple eyelids, while the water dripped from our clothing, and a hundred stinging wounds reminded us what excessively funny fun we had been having with Rover.

"The poor dog, innocent and free from guilt himself, judged us accordingly, and creeping up to me, licked my hand in silent sympathy. Then some dormant sense of justice asserted itself within me.

"Boys," I said, 'we've had an awful time, but I tell you what, it served us right.'

"Neither of them contradicted me, and, rising stiffly we went slowly homeward with Rover at our heels.

"That, my boy," said Mr. Stanley in conclusion, "is a good instance of poetic justice."

HOW THE BALLOONS RAN AWAY WITH ALAN.

When his mother tied on his hat, kissed him good-bye, and told him not to be gone long, Alan did not mean in the least to disobey her. He only meant to go a little way into the park, but then he did not know he was going to be run away with.

Just inside the park was a man with a great number of balloons, red, green, and blue, more than Alan had ever seen before. He ran along by the man, wishing with all his might that he had one, and wondering if he could sail away up to the skies in it.

"I wish I could!" he said to himself. "Oh, I wish I could!"

The balloons bobbed merrily up and down in the wind. A sudden gush carried off the man's hat, and in trying to catch it the cord fastened to the balloons slipped from his hand.

"Oh, oh, ketcha my balloons!" he cried; "somebody ketcha my balloons!"

Alan caught the cord as it went past him, and held it fast in his fat fingers. He was such a little fellow, and the wind blew so hard, that the balloons had no trouble in dragging him along with them. Away he ran, his toes scarcely touching the ground. The cord out his fingers, but he held on, afraid to let go.

The balloon-man forgot his hat, and started

after him, and the big policeman near the gate joined in the chase; the little boys stopped their play to help. Away they all ran after Alan and the balloons.

"Mamma, mamma, don't let me be run away with!" cried Alan. Up and down bobbed the balloons, as though they were laughing at him.

"Your mamma can't hear you," they seemed to say, "and we're going to carry you off to the clouds, just as you wished."

And if it had not been for a big bush near by, who knows what might have happened? But into the bush tumbled Alan, balloons and all. The big policeman picked him up, brushed him off, and carried him home in his arms. "You can be sure that he is quite satisfied to walk along the earth now, and does not want to ride in a balloon."—*Louise T. Brooks, in Our Little Ones.*

MAJESTIC PALMS.

The talipot, or great fan-palm, grows for about thirty years, and reaches a height of more than a hundred feet. Then, for the first and only time it blossoms. What looks like a single huge bud four feet in height is developed, and finally bursts into a pyramid of snowy plumes composed of numberless small cream-colored flowers.

The cluster is sometimes twenty feet high, and at its base has a diameter of forty feet. As Miss Cumming says, in her "Two Happy Years in Ceylon": "It is a glorious object, and is often grown among flat surroundings, such as rice-fields."

The natives turn the leaves to a thousand uses, domestic and literary. When on a journey, and especially if they are on a pilgrimage to some sacred shrine, each of them carries a portion of one of these great leaves tightly folded into a long, narrow form, like a gigantic closed fan.

This serves as a sun-shade or rain-cloak by day, and at night several friends contribute every man his palm leaf, three or four of them, with the pointed end upward, forming a very fair ball-shaped tent. And very picturesque a few groups of these tents look when pitched in some forest glade round blazing camp-fires.

Formerly the exact grade of every great noble was shown by the number of such sun-shades which he was entitled to have carried before him, and on state occasions a leaf, inlaid with pieces of glittering tale, and folded like a huge fan, formed the ceremonial canopy which was held above his head by one or more attendants.

The leaves attain their largest size when the tree is twenty years of age, at which time they sometimes measure twenty-five feet from the base of the leaf-stalk to the outer edge of the fan.—*Youth's Companion.*

PROVING HIS IDENTITY.

Nathaniel Hawthorne was a kind-hearted man as well as a great novelist. While he was consul at Liverpool, a young Yankee walked into his office. The boy had left home to seek his fortune, but evidently hadn't found it yet, although he had crossed the sea in his search. Homesick, friendless, nearly penniless, he wanted a passage home. The clerk said Mr. Hawthorne could not be seen, and intimated that the boy was no American, but was trying to steal a passage.

The boy stuck to his point, and the clerk at last went to the little room, and said to Mr. Hawthorne:

"Here's a boy who insists upon seeing you. He says he is an American, but I know he isn't."

Hawthorne came out of the room, and looked keenly at the eager, ruddy face of the boy.

"You want a passage to America?"

"Yes, sir."

"And you say you're an American?"

"Yes, sir."

"From what part of America?"

"United States, sir."

"What State?"

"New Hampshire, sir."

"Town?"

"Exeter, sir."

Hawthorne looked at him for a minute before asking him the next question.

"Who sold the best apples in your town?"

"Skim-milk Folsom, sir," said the boy, with glistening eyes, as the old familiar by-word brought up the dear old scenes of home.

"It's all right," said Hawthorne to the clerk, "give him a passage."—*Selected.*

WOMAN LESSONS AFTER SCHOOL.

Alice, aged ten, came home from school with an exceedingly damp aspect, and dissolved into tears on entering the room.

"What is the matter, my dear?"

"I was pro-promoted; and the teacher's awful cross! She ex-expects me to know things when I don't know 'em!"

"Promoted! Why, how nice! You didn't expect to be!"

"It isn't nice at all, mamma! And she's beginning to tell us about adjectives and verbs and things! And its horrid! It's too hard! I don't like such hard lessons. If I was only as big as you, I'd never have to learn any. Oh, dear! Oh dear! I don't see why we must learn such hard things!"

"But the lessons I learn are a great deal harder, dear. If you had to learn my lessons, what would you do?"

"You don't learn any lessons," said Alice, laughing, through her tears. Paul looked up from his book, and Nellie from her crocheting, and joined in the laugh.

"I don't? Well, you are mistaken, all of you. I am older, and so my lessons are harder than yours, of course. They are not about adjectives or verbs, it is true; but I don't like them any the better on that account, and I very often make as much fuss about the learning as you do."

"Nellie's eyes grew round, and the corners of Paul's quizzical mouth twitched as he watched her wondering stare.

"Sometimes, I think," slowly said Mamma, looking through the window up into the sky, while three pairs of young eyes noted her far-away glance—"sometimes I think, children, that I ought never to find fault with you, for I cry and rebel over my lessons far worse than any of you. I feel this way. I can't understand it, you know. I can't understand why I must learn such hard things!"

"Why, that's exactly the way I feel!" exclaimed Nell.

"But my Teacher is very firm. When he says 'must,' I have to obey. I may struggle and get angry, or cry. I may say 'I won't,' or 'I can't,' or 'It is too hard;' but in the end I have to learn my lesson just the same. And as soon as I have finished one lesson my Teacher sets me another, and it is always a little more difficult than the last."

"Ah!" said Paul, with a deep-drawn breath.

"And then I make the same struggle and fight as before; but it is just as useless, you know, dears; I have to learn it, just the same."—*Exchange.*

BOYS THAT SUCCEED.

"A new boy came into our office to-day," said a wholesale grocery merchant to his wife at the supper table. "He was hired by the firm at the request of the senior member, who thought the boy gave promise of good things. But I feel sure that boy will be out of the office in less than a week."

"What makes you think so?"

"Because, the first thing he wanted to know was just exactly how much he was expected to do."

"Perhaps you will change your mind about him."

"Perhaps I shall," replied the merchant, "but I don't think so."

Three days later the business man said to his wife: "About that boy you remember I mentioned three or four days ago. Well, he is the best boy that ever entered the store."

"How did you find that out?"

"In the easiest way in the world. The first morning after the boy began work he performed very faithfully and systematically the exact duties assigned which he had been so careful to have explained to him. When he had finished he came to me and said: 'Mr. H., I have finished all that work. Now what can I do?'

"I was a little surprised, but I gave him a little job of work, and forgot all about him until he came into my room with the question, 'What next?' That settled it for me. He was the first boy that ever entered our office who was willing and volunteered to do more than was assigned him. I predict a successful career for that boy as a business man."

Business men know capacity when they see it, and they make a note of it. Willingness to do more than the assigned task is one of the chief stepping-stones to commercial success.—*Selected.*

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AN IRRELEVANT PLEA FOR EXTREME CRITICAL CONCLUSIONS.

Closely allied to the practice of demanding unquestioning acceptance of certain theories about the books of the Bible, on the authority of famous scholars, is another practice which is open to weighty objections. It is quite common to claim, on behalf of certain opinions which are a wide departure from the historic conception of the Holy Scriptures, that they are held by devout Christian scholars, and, therefore, that they cannot be rationalistic or dangerous. In this latter case the stress is laid upon the evangelical Christian character of the critics. It might be objected to this plea that people differ respecting what may be regarded as devout and evangelical, and that a favorable feeling towards a theory may make one a partial witness respecting the character of its advocates. But waiving this consideration, this style of advocacy is inadmissible for other reasons. No man's piety or professed orthodoxy can free him from responsibility for the fair, logical consequences of his conclusions or assumptions. A devout spirit, or an adhesion to evangelical religious sentiments, may survive as the result of early religious training, after men have accepted views which are not logically in harmony with their professed sentiments. Whether certain theories of the origin and authorship of the books of the Bible are consistent with its being a divinely inspired revelation or not, is something which each one must decide for himself, apart from the character and professions of the advocates of these theories.

Take, for example, the theories of the "higher critics" respecting the origin and authorship of the book of Deuteronomy. They certainly involve the question whether that book contains a divinely inspired revelation or not. Deuteronomy is made up in the main of historic facts, laws, and discourses. According to the representations of the book itself, the narrative portion supplies the setting or occasions of the giving of laws, and of the delivery of the discourses. If these representations are not true, it is hard to see how the authority of the book can be maintained.

With some slight exceptions, the higher critics are agreed on the following points: "The book of the law of the Lord given by Moses," found by Hilkiah in the time of Josiah, was not the Pentateuch, but the book of Deuteronomy. The book was not discovered in the temple, but was the work of Hilkiah, or some priest of that period. Hilkiah and Huldah, though knowing it was a recent production, pretended it was the law of Moses found in the temple, in order to give it authority with Josiah. Some admit that there may have been Mosaic traditions, or fragments, on which it was based. Others do not admit even this. Kuener refuses to admit that even the decalogue is Mosaic. The author of Deuteronomy, in the words of Dr. Driver, "gave articulate expression to the thoughts and feelings which it was presumed the person in question (Moses) would have entertained." Cheyne tries to justify Hilkiah in the alleged deception, on the ground that Josiah would not have been induced to act as he did if he had known the truth. The tabernacle in the wilderness never existed, except in the imagination of some late writer. The events and occasions mentioned in the book of Deuteronomy are fictitious inventions of the author; and the laws and admonitions are falsely attributed to Moses, to give them an authority they would not possess if the real author was known.

The weakness and unreasonableness of these assumptions have been abundantly shown by able writers. We cannot here enter upon this

phase of the subject. But what we wish to say is this: It is of no consequence to tell us that the advocates of these theories are good men who do not deny the "inspiration" of the Scriptures, and that it is unjustifiable to say that these theories represent Deuteronomy to be a forgery. Every intelligent reader, every man of common sense, will form his own conclusions as to the effect the acceptance of such theories must have on men's conceptions of the authority and inspiration of the Bible. A great gulf separates those who hold the Biblical conception from those who accept the theories of the rationalist critics.

BOUNDARIES OF CONFERENCES.

The outline plan of Annual Conferences in Ontario and Quebec, prepared by the Commission on Conference Boundaries to which the matter was referred, was taken up and discussed in the Toronto Conference, as in the other Conferences. But it was not accepted. The plan proposes to make four central Conferences instead of six. So far as the equalization of ministers and members is concerned, the proposed arrangement is perhaps as good as could well be arranged on the scheme of four Conferences. In favor of the scheme it was argued that it met the dissatisfaction with the present state of things which exists in the smaller Conferences—that it brought large sections of the country into connection with Toronto—that by dividing the city of Toronto between two Conferences, it placed some of the General Conference officers in one Conference and some in another, whereas they are now nearly all in the Toronto Conference.

In opposition to the plan submitted it was shown that, as three of the new Conferences would have more than 600 members each, such Conferences would be so unwisely that most of the lay delegates and younger ministers would have very little chance of taking any part in the business. Besides, only the large cities could accommodate such large bodies. The inconvenience of large Conferences was the chief reason which led to the formation of the present system of Annual Conferences. It was also urged that a general breaking up of the present autonomy of our Conferences would seriously jar the Conference feeling which has grown up under the present arrangement, and has been an element of unity and strength. The strong feeling of dissatisfaction which was aroused in the districts cut off from Toronto Conference against their wish, at the last General Conference, evinced that such alterations of boundaries should not be frequent unless there is an actual necessity. The plan now proposed virtually consists in cutting the Toronto Conference into two halves and adding the east half to the Bay of Quinte Conference, and the west half to the Guelph Conference, and uniting the Niagara and London Conference in one. Now, as there is a natural desire for enlargement of boundaries in most of the Conferences, it was not likely that the Bay of Quinte or Guelph Conference would object to have a half of Toronto Conference added to each. But it would be an extraordinary thing if such an arrangement should be deemed satisfactory by the Toronto Conference. The Bay of Quinte Conference did not, however, accept the plan, only on condition that its eastern districts should not be ceded to Montreal. The changes proposed in this report are too seriously dislocating, and so deeply affect the interests and feeling of a large part of our Church, that it should receive the fullest consideration, before attempting to carry it into effect. The remedy might prove to be worse than the evils it was intended to cure.

What is the main consideration that has caused a demand for larger Conferences? There is nothing in the size of the Conferences vitally affecting the interests of the Church. So far as we know, the chief cause of a desire for larger Conferences is that there may be a wider field for exchanges in the pastoral work, so that ministers may not be compelled to move about within such narrow limits. And, on the part of the laity, that they may have a wider range from which to select pastors, without having recourse to the machinery of the Transfer Committee. But it certainly ought to be within the bounds of practicability to make such provision for facilities of exchange between Conferences as would meet this need, better than it could possibly be met by such a system of large and cumbersome Conferences. We strongly sympathize with the de-

sire for unshackled freedom of transfer between all parts of the work; but we think this plan is not the best method of accomplishing the object desired.

The question of the eligibility of women to be elected as delegates to the Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States was left by the late General Conference in a form that is likely to cause serious difficulty and division. The question was submitted to the Annual Conferences, before the late General Conference, but did not receive the constitutional majority. At the Conference at Omaha, the Judicial Committee decided that in view of the action of the General Conference of 1886, and the fact that the legislation respecting lay delegation did not contemplate including women, they are not eligible. At the very close of the Conference a motion was proposed by Dr. J. W. Hamilton, that a proposition be submitted to the Annual Conferences to add to the words "lay delegates" a statement to the effect that such delegates must be males, and if this is not carried by a three-fourths majority in the Annual Conferences and a two-thirds majority in the General Conference, the contrary—namely, that delegates may be females—will be the law. It will be seen that this proposal requires a two-thirds majority, not for the admission of women, but to keep the law as it is. As there was a large majority vote for the admission of women, it is certain that a two-thirds majority cannot be obtained for adding the provision that the delegates shall be males, and, therefore, the change may be made by a much less vote than was cast the last time. That is, the law may be changed by a minority vote for women. It is unfortunate, if a change is to be made in the present law, that it should not be made according to the constitutional provision for making such changes.

Grimsby Park will be an important centre of religious and educational interest during the coming season. The programme includes the names of many eminent divines who will preach or lecture. Especial pains have been taken to provide a liberal and varied number of attractions for the large number of people who will attend. Sermons, lectures, readings, concerts, elocutionary and spectacular entertainments have been arranged so as to combine instruction and recreation in the most inviting manner. There will be regular Sunday services, Sunday-schools and Bible classes, as well as a weekly prayer service. The season will open on July 1st, when the new steamer *Garden City* will begin regular trips to the park. These announcements will be welcome to a large circle of Methodists. We are informed by A. C. Mounster, B. E., secretary and manager of the Ontario College of Oratory, that the coming summer session of that institution at Grimsby promises to be a most successful one. Already a large number of applications have been received from clergymen, teachers, and others who are availing themselves of the opportunity to combine recreation with culture. Prof. R. O. Moon, of Philadelphia, will participate in the work.

There is considerable suspense among English-speaking Catholics as to the appointment of new cardinals. The deaths of Newman and Manning, as well as the important interests of Roman Catholicism in the United States, have raised the question as to increasing the number of such appointments. The Vatican has been persuaded that in England and America it will need to have men in the highest ecclesiastical offices who are in touch with democratic movements; men who are able not only to represent the Church, but able to enlarge and deepen its influence among the masses. No doubt in recent times the advice of English speaking cardinals, duly heeded at Rome, has been of great service in the policy of adaptation to popular needs. On this account an increase in the number of such men is of unusual importance to the Roman Catholic Church.

No one can look through the newspapers and magazines of the day without seeing the increased importance of caricature as an educator of public opinion. Although this is especially true of politics, yet religious movements and their controlling personalities are coming in for a considerable amount of attention. The Salvation Army has received a liberal share of it, although not always of an adverse character. Caricature, regardless of the meaning of

the term, has its sweet as well as bitter ingredients. It commends as well as ridicules. The worthy enterprises of the time look to it for signs of approval or dissent, and welcome the one while they reject the other. The art of the caricaturist strikes the public mind more quickly and sympathetically than any other kind of journalistic influence, and it is gratifying to know that it is broadening in accordance with the greater educational needs of the time.

We were pained to learn of the distressing accident by which Miss Eva Berkinshaw, only daughter of Mr. John C. Berkinshaw, manager of the subscription department in our Book Room, and Mr. Frederick Wing, of this city, lost their lives on Saturday evening last. They had taken a boat at the Queen City boat-house at 8.10 p.m., and started to row over to the island. That was the last seen of them alive. At half past nine a man who was rowing near Mead's cut saw an oar and felt hat floating on the water, and this led to a search which recovered the bodies on Sunday morning. Miss Berkinshaw was a bright and estimable young lady only eighteen years of age. She was a member of the McCaul Street church and sang in the choir, and was much beloved by those who knew her. Mr. Wing was a young business man of excellent religious character. We are sure that the sympathy of many friends will be with the bereaved families in their deep affliction.

Our English Wesleyan brethren have recently made a move in the direction of changing the name of one of their annual meetings. In the Second London District Meeting recently held, it was unanimously decided to ask the Conference to change the designation of the assemblies in May from District Committees to District Synods. According to the *Recorder*, the districts are gradually assuming increased importance in Church arrangements. This is inevitable. The Conference is overweighted. Relief can only come through the districts being entrusted with enlarged powers. Besides, "District Committee" conveys no ecclesiastical idea to those outside Methodism, and is likely to be confused with municipal arrangements. On the other hand, "Synod" is inseparably associated in the public mind with ecclesiastical institutions, and yet has the immense advantage that no one party can claim it as a party term. It belongs to and is used by all.

The National Republican Convention has finished its sessions at Minneapolis, and Mr. Harrison was chosen on the first ballot as the presidential candidate. The sessions were very exciting, although much of the working was as quiet as it was intense. Mr. Blaine's sudden resignation of his position as Secretary of State, and the consequent boom his interests received just before the convention, led many to believe that he would be renominated. His great fame and long leadership of the Republican party created an enthusiasm which did not avail, however, against the solidly organized support of Harrison. The result is generally received with favor by the Republican party. It must be a sore disappointment to Mr. Blaine, whose official career may now be said to have come to a close, though his counsel may still continue to be valuable to his party.

We remind our readers that the centenary anniversary of the old Methodist church on the south shore of Hay Bay, Adolphustown, will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 22nd. The venerable William Losee, the first regular Methodist preacher in Canada, was the pastor of this church, and here the first class-meeting was organized. The church is still standing in a fair state of preservation, and we hope it will be purchased and put into thorough repair so that the Methodists of the Dominion may keep it as an enduring memento of the zeal and piety of the early founders. It was the first Methodist church built in Upper Canada. The brethren in charge of the celebration are doing everything in their power to make it a success. A dinner will be served on the premises at noon, and appropriate addresses will be delivered in the church. We trust there will be a large attendance.

The commodious steamers *Modjeska* and *Macassa* are now running daily between Toronto and Hamilton. Each makes two trips daily, thus affording a most convenient mode of interchange of visits for business or pleasure between the two sister cities. By this route business and pleasure may be united.

In the last *Forum* President W. D. Hyde, of Bowdoin College, sounds a note of alarm in regard to the religious condition of New England. He finds the peril not to be so much in the lack, as in the excess, of churches. He claims that although the towns and country villages show the presence of many different denominations, yet the average church attendance is very low. For example, the combined statistics of fifteen counties in the State of Maine show that of 133,445 families, 67,842 are not attendants upon any church. These facts certainly bring out with painful clearness the weakness of sectional rivalries and subdivision. Though Protestantism has its strength, evidences like these suggest its weakness. Protestant denominations are beginning to feel more deeply than ever before the need of keeping out of each other's way in the general advance, and of the folly of occupying too little ground with too many forces.

The continued lynching of negroes in the States stirs up the indignation of civilized people the world over. It would seem as if the demon of savagery had more complete possession of the whites than the blacks. One of the latest outrages is the hanging of three blacks implicated in a conspiracy to rob. No time was given to ascertain their guilt by any form of law. They were apparently lynched because their alleged implication was deemed sufficient proof of guilt. The barbarous prejudices of the lawless whites of the South make haste to ignore all distinction between suspicion and guilt. No wonder the negro is in despair. No wonder that Frederick Douglas, in a speech delivered a few weeks ago, remarked that the negro would soon resort to dynamite and become an adept in the chemistry of the anarchists.

According to the London *Methodist Recorder* the recent changes in the educational system of England have had no injurious effect upon the Methodist schools. Many had fears that in not a few places the results would be disastrous. But according to Rev. Dr. Waller, the new arrangements have increased the number of the scholars; and the change made, instead of deterring parents from sending their children to the schools, has actually proved an attraction. It is easy to see how this may be so with many respectable artisans and others. The Act, says Dr. Waller, as a whole, is equitable and is working well. Steadily and firmly the Government is putting pressure upon Voluntary School Committees, in order to raise the character of the education given, and to secure improved plant for working.

Rev. E. R. Young has been delivering stirring missionary sermons and addresses in the city. At a recent Sunday-evening service in the New Richmond Methodist church, McCaul Street, he preached with a power and unction that reached the hearts of all present. He emphasized vividly the contrast between the former condition of Indians in the Northwest and their present lot under the Gospel. Mr. Young is thoroughly earnest in his work, and his reminiscences are such as to touch the hearts of his hearers.

At the time of going to press we had not received complete reports of the Statistical Committees of the various Conferences. We shall be able to give fuller information next week. The membership of the Bay of Quinte Conference is 36,486, a decrease of 70. Niagara Conference reports an increase of 702. London Conference has a membership of 27,754, an increase of 237. Montreal Conference reports an increase of 483 members, and Toronto Conference an increase of 254.

The Young Women's Christian Guild will be glad to hear from any young women in the country desirous of engaging in domestic work. Good girls can be provided with comfortable homes and good situations in and around the city by sending their names to the Employment Bureau, Young Women's Christian Guild, McGill Street, Toronto.

In our last issue, in the report of the Saturday morning's proceedings of the Guelph Conference, the words "Mr. Hartley" should read "Mrs. Hartley."

We direct the attention of our readers to the report of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company, of Waterloo, in another column.

TORONTO CONFERENCE.

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Dr. J. J. MacLaren, E. J. Davis, M.P.P., Hon. J. O. Aikins and George A. Cox. The report also adopted the suggestion submitted to it earlier in the session, and named Dr. Johnston and Rev. H. S. Matthews on the State of the Work Committee. The report was adopted.

Dr. MacLaren presented a report of the Committee on the Class-leaders' Convention, which was held on November 2nd and 3rd, 1891, particulars of which were published at the time. The report was adopted.

The report of the Sunday-school Committee was then presented by Rev. R. P. Beynon, the secretary. The statistics therein show the following increases: 12 in number of schools, 180 teachers and officers, 1,167 scholars, 719 taking abstinence pledge, 1,805 more copies of *Onward* taken, \$2,312.88 increase in grand total of receipts, 56 additional Epworth Leagues, and 2,711 increase in members. A decrease of 94 was reported in the number of conversions, 304 less copies of *Pleasant Hours* sold and 262 fewer *Happy Days*.

The second clause of the report embodied a memorial from the Brampton District recommending the appointment of a Sunday-school agent for the Toronto Conference, who should devote his whole time to the work, holding normal classes for teachers, visiting the schools, working up increased interest in missionary and other Church work, and undertaking such other work as he might be instructed by a special executive to be appointed to control his movements; the salary and expenses of this proposed agent were to be provided by a special fund to be formed for the purpose. This clause caused considerable discussion, many speaking on both sides, and finally it was referred back for further action by the committee. The matter of foreign publications and foreign advertising in the denominational publications was referred to, but no action was taken beyond reiterating the desirability of supporting home papers.

At four o'clock the annual memorial service was held in honor of those ministers of the Conference who had died during the year. After singing and prayer, obituaries were read of the following deceased brethren: Rev. J. W. McCallum, Toronto East; Revs. William Pirritte, D.D., Kennedy Creighton, and David Jennings, Toronto West; Rev. George Beynon, Brampton; Rev. Thomas Reid, Whitby; Rev. J. B. Armstrong, Barrie; and Rev. James Beakerville, Algoma. As each memoir was presented, brethren who had had personal acquaintance with the deceased brother rose and added personal reminiscences of his life, after which the written obituaries were referred to a committee, who will prepare them for publication in Conference journal. The exercises closed with singing and prayer.

EVENING SERVICES.

The spacious edifice was crowded in every part in the evening, when the annual service was held for the reception of those young men who were on the Wednesday previous admitted into full connection, and who will be ordained to-morrow. The President of the Conference, Rev. George J. Bishop, conducted the exercises, which opened with singing the 678th hymn, "The Saviour when to heaven He rose," after which Rev. H. S. Matthews, ex-President, led in prayer. The choir then sang an appropriate and enjoyable anthem, after which the Conference secretary, Rev. R. B. Burns, presented the following young men, who gave their religious experiences from the day of their conversion: Messrs. R. G. Davey, B.A., B.D., E. A. Pearson, B.A., John Robson, B.A., Fred Langford, B.A., B.D., A. P. Letter, W. W. Walker and J. V. Plunkett.

At the close of the testimony of the above, Master Eddie Reburn sang "Glory to Thee, My God, This Night," in a pleasing and acceptable manner, and then Rev. John Philip, M.A., of Broadway Tabernacle, moved the customary resolution receiving them into full connection. In a lengthy and eloquent address the speaker touched upon the grand work before the Christian preacher and teacher at this, the latter end of the nineteenth century, and expressed the intense satisfaction with which he had heard those about to be added to the ranks of their ministry speak with no uncertain sound of their sense of the great work to which God had called them.

After another anthem from the choir, Rev. Jas. Henderson, of Carlton Street church, seconded the resolution in a characteristic address, which, notwithstanding the lateness of the hour, was closely listened to and frequently applauded. He dealt particularly with the necessity of advanced intellectuality in the pulpit to keep pace with the onward march in the intelligence of the pew. Rhetorical thunder and hyperbole will not take the place of knowledge; blank cartridges never kill, and the occupants of the pulpit must be men of learning, posted in every department of doctrine and theology, or people will quickly decide that they were fools, and, above all, the fundamental principle of the teaching of their ministers must be Christ and him crucified.

The resolution having been adopted, the President called upon Rev. Dr. Carman to deliver a charge to the newly-received ministers. This the General Superintendent did in a few very vigorous and well-chosen sentences, practical, unequivocal and outspoken. He cautioned them to take heed to their health, for no sick man could be an efficient minister of Christ; to take heed to their moral manners and habits, those indices of character which bespoke the kind of men they were, and to press onward, upward, heavenward, to the mark of their high calling in Christ Jesus.

At the conclusion of Dr. Carman's brief address Eddie Reburn sang "The Child's Dream," and the meeting dispersed with the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Rev. Dr. Carman called the members of the Conference to order at nine o'clock on Saturday morning, when the third day's proceedings were inaugurated with the usual devotional exercises, led by Revs. R. N. Burns and M. Fawcett.

A vote of sympathy with Rev. J. C. Willmott, M.A., Chairman of the Algoma District, who was thrown from his carriage and severely shaken up while on his way to the Conference, was unani-

mously adopted, and the hope very warmly expressed that he would soon be restored to perfect health.

The Statistical Committee presented its report, which showed an increase of 254 in membership, and \$118,541 raised for ministerial support, an increase of \$3,490 over the previous year. The financial statement for the year stood as follows: Missionary Fund, \$36,859, increase, \$3,066; Super-annuation Fund, \$10,075, increase, \$61; Educational Fund, \$3,625, decrease, \$205; Contingent Fund, \$1,002, decrease, \$6; General Conference Fund, \$1,012, decrease, \$102; Union Church Relief Fund, \$339, increase, \$10; Sustentation Fund, \$878, decrease, \$41; Sunday-school Aid Fund, \$432, increase, \$20. Grand total collected for all purposes, \$392,655, an increase of \$24,683. The report was adopted.

The burning Conference boundaries question was then taken up under a motion of Dr. J. J. MacLaren, and presented in the following terms: "That inasmuch as it appears that a division into four Conferences, as suggested by the report of the Boundaries Commission, would appear to necessitate the division of this Toronto Conference in two, that we regret that for certain reasons; but, if no better scheme can be devised, that we accept that disadvantage in view of the general good that might be conferred, provided workable and reasonable system of transfers be furnished."

The mover supported his resolution in an earnest address, bristling with argument and moderate in tone.

A lengthy debate followed Dr. MacLaren's address, and it was quickly evident that opinions on the question were pretty sharply divided.

Rev. Dr. Dewart spoke briefly, opposing the idea of dividing up the city of Toronto, and was followed by Rev. M. L. Pearson, of Orangeville, who offered an amendment deprecating any re-division of the territory which would place Toronto in two or more Conferences.

Rev. Dr. Hugh Johnston presented an amendment to the effect that the Conference do not express any opinion on the question at this stage, but await the action of the next General Conference. He urged the brethren not to consent to a division of Toronto, nor even to express a willingness to be so divided; if the other Conferences were determined to get a slice of the city they would carry it in spite of Toronto's representatives, but this Conference should not assist in its own dismemberment.

Rev. J. E. German pointed out the existing difficulty in billeting delegates, and claimed that this would be greatly increased by larger Conferences. An increased membership, too, would preclude the possibility of ever meeting in any but the largest cities.

Rev. Dr. Parker called attention to irregularities in the geographical outlines of some of the proposed changes, and said in some cases it almost amounted to a gerrymander.

Rev. Mr. Simpson thought the proposed change would be a move in the wrong direction. More Conferences, and consequently greater ease in moving the place of meeting from point to point, was in his opinion what was needed.

Rev. J. D. Sanderson and Mr. J. L. Lovering supported the report of the commission.

Mr. Edward Gurney thought it would not be wise to subordinate the interests of the Toronto Conference so entirely as was proposed in the report. A great work centred in the city, and Yonge Street now was too much of a dividing line. The Ohio and New York Conferences had taken just such steps as were now proposed here; one had already rescinded its action and the other would gladly do so.

Dr. Alex. Sutherland, while agreeing with much Mr. Gurney said, believed that the great good which would result to the other Conferences east and west of Toronto would outweigh the possible evils accruing from the proposed division on the line of Yonge Street, and he hoped no action would be taken by this Conference to block the scheme at this stage.

After several other delegates had spoken the vote was called, when Dr. Johnston's amendment to the amendment was carried by a very large majority, consequently the Conference expresses no opinion, but awaits the action of the General Conference.

Dr. Sanderson laid before the Conference the financial statement of the St. Lawrence Camp-ground, which was received, and a resolution passed promising assistance in straightening out the financial embarrassment of the mortgagees.

Principal Austin, of Alma Ladies' College, presented the annual report of that institution, and was followed by Mr. Coyne, one of the directors, after which the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read. The committee was pleased to see that the Sabbath was well observed all over Canada. The course of John Charlton in seeking to obtain more stringent laws on Sabbath observance was approved of. The recent Sunday street car fight was referred to with satisfaction, and ministers and church members were urged to abstain from beginning or ending a journey on the Sabbath, or using means of transport on that day. Conference also expressed its disapproval of Sunday funerals, Sunday visiting, church parades of societies or volunteers, exclusively musical services and unprofitable conversation. The report was adopted.

A special ministerial session was held at two o'clock to take action in the case of Rev. J. R. Aikenhead, who, through some disciplinary irregularities in completing his probationary course, had not been received into full ministerial connection. After a full investigation into all the circumstances, it was decided to authorize the admission of the candidate, and his name was added to the list to be presented for ordination the following day.

THEOLOGICAL UNION.

Rev. George Webber presided over the annual meeting of the Theological Union, which took place at three o'clock in the lecture room of the church. The principal item on the programme was a paper by Rev. Dr. Parker, of Barrie, upon "Amos the Herdsman, Prophet of Tekoah," which proved both interesting and instructive. After giving a rapid sketch of the Hebrew prophets, "the Protestants and reformers of Judaism," as the essayists termed them, Dr. Parker spoke at length upon the life and character of Amos, the first of the Messianic prophets. The great feature of his life work, a strong and uncompromising antagonism to the prevailing corruption of the age, was specially

dwelt upon, and a lesson applied to the condition of affairs in the Dominion to-day.

At the close of the address, Dr. Dewart moved a vote of thanks, which was cordially endorsed.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Fully 2,000 people crowded every available position in the church on Sunday morning to take part in the annual ordination services. The brief introductory exercises were led by Rev. J. F. German, M.A., Dr. Harper, and George J. Bishop, after which the ex-President, Rev. H. S. Matthews, preached an eloquent sermon from Acts xviii. 31: "Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness." The zeal which filled the Apostle Paul, said the preacher, not only to speak to the Churches of Asia Minor, but also those of the great Roman Empire, should be an example to the ministers of the Gospel to-day. He always preached Jesus Christ, thereby setting an example of faithful instrumentality in saving souls and building up the Church of God. The time had come, continued the speaker, when error shall be taken from judgment and guilt from the public conscience, when the Cross shall triumph everywhere and Jesus Christ be adored. St. Paul taught Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour, to whom men might come by repentance towards God and faith in him. He was the sacrifice once offered, the substitution for sinful man. In conclusion, the preacher begged the young men present for ordination to take the great Apostle to the Gentiles as an example, and preach the simple Gospel truth in all earnestness and humility.

The ordination ceremony was then conducted by Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, and Rev. Geo. J. Bishop, President of the Conference; the following young men receiving the rite: R. G. Davey, B.A., B.D.; E. A. Pearson, B.A.; John Robson, B.A.; Fred Langford, B.A., B.D.; A. P. Letter, W. W. Walker, J. V. Plunkett, and J. E. Aikenhead.

At three o'clock in the afternoon the combined anniversary services of the Sabbath-schools and Epworth League were held. Bright, pithy addresses were delivered by Rev. W. T. Hicks, Rev. W. J. Smith, B.A., Mr. John T. Moore and Mr. Daniel McLean, the children and young people taking great interest in the proceedings and joining heartily in the exercises.

MISSIONARY SERVICES.

In the evening the spacious edifice was crowded to its limit for the third time, when the annual missionary services were celebrated. Rev. Geo. J. Bishop presided, others on the platform being Revs. Dr. Carman, Dr. Alexander Sutherland, Dr. Harper, W. Savage, J. E. German and Hon. J. C. Aikins.

Dr. Carman was the first speaker. He said he should like to talk briefly upon the subject of missions from three standpoints: (1) The foreordination, predestination and decree of God; (2) the governmental provision and providential arrangement of God; (3) the personal, spiritual and individual responsibility of the people. The scheme of missions was older than the earth itself, for before God created the world or made man he had completed the plan of redemption, and whether man had remained sinless or had fallen His perfected plans were made and ready. Man must be saved on the Divine plan, and he (the speaker) believed the world would have been redeemed long ago if the Church had only taken God's scheme and worked along its lines instead of trying statecraft, priestcraft and many other devices. Methodism had not invented the scheme of missions, though possibly it had followed out the Divine plan more closely than others had done. Everything in history had occurred under the omnipotent guidance, nations had not risen and fallen by chance, and so surely as a people went astray so soon would they suffer for it. God did not intend the nations of the earth to fall apart; and when the British nation or any other nation got on to the lines God had laid down, it would become permanent and invincible. It was no good shouting for the old flag and then voting wrong; the old flag will keep nobody safe in the day of that great calamity which must overtake that people who persist in sin. Britain had a grand, an unprecedented chance to-day to win the world for Christ; God was giving her the opportunity, and with her rested the responsibility of accepting it or not.

Hon. J. C. Aikins, treasurer of the Missionary Fund, was the next speaker. He dealt mainly with the great work in the Northwest, and spoke of the great advance the cause of Christianity had made in that vast region. In a brief reference to a recent action of the Methodist Church he added: "The Government does not support missions, and I am quite sure the Methodist Church has never received Government aid, does not desire to receive and never will so desire."

Dr. Alexander Sutherland, the well-known General Secretary of the Mission Board, was the last speaker. Taking up the above remark of Hon. Mr. Aikins, he said he would explain the exact state of the case about which there was much misunderstanding. The Dominion Government were under treaty obligation to carry out educational work among the Indians in the Northwest and had established common schools and industrial institutions on the various reserves. The question had been raised whether the Government should carry on this work alone or work in co-operation with the Churches engaged in mission work there, and for years they had been partially carrying out the latter plan, but it would be just as correct to say that the Government was receiving money from the Methodists, as to say the Methodists were receiving money from the Government. What they had done was to agree to pay half the salary of those teachers whom they were allowed to name for the Government schools, and they sought the privilege of selecting them because they were far better able to choose Christian and moral men and women than the Government could. The Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Presbyterian Churches had exercised this privilege for many years and no protest had been raised, and it seemed strange that there should be such an outcry directly they sought a similar arrangement. Continuing, Dr. Sutherland spoke at length upon the history of missionary enterprise from the days of the Apostles, and showed how tremendous had been the task and how grand the results, particularly of recent years. The services closed with the doxology, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

GUELPH CONFERENCE.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference opened at 9.30 o'clock. After devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes a telegram was read conveying fraternal greetings from the London Conference. The secretary was instructed to send a suitable reply to the London brethren.

The annual pastoral letter of the Guelph Conference to the churches under its care, was next read by Rev. Dr. Williams. After invoking a blessing on the churches, the address referred with much satisfaction to the peace, harmony and cordiality that had characterized the sessions of Conference. In referring to the evangelistic work of the Methodist Church, the following noticeable words were used: "It has been well said that when the power of reclaiming the lost dies out of the Church it ceases to be the Church. We are Methodist only so far as we are evangelistic and aggressive. Our economy furnishes us with every element necessary to success. There is not an article of our creed that we cannot publish to the world without limitation or qualification. There is not a truth we hold that does not sustain and strengthen every other truth. We have no contradictions to reconcile, no tenets that it would be prudent to conceal or to reveal only to the initiated. The plain, unbiased common sense of the people is with us. What experience does not confirm the doctrine of human depravity as we preach it? What conscience does not respond to the offer of full and free salvation? Where is the manhood that does not feel itself honored by an appeal to its intelligent decision? We exhort you to the more careful study of our doctrine, the use of all the means of grace, and the full enjoyment and appreciation of your peculiar privileges and opportunities. Allow neither yourselves nor your children to be drawn away from the regular services of the sanctuary by exercises in which fanaticism takes the place of intelligent zeal and the promptings of enthusiasm are used to relieve you from the careful study of the Word of God."

After referring in feeling terms to the loss the Church had sustained in the death, during the past year, of several of its ministers, the address dealt with the educational facilities offered by the Church. "While recognizing the many admirable features of the public school system of Ontario, which, while under the parental roof, children might with safety and success avail themselves of, yet in seeking higher education they have often to remain away from home for months together." "Under these circumstances," continues the address, "it becomes you to consider whether you will surround them with wholly secular influences, or place them amid moral and religious associations.

"The secularism that characterizes the intellectual training of so many of the young people of to-day is likely to produce most disastrous results, and it becomes you to see to it that your children are placed where they may be preserved from the secularism and skepticism which ruins the religious life of many, and threatens that of all."

The pastoral noted with satisfaction an increase in missionary and other connexional contributions, and specially commended the Superannuation Fund as one of the most worthy objects of the Church's support. Allusion was made to Sabbath-schools and their work, and to the position taken by the body regarding Prohibition, the churches being reminded that for 150 years the rule prohibiting drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors or drinking them, had been on the statutes of the Church.

On the motion of Dr. Henderson, seconded by Dr. Hannon, the address was unanimously adopted and ordered to be printed.

The presentation of reports was then commenced, the first being that of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, presented by Rev. J. S. Colling, chairman. The committee observed with deep regret a tendency in some parts of the Province to violate those clauses of the Crock's Act relating to Sabbath observance. While recognizing the difficulties in the way of license inspectors, the committee earnestly hoped that the people would assist in every legitimate way the efforts of these officers to enforce the law. The increasing prevalence of Sunday visiting was strongly condemned, as also was travelling on Sunday. Ministers have been charged in the public prints with Sunday travelling, and those who have been guilty in this respect were severely censured. The committee deplored the effort now being made to establish a Sunday newspaper in this country, and cordially wished its early collapse. With regard to the opening of the Columbia Exhibition on Sunday, the committee hoped that the proposal would be overruled, and hoped that in any case the Canadian exhibitors would not be led astray in this respect. The report concluded with a hearty endorsement of the provision of Mr. Charlton's bill for the better observance of the Sabbath.

A resolution proposed by Mr. W. G. Smith, seconded by Mr. H. P. Moore, was unanimously passed, rendering Rev. Dr. Carman the warm thanks of the Conference for the excellent sermon he delivered at the ordination service, and recommending him to submit the MS. to the GUARDIAN for publication.

Rev. Dr. Burwash, Chancellor of Victoria College, then addressed the Conference regarding the position and work of the college, and also presented the report of Rev. Dr. Potts, Secretary of Education, on the Federation and Building Fund. A resolution assuring Chancellor Burwash and his associates of the hearty sympathy and loyal support of the members of the Guelph Conference was unanimously passed.

The report of the Contingent Fund Committee showed the total receipts to be \$686. After paying claims for supply of affiliation, funerals, etc., a deficiency of \$445 appeared, to meet which a special appeal will be made. Conference then adjourned until 2.30.

On reassembling the presentation of reports was resumed. Mr. H. P. Moore read the report of Albert College, Belleville, which was highly satisfactory. The attendance had materially increased, the total now being 220, nearly double that of seven years ago. Special attention was drawn to the facilities offered students for acquiring a first-class business education, which the college was better able to furnish in many respects than a purely commercial school. The report was adopted,

Rev. J. W. Holmes presented the report of the Sustentation Fund, and Rev. Dr. Henderson that of the Union Church Relief Fund, both of which were adopted without amendment.

Mrs. Phelps, representing the Woman's Missionary Society, was now introduced and read an address to Conference detailing the progress of the work. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Phelps for her interesting address.

A resolution, moved by Rev. Dr. Hannon, seconded by Mr. J. Ford, was unanimously passed, tendering President and Mrs. Mills of the Ontario Agricultural College the hearty thanks of Conference for the hospitality extended to its members who visited the farm on Saturday.

Rev. G. H. Cobbleddick, B.D., read the report of the Temperance Committee, which recommended the appointment of Rev. F. E. Nugent and H. P. Moore as representatives to the Dominion Alliance. Special mention was made of the work of the W.O.T.U., which was warmly commended. The usual recommendation regarding the selection of Prohibitionists as members of Parliament was made. The report was adopted.

The Sabbath-school Committee reported a satisfactory increase in attendance. The most noticeable recommendation was that urging pastors and teachers to see that the total abstinence pledge, provided by the Discipline, be introduced in all the Sabbath-schools.

The Epworth League Committee reported an increase of 1,826 members, although there are still 288 appointments without branches.

A standing vote of thanks was passed to the brethren of all denominations in Guelph who had so hospitably entertained the members of Conference.

CLOSING DAY.

Conference opened at nine o'clock with the usual devotional exercises. The secretary having read the minutes of the last session, which were confirmed, next read a communication from the Dominion Alliance, asking that delegates be appointed to the meeting to be held next fall.

The report of Alma College was then presented by Rev. Dr. Henderson. The progress of the college in the past year had been most satisfactory. The number of students had now reached a total of 195, of which 160 were boarders and fifty-five day scholars. Twenty-seven students from the United States were enrolled, representing New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Nebraska, Montana, Mississippi and Ohio. Manitoba and the Northwest Territories and British Columbia were also represented in the list of students. The success of the graduates of Alma College in obtaining high collegiate appointments was most gratifying to the authorities. The religious interests of the college are conserved by several weekly prayer services, Bible-classes and missionary meetings.

The report was adopted by Conference, and a resolution, moved by Rev. Dr. Henderson, seconded by Rev. Thomas Amy, was unanimously passed, thanking Principal Austin for the able manner in which he had managed the college during the past year, and pledging Conference to the support of the institution.

The next report presented was that of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, which was read by the principal, Rev. Dr. Hare. The progress of the past year had been, as at Alma, most gratifying, and in consequence of the increase in the number of students and the necessities of the college, it has been found necessary to enlarge the present building.

The appreciation of the Conference of Dr. Hare's supervision, and the general progress of the college, was expressed in the following resolution: Moved by Rev. E. A. Chown, B.D., seconded by Rev. Dr. Hannon, "That we have heard with pleasure the report of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, as presented by its accomplished and learned principal, Rev. Dr. Hare. We recognize the competency of the principal and the ability of the various members of his staff, and desire to assure him of our hearty appreciation of the endeavors of the Board of Management to make the college one of the centres of the higher education of the young ladies of our beloved Methodism."

Rev. E. A. Chown, B.D., read the report of the Committee on Education, which detailed the subjects in which students are examined, and recommended the examiners for next year. The report was adopted.

A third delegate was appointed to the General Conference, Rev. Jos. Galloway being chosen for the duty.

One of the retiring ministers this year is Rev. Wm. Savage, of Elora, who has just completed the long term of fifty-five years continuous service in the Church. The venerable gentleman is retiring on account of the ill-health of his wife, although he himself is in the full enjoyment of health, his mental faculties being as bright and keen as ever, despite the weight of seventy-five years.

The balloting for chairmen of districts was next proceeded with, with the following result: Guelph District, chairman, Dr. Hannon; financial secretary, Jos. Edge; Galt District, chairman, Dr. Griffin; financial secretary, J. O. Pomeroy. Stratford, chairman, J. W. Holmes; secretary, Dr. Cornish. St. Mary's, chairman, John Scott; financial secretary, B. L. Hutton. Goderich, chairman, J. E. Howell; secretary, Jos. Galloway. Kincardine, chairman, W. C. Henderson; secretary, J. Karmes. Wingham, chairman, S. Bellery, B.D.; secretary, W. Campbell. Listowel, chairman, E. S. Rupert; secretary, Josias Greene. Palmerston, chairman, C. Hamilton; secretary, Wesley Casson. Mount Forest, chairman, Dr. Williams; secretary, Bobt. Phillips. Walkerton, chairman, James McAllister; secretary, Robert Walker. Owen Sound, chairman, E. D'Vey; secretary, E. Tonge. Wiarton, chairman, Geo. Buggin; secretary, H. Edwards.

The above appointments concluded the business before Conference, which was then closed by Rev. Dr. Griffin, who offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Rev. John O. Kaener, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and his wife celebrated their golden wedding on May 19th inst. The Nashville Christian Advocate says: "Their home life has been one of ideal beauty. The angels of love and gentleness have dwelt beneath their roof. Their five children are all devout Christians, the three sturdy sons having also followed their father into the itinerant ministry, and one of the daughters having married a minister."

LONDON CONFERENCE.

RECEPTION MEETING.

The usual public meeting for the reception into full connection of the young men eligible for ordination was held on Friday evening in the First Methodist church. On the platform were the President, who presided; Rev. Dr. Sanderson, who offered the opening prayer; the ex-Presidents of the Conference; the two speakers of the evening, Revs. C. E. McIntyre and B. Clement; besides the young men who were to be publicly received.

The secretary read the names of the candidates, as follows: Messrs. John Morrison, D. E. Martin, C. P. Wells, B. A., and T. H. Down. Each, in turn, was asked to relate his religious experience and call to the Christian ministry. There were several features of the experiences of these young men which they had in common. Each referred to a Christian home, where, under the influence of godly and consistent example and teaching, their minds had been graciously inclined to the good. All were converted when young in years. Each spoke of the conflict passed through while trying to find his providential calling in life, and of the many kind and helpful words of counsel and love received from many of the ministers of the Conference with whom they had been associated.

Rev. C. E. McIntyre, of London, being called upon to move the resolution, made a very able speech. He took as his theme "The History of the Inception and Growth of the Methodist Church." He graphically outlined the history from the time William Losee and Barbara Heck began their devoted work one hundred years ago down to the present, when we rejoice in the aggressive work done in the missionary, temperance, educational and Sunday-school departments of the Church.

The resolution was seconded by Rev. B. Clement, who, being called upon at a late hour, gave a short address on the work to be done by a Christian minister.

Appropriate counsel, tersely worded by the President, was given to the candidates, and the reception service was brought to a close.

Rev. H. T. Crossley sang during the evening the beautiful hymn, "Abide With Me."

THIRD DAY.

Conference re-opened at 9 a.m. on Saturday with the usual devotional exercises, the President in the chair.

Greetings with reference to Numbers vi. 24-26 were received from the Niagara Conference, now meeting in Tilsburg. The secretary was ordered to return greetings to Niagara Conference.

On receiving the report of the Church Property Committee, permission was given the trustees of the following properties to sell: Bethel church, on Sylvan Circuit; Providence church, on Port Stanley Circuit; Amherstburg church and lot, and Maiden church, on Amherstburg Circuit; Bloomsfield church, near Oshawa. The committee recommended the Conference to discourage the incurring of church debts without due regard to the provisions of the Discipline.

Rev. J. G. Scott, secretary of the Examination Board, made his report, recommending the re-appointment of the examiners of the past year. The report called forth a long discussion. Objections were made by several members of the Conference to the number of examiners on the Board, and to the method of carrying on the examinations. On the vote being taken, the recommendation of the committee was adopted, and the following appointed examiners for the coming year: Revs. W. J. Ford, LL.B., A. L. Russell, B.D., G. H. Thompson, J. W. Annis, M.A., B. Clement, J. Learoyd, J. R. Grady, W. McDonagh, J. Graham, Dr. Sanderson, and J. G. Scott.

The secretary reported greetings sent to the Niagara Conference referring to 1 Thessalonians iii. 11-13.

Rev. Dr. Aylesworth read the report of Albert College.

Following the question, "Who have died during the year?" came the solemn memorial service, commenced by singing, "Come let us join our friends above," and prayer by Rev. Dr. Pascoe. Obituary notices were read of the following ministers who have died during the year: Revs. W. J. Little, J. O. Fufford, J. K. Williston, and Andrew Milligan. Many beautiful tributes were paid by the members of the Conference to the memory of Rev. W. J. Little, who died at the age of thirty-five years in London. References were also made to the faithfulness and devoted labors of the others, who were superannuated ministers.

THE THEOLOGICAL UNION.

The lecture before the Theological Union was delivered by Rev. W. Quance, in the Central Methodist church, on Saturday afternoon. The President of the Union, Rev. Dr. Aylesworth, presided. The subject of the lecture was "The Book of Jonah." The lecturer said no other portion of the Bible was subjected to greater criticism, except possibly the Book of Daniel, than the Book of Jonah. Criticism, however, was the friend of truth. Christianity could better dispense with apologetics than with criticism. It is criticism that has called forth apologetics. The different theories were reviewed, which have been advanced with reference to the genuineness of the Book of Jonah. The lecturer held that the book was a historical record, and then proceeded to meet the objections which have been brought against it, namely: (1) the supernatural element in the book; (2) the presence of Aramaic words in it; (3) the repentance of the Ninevites. The lecture was replete with information, and was of an interesting character. A hearty vote of thanks was presented to the lecturer.

Rev. Dr. Badgley, of Victoria University, was present, and was called on to speak. His remarks on "The Historic Character of the Book of Jonah" evoked considerable discussion. Rev. William McDonagh and many others were unprepared to accept the Doctor's views, and a lively time ensued.

Rev. William Quance was elected president, and Rev. J. G. Fallis was made secretary-treasurer for the coming year. Rev. J. E. Ford was appointed lecturer.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Conference love-feast opened at 9.30 a.m., being conducted by the venerable Dr. Sanderson. At eleven o'clock, Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Mission-

ary Secretary, preached the ordination sermon from 1 Timothy iv. 16, "Take heed to thyself and to thy teaching." The effort was a timely and eloquent one. At its conclusion the secretary presented John Morrison, D. E. Martin, C. P. Wells, and T. H. Down to the President for ordination, the senior ministers assisting.

In the afternoon, the Sabbath-school was addressed by Revs. J. P. Rice and S. G. Livingstone, B.A.

In the evening, Rev. J. Graham preached a most appropriate sermon from Ephesians iv. 15.

The faculty and young ladies of Alma College gave a reception to a large attendance.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference re-assembled at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. After devotional exercises the minutes of the former session were read and adopted.

The report of the Statistical Committee showed: Membership, 27,754; increase, 237. Ministerial support, \$78,761; increase, \$575. Missionary funds, \$17,935; increase, \$142. Superannuation, \$8,259; increase, \$225. Educational, \$2,174; increase, \$124. Contingent, \$659. General Conference, \$659. Union Church Relief, \$567. Sunday-school Aid, \$352; total assessable, \$28,501; Woman's Missionary funds, \$3,062; increase, \$400. Total connexional funds, \$32,422; increase, \$1,251. Grand total, \$123,890.

Rev. Dr. Badgley, of Oshawa, was introduced, and gave the report of Victoria University and the Federation funds as follows: Value of buildings, \$220,000; endowment, \$250,000; professors in arts, 8; professors in theology, 3; university professors, 18. Students—In arts, 192; in theology, 79; in theology in Albert, 82; medicine, 40; law, 9; total, 292. Graduates for the year, 35. Since the charter was granted 647 B.A. degrees have been conferred. Federation Fund—Subscriptions to date, \$474,780; cash received, \$250,818.

The Memorial Committee recommended that the matter relative to St. Lawrence camp-ground be submitted to the circuits by the superintendents and reported at the Financial District Meetings.

Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, General Missionary Secretary, was introduced, and addressed the Conference on the mission work of the Church, dealing especially with a question that has gone the rounds of the press, that the Methodist Church is likely to become a State Church. The Doctor said he was willing to take money from any honest source to reach those uncared-for tribes of the far West. The Government officials were approached to establish Government institutes among some of the Indian tribes. They said, "It can't be done." A proposition was made to pay one-half the salary for the privilege of appointing the teachers, as the Church can lay its hand upon a better class of teachers. A deputation was never appointed to wait upon the Government by the Church. The establishment of a new mission in China has cost \$5,000. Dr. Sutherland said that Mr. A. Wood, St. Thomas, has given him authority to draw upon him to rebuild the church in Japan, and to erect a church and hospital in China.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed expressing the fullest confidence in the Missionary Secretary's administration, and also for the ordination sermon on Sunday.

An invitation came from Mr. A. Wood to visit the hospital. Greetings were received from the Guelph Conference.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, was introduced. He spoke with his well-known ability on the protest of some of the sister Churches on the question of the Government assisting to educate and Christianize the Indians of the Northwest; said it was the duty of the Church to go on and do its work, and for them to continue to object. He touched on the drift of present theological teaching.

Greetings were received from the Montreal Conference, and the secretary was instructed to return fraternal greetings.

Rev. W. W. Shepherd presented the yearly report of the Mount Elgin Institute, which showed it to be in a flourishing condition. The annual expenditure is about \$10,000, with an attendance of 80 pupils, for which they receive \$60 per pupil from the Indian Department through the Missionary Secretary. The average products are as follows: Wheat, 1,000 bushels; oats, 4,000 bushels; hay, 175 tons; roots, 5,000 bushels. The pupils are from thirteen reserves.

A resolution was passed expressing the fullest confidence in the esteemed Principal. The report of the special committee re Alma College debt was submitted. The debt is \$50,000; available assets, \$5,000.

Rev. B. Clement was set apart as secretary of education for the college.

An invitation was received to hold the next Annual Conference in Sarnia, which was accepted.

The report of the Contingent Fund showed the receipts to be \$659. Rev. J. Learoyd is the treasurer for next year.

The Sustentation Fund shows receipts of \$858.89 for the year. It was commended to the liberal support of the people.

The Conference educational meeting was held on Monday evening in the First Methodist church. Rev. T. Cullen, of Aylmer, opened the meeting with prayer. In the absence of the President on the Stationing Committee, Rev. Dr. Carman occupied the chair.

Rev. Dr. Carman commenced proceedings with a very lively address. Among other things he said: "When you find a man who knows how to ask a proper question at the proper time, and knows when he receives the proper answer, you have an educated man."

Rev. A. L. Russell, of Exeter, said if a minister makes mistakes in the pulpit the pew would know it, and when known the minister would be discredited. He illustrated the importance of ministerial education by references to the training the physician and sea captain were called on to pass through. Careful training was a necessity because of the importance of the work the physician and sea captain were to engage in. A boy could push a wheelbarrow and require no examination to make him competent, because it mattered little whether he ran it off the sidewalk or not.

Mr. J. Frith Jeffers, M.A., of London, in a practical address, spoke of the responsibility of

News of the Week.

The gold exports last week amounted to \$1,658,983.

The Indians in Oklahoma are again causing trouble.

Austro-Hungary will send a delegate to the Silver Conference.

Heavy rains and floods have prevailed in Cuba during the past week.

The overflow of the Danube and its tributaries covers 240 square miles.

Serious labor riots have occurred in Barcelona during the past few days.

London Street Railway Company has decided to introduce the electric system.

H. A. Calvin was last Friday elected by acclamation to represent Frontenac in the House of Commons.

The Berlin Tagblatt confirms the recent rumors of the death, in the interior of Africa, of Emin Pasha.

The factory of the Richelieu French Coffee Company at Whitewood, N.W.T., has been destroyed by fire.

Gen. Polk, President of the Farmers' Alliance in the United States, died on Saturday last at Washington.

A heavy thunderstorm caused considerable damage in various sections of the Province on Thursday last.

The Supreme Court has given a judgment confirming Mr. Legris, Liberal member for Maskinonge, in his seat.

The German press generally regards the interview between Emperor William and the Czar as conducive to peace.

The Brazilian insurgents in Matto Grosso are fleeing from the province. The rebel gunboats have surrendered.

Thomas Norquay, M.P.P., who was run over by a C.P.R. engine at Winnipeg, died last Thursday of his injuries.

It is the general impression in Washington that Chauncey M. Depew will succeed Mr. Blaine as Secretary of State.

The annual convocation of the University of Toronto for conferring of degrees took place last Friday afternoon at the Pavilion.

Excitement has been caused in British financial circles by the suspension of the New Oriental Bank, with liabilities of \$1,250,000.

Rev. Principal Caven was elected moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly which convened in Montreal last Wednesday.

German papers are still occupied in discussing the prospects of a reconciliation between Emperor William and Prince Bismarck.

The cholera epidemic at Meshed, Persia, after a temporary abatement, is again increasing rapidly. The deaths have reached 250 daily.

In the political conspiracy cases in Quebec Police Magistrate Chauveau has rendered judgment committing Mercier and Pasand for trial.

Up to date fifty-nine victims of the fire and flood disaster at Titusville, Pennsylvania, have been buried. The loss to property is placed at \$1,000,000.

A Prince Albert despatch says there are very strong reasons for believing that the M. & N. W. Railway will be extended to Prince Albert this season.

The trial at Port Arthur of Mrs. Carruthers, charged with murdering her husband in the Bains River district, resulted in the acquittal of the prisoner.

Newspapers in Germany express disappointment at the re-nomination of President Harrison. They consider it a bad omen for European interests in America.

The Synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church, in session at Ottawa, has decided to alter the name to "Reformed Episcopal, or Protestant Church of England."

At last Thursday's session of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, Rev. E. M. Hill, of Calvary church, Montreal, was elected chairman for the ensuing year.

In the House of Commons Mr. McCarthy's amendment to the Redistribution Bill was rejected by a vote of 109 to 62. Mr. McCarthy and Col. O'Brien were the only Conservatives who voted with the Opposition.

Medical.

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"She married a poor dry-goods clerk!" "Yes; how handy he will be to send down town to match goods!"

"Mamma," said a little girl the other Sunday, "Why does our minister always say 'lastly' in the middle of a sermon?"

Mildred—"I wouldn't marry the best man in the world." Mr. Sutor—"There is no danger: the bride never gets the best man."

"Don't you think that Mr. Gilder's voice has a very metallic ring in it?" "Very naturally so, my dear: all his teeth are crowned with gold."

Editor—"There are not enough feet in this line, sir." Poet—"Feet, sir! feet! I don't sell it by the foot. It's a poem,—not a cord of wood."

Jaeger—"Why did Rev. Dr. Poundstext come East?" Junpuppe—"He was chased out of the West for teaching the Golden Rule in a silver State."

Teacher of Physiology—"What ingredient which is highly essential in the composition of the human body does sugar possess?" Pupils (in one voice)—"Sand."

Mrs. Kawler—"So your son is a doctor? Has he been in the business long?" Mrs. Backlotte—"Oh, yes he must have been, for he wrote me that he was a veterinary at it."

Hocus—"Your son used to be quite an adept at the brush, I remember. I suppose he is high up in his profession now?" Focus—"Oh, yes; he's painting a church temple this week."

Papa—"And now, my daughter, you must take a course in modern history." Kate—"What's the use, papa? I've studied ancient history, and I thought you said history always repeated itself."

Johnny (to his little playmate, Jimmie)—"Say, my big brother thinks an awful lot of your sister." "How do you know?" "Cause he gavs her a bowlful of butternuts, an' every meat was picked at whole."

Doctor—"Your blood is deficient in quality, Mr. Jones. What you need is ore iron in the system." Mr. Jones—"That can't be, doctor. I have stepped at least twenty-two sacks with my bare feet since the house-cleaning began."

Doctor—"Your husband's case is a curious one, Mrs. Moriarty. I'm afraid there is some foreign substance in his phlegm." Mrs. Moriarty—"Furrin, it? Bedad, an' oim not surprisid, for; for mony's the toime oive warnid an against atin' thim Dutch sausings at he's so fond of."

A clergyman observed a horse jockey trying to take in a simple gentleman by posing upon him a broken-winded horse for a sound one. The parson, seeing the gentleman aside, told him to be cautious of the person he was dealing with. The gentleman declined the purchase; and the jockey, quite nettled, said, "Parson, I had much rather hear a preach than to see you interfere privately in bargains between man and man in this way." "Well," replied the parson, "if you had been where you ought to have been last Sunday, you might have heard me preach." "Where was that?" asked the jockey. "In State prison," returned the clergyman.

A small Scotch boy was summoned to give evidence against his father, who was accused of making disturbances in the streets. Said the boy to him, "Come, my wee mon, speak the truth, let us know all ye ken about this." "Weel, sir," said the lad, "I've Inverness Street?" "I do, laddie," replied his worship. "Weel, ye gang on it and turn into the square, and see the square?" "Ye, yes," said the lad encouragingly. "An', when ye gang across the square, ye turn to the left, and go up into High Street, and on up High Street till ye come to a house." "Quite right, my lad: proceed," said his worship, "I know the old wall." "Well," said the boy, "I gang and pump it, for ye'll no p-me."

ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company was held in the Town Hall, Waterloo, Ont., on Thursday, May 26th, 1892, at one of the clock p.m. As usual on such occasions a large number of prominent and representative policy-holders were present from various parts of the Dominion, all of whom manifested a deep interest in the proceedings.

The President, Mr. I. E. Bowman, M. P., having taken the chair, supported by the Manager, Mr. Wm. Hendry, on motion of Mr. W. H. Biddell, the Secretary of the Company acted as secretary of the meeting. Having read the notice calling the Annual Meeting, on motion the minutes of last annual meeting were taken as read and adopted, whereupon the President read

The Directors' Report:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Directors have much pleasure in submitting the following Statements to you as their report on the financial position of the Company as at the 31st December, 1891:

During the past year 2,019 policies were issued for assurance amounting to \$2,694,857, being an increase of \$246,800 over the previous year. The total number of policies in force at the close of 1891 is 11,631, covering assurance for \$14,984,807.35 on 10,504 lives.

The premium income for the year is \$456,706.65, and we received for interest on investments the sum of \$90,913.46, making our total income \$547,620.

The total assets of the Company have now practically reached two million dollars, and our surplus to the credit of policy-holders is \$155,539.35.

The Executive Committee has again carefully examined the investments and found the securities all in good order. You will be called on to elect four Directors in the place of E. M. Britton, G. C. of Kingston, F. C. Bruce, Esq., of Hamilton, John Marshall, Esq., of London, and J. Kerr Ficken, Esq., of Toronto, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

I. E. BOWMAN, President.

Copies of the Financial Statement for the year 1891, containing a detailed account of Receipts and Expenditures, of Assets and Liabilities, certified by the Auditors, having been distributed the President moved the adoption of the Report. He pointed out that the increase of new business over 1890 was \$348,600, while the expense ratio was less than the previous year; that the total amount of assurances on the Company's books, Jan. 1st, 1892, was nearly \$15,000,000, a net gain for the year of \$1,224,000; that substantial gains were made, not only in the items above referred to, but in cash income, in amount paid to policy-holders, in Reserve for the security of policy-holders, in total assets and in surplus over all liabilities, while the death losses were much less than the expectation, and the lapse ratio was only about two-thirds of that of the previous year. He congratulated the members on the steady and healthy growth of the Company and on its high financial standing, second to none in Canada. He was pleased to see so many policy-holders and agents present, showing the deep interest taken by them in the prosperity of the Company. Concerted and harmonious action between the Head Office and its agents which happily existed, and a faithful conservation by all of the Company's interests in all matters relating to the welfare of the policy-holders, and the maintenance of the gratifying success that has marked its career during the past twenty-three years.

Mr. E. Melvin, 2nd Vice-President, supported the motion. He cordially endorsed what the president had said concerning the undoubted prosperity of the Company, and the large share the agents had in bringing it about. The decline in the lapse rate was a noticeable feature of the year's operations and taken in connection with the low death ratio afforded convincing proof of the wise and prudent selection of risks. The falling off in the interest rate on recent investments as compared with former years, though common to all companies, would, he hoped, be counterbalanced by savings from mortality and rigid economy in every department of the business, thus enabling the Company to continue its liberal distribution of surplus as in past years. Others having spoken the various reports were unanimously approved. Messrs. Geo. Wegeman, Waterloo, and Mr. Charles Layden, Hamilton, were appointed scrutineers. The balloting resulted in the re-election of Messrs. M. B. Britton, John Marshall, Francis C. Bruce and J. Kerr Ficken for the ensuing term of three years.

Messrs. Henry F. J. Jackson and J. M. Scully, having been re-elected Auditors, and the customary vote of thanks to the Board, the Officers and Agents, having been tendered and responded to, the meeting was brought to a close. The Directors met subsequently and re-elected I. E. Bowman, President; O. M. Taylor, 1st Vice-President, and Robert Melvin, 2nd Vice-President of the Company for the ensuing year.

Navigation.

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D. G. SUTHERLAND, LL.B., D.D., President of Conference. R. J. ELLIOTT, Secretary of Conference.

The word in parentheses is the post-office address of the minister whose name immediately precedes it.

I. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

- Hamilton (Centenary Church)—Jas. Allen, M.A., 177 James Street South; Thomas Stobbs, 8 Stinson Street, superannuated. Hamilton (Wesley Church)—D. G. Sutherland, LL.B., D.D., 187 Catharine Street North, President of Conference; Stephen Kappelle, superannuated, (43 Park Road, Toronto); J. W. Bitton, E.A., Ph.D., superannuated. Hamilton (First Church)—Jas. Van Wyk, B.A., 275 Main Street East; Edward Lonsbury, 20 Erie Avenue, superannuated. Hamilton (Gore Street)—Isaac Tovell, 50 Gore Street, Assistant Secretary of Conference. Hamilton (Zion Tabernacle)—Geo. Clark, Ph.D., 55 Pearl Street North; Francis Coleman, 149 Napier Street, superannuated. Hamilton (Simcoe Street)—R. W. Woods, 886 John Street North; Hamilton Leith, 97 Hughson Street North, superannuated. Hamilton (Hannah Street)—Geo. W. Kirby, B.A., 139 Herkimer Street; Hugh S. Dougal, B.A. Hamilton (Emerald Street)—W. E. Pescott, B.A., 81 Emerald Street North.

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- Alexander Burns, S.T.D., LL.D., Principal. Dundas—John Kay; Joseph H. Hitts, superannuated. Caledonia—Thomas W. Jackson. Glasgow—James H. Kennedy. Ancaster—Richard J. Forman; Emerson Bristol, superannuated. Binbrook—James Laird, Henry Monsinger. Bartonville—Richard B. Howe. Stoney Creek—John E. Hockey; James E. Dyer, (685 Markham Street, Toronto), superannuated. Tapscott—Charles L. Bowly, B.A., 100 Main Street, B.A. (Abingdon). York—Daniel Egan, B.A. (Abingdon). Alexander Burns, S.T.D., LL.D., is a member of the Centenary Quarterly Official Board. Richard Bailton, Victoria College. D. G. SUTHERLAND, LL.B., D.D., Chairman. I. TOVELL, Financial Secretary.

II. ST. CATHARINES DISTRICT.

- St. Catharines (St. Paul Street)—Solomon Gleaves, B.A. St. Catharines (Wolland Avenue)—George A. Mitchell, B.A. St. Catharines (Niagara Street)—W. J. Sippell, under superintendency of the pastor of Wolland Avenue. Louth and Grantham—Thomas I. Kerruish (St. Catharines). Merriton—James H. Collins. Thorold—John Wakefield. Niagara Falls South—James Aude, B.A. Niagara Falls—T. Albert Moore. Stanford and St. David's—Owen G. Collamore. Niagara—John Saunders, M.A.; Samuel Wilson, superannuated. Beamsville—Abram L. Gee, Ph.B.; William Sheridan, superannuated; Frederick Haynes, superannuated. Grimsby—Thomas L. Wilkinson; Jas. Goodwin, superannuated. Smithville—Edward J. Clark; J. B. Cutler, superannuated. Tintern—S. J. J. Kelly (Jordan Station). Sarnia—E. Marshall, Victoria College; Edson E. Marshall, Victoria College. JOHN WAKEFIELD, Chairman. GEO. A. MITCHELL, B.A., Fin. Sec.

III. BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

- Brantford (Wellington Street)—Amos E. Russ, M.A. Brantford (Brant Avenue)—William L. Rutledge, B.A. Brantford (Gibb's St.)—Richard Hobbs; W. G. Brown, M.A., superannuated, with permission to reside in the United States; F. S. Linscott, superannuated. Brantford (Oxford Street)—Walter S. Jamieson. Paris—George W. Calvert. St. George—Thomas Collins, B.A. Sheffield—James M. Wright, under the superintendency of St. George minister. West Flamboro—Chas. B. Morrow (Cope-town). Lynden—Harvey M. Hall. Troy—J. Edgar Russ. Jerseyville—Charles W. Oceans; Burness Bristol, superannuated. Brant—Robert Duff (Onondaga). Cainsville—James G. Foots; Henry Brand, Peter German (Koko Place), William Cross, (8 Grove Avenue, Toronto), superannuated. Mount Pleasant—James Mooney (Mohawk); James Preston (Mohawk), superannuated. Grand River—William Walker (Newport). Arthur L. Terberry, Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal. Amos E. Russ, M.A., Chairman. GEO. W. CALVERT, Fin. Sec.

IV. WOODSTOCK DISTRICT.

- Woodstock (Central Church)—Jas. S. Boss, M.A.; William Lund, William Ames, Albert Kennedy, superannuated. Woodstock (Dundas Street)—Robert J. Elliott, Secretary of Conference. Ingersoll (King Street)—David W. Snider, Journal Secretary; George Lawrence, superannuated. Ingersoll (Charles Street)—Robert Burns, Ph.B.; James Gardner, D.C.L. (Belleville); Simon Terwilliger, superannuated, who has permission to reside in the United States. Salford—Charles Dawson. Sweborg—George Carpenter. Oxford Centre—David Hunt; (Daniel M. Johnson), (Currie's Crossing). Eastwood—Thomas Vaden, B.A. (Inner-Nip). Cathart—Joshua B. Patterson, under the superintendency of the chairman of the district. Princeton—Alfred A. Bowers, B.A. Strathallan—James Mason. Arr—John Stewart. Plattville—R. Walker Wright, B.D. Bright—T. Webster Kelly, B.A. Washington—George Miller. Danby and Richwood—Jas. E. Baillie. Theo. J. Parr, Victoria College; Byron Laing, left without a station for one year at his own request. JAMES S. BOSS, M.A., Chairman. ROBT. J. ELLIOTT, Fin. Sec.

V. SIMCOE DISTRICT.

- Simcoe—John H. Robinson. Watford—Thomas J. Atkins. Port Dover—Christopher Cookman, Wm. W. Prudden (Watford). Jarvis—Clifton T. Bennett, B.A., Charles A. Gaver (Chesfield). Hagersville—J. Austin Jackson. Townsend—James P. Bell (Simcoe); J. Henry Holmes (Simcoe); David Williams (Nixon), superannuated. Rockford—D. Ward Kelly. Port Rowan and St. Williams—Jos. Archer. Lymedoch—Edward Whitworth. Selkirk—John H. McArthur, B.T.L. Cayuga—David Chalmers. Walsingham Centre—Edward Sheppard, under the superintendency of Port Rowan minister.

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VI. MILTON DISTRICT.

- Milton—John Pickering. Oakville—J. E. Williamson; Thomas M. Jefferson, superannuated. Burlington—David L. Brethour, Ph.D.; John Hilston, superannuated. Freeman—James H. McCarty. Waterdown—George Ferguson. Millgrove—Thomas H. Orme, M.A. Palermo—Samuel W. Holden. Trafalgar—Richard W. Scanlon (Omagh). One to be sent (Trafalgar). Lowville—Ephraim B. Stevenson, B.A. Carlisle—Thomas Athoe. Mountbarn—Benjamin L. Cohoe (Fresleton); David Kearns, superannuated (Corwhin). Mountain—To be supplied under the superintendency of Lowville minister. Frederick W. Hollinsake, Victoria College. J. S. WILLIAMSON, Chairman. JOHN PICKERING, Fin. Sec.

VII. WELLAND DISTRICT.

- Welland—Vernon H. Emory. Fonthill—David H. Taylor; (Geo. F. Swinburn), (Allanburg). Port Colborne—Charles M. Marshall, under the superintendency of Welland minister. Port Colborne and Humberstone—Andrew Hamilton, B.A. (Port Colborne). Dunnville—James H. Hazlewood; J. V. Wilson, superannuated. Caistorville—John T. Davis. Ganboro—James Webb. Fenwick—Wm. M. Teasle. Wellandport—E. L. Oakley. Stromness—G. Francis Morris (Fork's Road), under the superintendency of the Dunnville minister. Ridgeway—Charles Stringfellow; James F. Parsons, who shall reside at Stevensville. International Bridge—Henry G. Livingston. Rainham—Edward H. Taylor (South Cayuga). W. A. Sippell, left without a station with a view of taking work in the Northwest. George Reader, left without a station at his own request with a view to a transfer. JAMES H. HAZLEWOOD, Chairman. VERNON H. EMORY, Fin. Sec.

VIII. NORWICH DISTRICT.

- Norwich—William Kettlewell; John Wood, superannuated; W. C. Jolley, superannuated. Tilsonburg—John W. Cooley; David Savage, Ephraim L. Clement, superannuated. Barford and Fairfield—Wray E. Smith (Barford); Alexander W. Crawford. Kelvin—William A. Yollak. Springford—W. H. Barraclough. One to be sent. Otterville and Bookton—Thos. B. Trimble (Otterville); Howard Kennedy (Otterville). Oakland—William C. Watson, M.A. Testerville—Henry A. Cook. Dereham—Thomas Boyd (Dereham Centre). Delhi—T. R. Clarke. Courtland—Albert Truax; Ezra Adams, superannuated. Samuel W. Nicholson, Victoria College; Josephus Gulp, Amasa B. Miller; Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal. WILLIAM KETTLEWELL, Chairman. WILLIAM C. WATSON, M.A., Fin. Sec.

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