

was conducted by venerable Father Daniel, aged eighty-nine. Professor Andrews presented the report of Mount Allison College, which stated that there is a debt of \$50,000, which he thought the people should discharge at the earliest possible moment. Like other Conferences, the receipts for the funds were a little deficient. The Contingent Fund needs an advance of 40 per cent. The net decrease in all the funds is \$6,232.75. Both the Eastern Conferences condemn the restoration of separate schools in Manitoba. Dr. Carman reached the Conference when the business was nearly completed, but he was immediately called to the platform and delivered one of his soul-stirring addresses. The statistical report contained the gratifying item that there was a net increase in the membership of 339. There had been 1,178 baptisms administered, of which 261 were adults.

*Irish Wesleyan Conference.*—This Conference—one hundred and twenty-sixth—was held in Carlisle Memorial Church, Belfast. Rev. Walford Green, of the English Conference, presided. He was accompanied by Rev. H. J. Pope, D.D., Dr. Waller and J. E. Clapham. Dr. Dewart was received in connection with the brethren from England. He was perfectly at home and received a real Irish welcome. Dr. McCutcheon had died during the year. His place in the legal hundred was filled by Rev. Irvine Johnston. Three probationers were ordained, one of whom goes to India as a missionary. Twelve young men are on the list of reserve, all of whom are eligible for the ministry, and four candidates were accepted. The statistical report stated that there had been 345 emigrations, 417 deaths, and 849 lost from other causes; still there is a net increase of 224 members. After this report had been presented there was a lengthy conversation on the State of the Work of God. Rev. R. C. Johnston was appointed to attend the General Conference of the M.E. Church of 1896.

*Methodist New Connexion Conference.*—This, the ninety-ninth Conference of the denomination, was held at Halifax, which is one of the strongholds of the Church and the seventh time the Conference has met there. There are four beautiful churches in the town, which are comprised in three circuits, besides several smaller churches, making the total number of places of worship seventeen. There are eight ministers, forty-five local

preachers, 1,947 members, and 5,317 scholars in the Sunday-schools. A few days before the opening of Conference a temperance meeting was held, at which Mr. E. Watson, from Newcastle, fell dead on the platform. A medical gentleman pronounced heart-failure to be the cause of his death. On the opening of the Conference Rev. G. Parker was elected president, and Mr. W. P. Burnley secretary. A stationing committee is elected by ballot on the first day of Conference, and consists of two ministers and two laymen. As next Conference will be the centenary of the Connexion, preparations are being made to raise a centenary fund. The amount will probably reach \$500,000, of which \$240,000 was reported as already promised. The president has been identified with the Connexion about thirty-five years, and was one of the first students in the college. He has been exactly thirty years in the ministry, and has long been known as "a connexional man." Dr. Dewart preached on Sabbath, spoke at the missionary meeting, and also at the tea-meeting. He was most heartily received, and greatly interested both ministers and people respecting Methodism in Canada. Dr. Cocker, a former General Superintendent of the New Connexion in Canada, suitably responded. From the reports presented it does not seem that the Connexion is prospering very rapidly, though in respect to finances there are several items of interest. The net sum raised last year for alterations and reduction of church debts is \$93,985. At the ordination service seven young men were set apart to the full work of the ministry. The number of married ministers increases more rapidly than places can be found for them. Two ministers, Rev. J. C. Milburn and W. Eddon, who travelled forty-five and thirty-two years respectively, retired from the active work, and two others rest for one year; three students were received on probation and four candidates were appointed to college. A Forward Movement, the first of the kind that the Connexion has made, has been inaugurated in London with every prospect of success.

*Primitive Methodist Conference.*—This Conference was held at Edinburgh, which is the first gathering of the kind ever held in Scotland, hence it is no wonder that it should make a profound sensation. The Free Church Assembly Hall was granted free of expense as the place of meeting. There were sixty-eight ministers and 128 laymen in attendance at