

**THE METHODIST CHURCH—NEW-
FOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.**

This Conference met in the city of St. John's, June 24th, and was in session more than a week. The Rev. G. J. Bond, A.B., was elected President, and the Rev. G. Boyd, Secretary. General Superintendent Carman reached the Conference during the first day's session and received a most cordial greeting. He remained a few weeks on the island and visited several circuits and missions. His visit will no doubt be productive of great good. The entire population is 193,000. In ten years the Catholics have increased in numbers 16 per cent., and the Protestants 31 per cent. Some of the stations within the bounds of this Conference are very laborious. One brother has 17 appointments, some of which he reaches by boat, others can only be visited after toilsome journeys on foot. Another is stationed in lonely Labrador, where for a considerable portion of the year he is entirely cut off from other parts of the world. Dr. Carman regards the brethren of this Conference as being worthy of being classed among "the heroes of Methodism." The claims of Newfoundland deserve to be better understood.

The most noteworthy incident in connection with the Conference was a scheme for the erection of a Methodist college and ministers' children's home. It is believed the scheme will be eminently successful. The cost will probably be \$30,000, \$17,000 of which has been subscribed, the ministers, as usual, contributing most liberally. This Conference is in great want of four additional men for its ministry.

**NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE
EDWARD ISLAND CONFERENCE.**

This Conference assembled at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and was opened by the Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, who presided on alternate days with the President. Rev. Job Shenton was chosen President, and Rev. Robert Wilson, Secretary. The Woman's Missionary Society is very

vigorous. The Conference is fully alive to the importance of circulating good, wholesome literature in the community, and adopted a resolution in favour of colporteurs being employed for that purpose. Too much importance cannot be attached to this department of Christian duty. The Conference reported a gratifying increase in the membership of the Church.

THE NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE met at Lunenburg, in a beautiful church which had been recently erected and was greatly admired. The Rev. J. Cassidy was elected President, and the Rev. C. Jost, Secretary. It was a somewhat remarkable incident that the rector of the Episcopal Church entertained one of the members of the Conference as his guest. The ministers in this Conference, like their brethren elsewhere, know what deficiencies mean. The average deficiency of married men is \$238.90, on an allowance of \$750. A friend in Halifax sent \$100 to assist in relieving special cases of deficiency.

The Educational Institutions at Mount Allison are within the bounds of this Conference. The College has \$100,000 endowment, 106 graduates in arts, of whom 35 are ministers, 20 high-school teachers, two professors at Dalhousie and two at Mount Allison, 15 lawyers, seven physicians, three journalists, with one of the ablest men in the Dominion Parliament—the Deputy Minister of Justice. At London and Edinburgh Universities, Mount Allison students have won highest honours.

It is gratifying to record the fact that the Eastern Conferences of the Methodist Church, like the Conferences in the West, spoke most vigorously on the temperance question, and all alike condemned the action of the Senate of the Dominion Parliament in its proposed amendments to the Scott Act.

Since Dr. Carman's return to Ontario he has published two vigorous letters respecting his visit to the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland. He was evidently pleased with his trip, and was favourably im-