

believes more intensely than I in the necessity and in the sacredness of politics. There is no man who has a higher estimate of what human learning can achieve for God and man. But both Bible and history teach me that the human race is not going to be evangelized either by politicians or by schoolmasters. The men who can do that are the missionaries of Jesus Christ, full of the Holy Spirit, and speaking with tongues of fire. God alone is able to save the human race; and His only method is the method of the day of Pentecost. When the eyes of St. John were purged to see things as they truly are, he beheld the city of God for which you and

I have been praying and yearning ever since we began to think. Was it founded by human wisdom? Was it established by statesmen or by schoolmasters? No,—he saw the City of God, “coming down out of heaven from God” (Rev. xxi. 2). And I stand here this morning in the presence of God and of this vast congregation representing one of the greatest missionary societies in the world, to remind you once more that the only hope of the human race is in the direct personal agency of the Holy Spirit, granted in answer to the prayer and faith of true Christians. Great Spirit of the Living God! come, come, come and crown us all with fire.

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Manitoba and the Northwest Conference suffered the loss of seven brethren who from ill-health or other causes withdrew from the ministry, three others died at their post, ten finished their probation and were ordained to the full work of the ministry, thirty-two were continued on trial, and five were received by transfer, and three others were removed by the same means; seven candidates were received on trial; twenty-nine probationers were appointed to attend college.

Methodism progresses in the Northwest, as the following figures will testify; sixty-five circuits when missions cost the Missionary Society \$85, but the said circuits had given back \$68,000. Thirteen years ago the Conference contributed \$153 to the Superannuation Fund, but last year the amount thus contributed was \$4,000. The Church had spent not less than \$400,000 on Indian Missions within the bounds

of this Conference, still there are many bands of Indians without the Gospel.

Like Conferences in the East, this Conference has recommended changes in the Discipline; one relates to the personnel of the Stationing Committee, that it shall consist of one minister and one layman from each district.

Another change was for the rule relating to amusements to be made more stringent.

The corner-stone of Wesley College was laid at Winnipeg during the sittings of Conference. In the absence of Mr. Massey, of Toronto, who was to have laid the corner-stone, Dr. Sparling, Principal, performed that ceremony. Mr. Massey contributed \$25,000.

Rev. Drs. Griffin and Briggs, Treasurer of the Superannuation Fund and Book Steward respectively, attended and greatly cheered the Conference with the information which they gave respecting their departments. These brethren were