

councils extended a cordial welcome. Dr. Eby made a flying visit to several of the Conferences, and pleaded earnestly on behalf of the Empire of Japan. During the sessions of Toronto Conference, a fraternal visit was made from a delegation of the Presbyterian Assembly, which that Conference reciprocated; a similar visit would have been made to the Anglican Synod, but that venerable body adjourned earlier than was anticipated. A very kind letter was sent to the Conference by Bishop Sweatman, expressing his regret that the Synod had adjourned.

Delegations of ladies also attended the said Conference from the Woman's Missionary Society, the Temperance Union and Enfranchisement Society. These elect ladies addressed the Conference in most appropriate terms, but all will agree with the writer that the address of Miss Willard won all hearts. She is a most gifted Christian lady. The Conference showed its appreciation of the work that these noble sisters are doing, by passing suitable resolutions, all of which were carried unanimously.

The Jesuit question excited much interest, and all the Conferences adopted strong resolutions condemnatory of the action of the Quebec Legislature in making a grant of public money to the Jesuit fathers, and also against the Dominion Ministry in refusing to disallow the Act of the said local Legislature.

It is generally believed that more accessions should be made to the membership of the Church from the Sunday-schools than has hitherto been reported. If the recommendation of the Sunday-school Committees, and endorsed by the Conferences, be observed, there will be an improvement in this respect. The catechisms of the Church should be more regularly taught and the temperance pledge more universally practised. Seeing that in the Province of Ontario there are in connection with the Methodist Church sixty-seven more Sunday-schools and twenty-five thousand six hundred and one more scholars, than all the other Protestant denominations together,

surely there should be a large ingathering of children into the fold of Christ.

The reports of the Book Room and Sunday-school publications were very encouraging. The profits exceeded those of last year; a grant of \$6,000 was made to the Superannuation Fund.

All the Conferences adopted resolutions congratulating Dr. Potts on the success which has attended his labours in connection with the Educational Society. Reports were also presented respecting the various Colleges, which proved that the work of education, both at Victoria College, Albert College, and the various Female Colleges, is steadily advancing. The Theological Union is receiving increased attention. The publication of the *Review* meets a felt want, from which it is evident that the ministry and laity of the Church observed the apostolic injunction, "Give attendance to reading."

The stationing of the ministers is always a difficult task, and it seems that every year the work becomes increasingly difficult. This has arisen in part, at least, from the invitation system, which has become so prevalent. Some propose that laymen should be members of the Stationing and all other Committees in equal numbers with the ministers; but those who have had some experience on that line do not think that the plan proposed would be a remedy. If ministers and people would all cease to take any part in selecting their appointments, we believe all would fare as well as they do now, and the appointments would be more equitably arranged.

A resolution adopted by the Guelph Conference deserves the careful attention of all the other Conferences. It expresses regret that so many probationers do not complete their course of study assigned for each successive year, and it was resolved that in future in no case would the year be allowed until the studies are completed.

Recently a new church has been dedicated at Montreal. The entire cost is \$300,000. Some pronounce