Opening of the Great Methodist Conference.

Leading Churchmen From All Parts of Canada Present.

Annual Address of the Superintendent, Dr. Carman.

The Remarkable Growth of Methodism Outlined.

A Union of London and Niagara Conferences Recommended-Other Conference Changes-A List of the Delegates Who Have Registered-Opening Exer-

The fourth General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada began in the Queen's Avenue Methodist Church this morning amid a melody of song and the inspiring words of earnest, thoughtful prayer. Dr. Carman called the conference to order sharp at 10 o'clock, when about 200 delegates and about 30 visitors were present. The first hush of expectancy was only broken by the sound of the hammers of some workingmen who were engaged just outside the church. The chairman then announced a hymn and all joined heartily in the words. Rev. Dr. Huestis, Halifax, read Psalm lxvi., after which Rev. John Wakefield, Niagara, and Rev. Dr. Chapman, New Brunswick, led in prayer. Dr. Carman impressed upon the delegates the necessity of personal consecration and of starting aright. With this they would have divine blessing on their work. Another hymn was sung and devotional exercises conducted by Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Newfoundland, and Rev. Dr. McDonald, Japan. Then the roll call began and afterwards the election of conference secretary was taken up. At the conclusion of the first ballot Mayor Kennedy had received 61 votes, 30 more than his closest competitor, Dr. Huestis, Nova Scotia. As 91 votes were necessary to elect the chairman declared no election on the first ballot. Before a second could be taken Mayor Kennedy kindly but firmly declined to accept the position, because his stay was likely to be broken. On the third ballot Dr. W. I. Shaw, Montreal Conference, was elected by 142 votes out of a total of 194 votes. The doctor on taking his place remarked that he was made for work rather than ornament, and he was at the disposal of the conference to record the legislation that will be the outcome of the combined wisdom of this noble body.

The work of forming a nominating committee then commenced. On motion of Rev. H. S. Matthew, seconded by Rev. M. L. Pearson, it was agreed that the committee should be composed of two ministers and two laymen for each of Toronto, Bay of Quinte, Montreal, Manitoba and Northwest, London, Niagara and Guelph Conferences and one minister and one layman for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, British Columbia and Japan.

A motion of Rev. Wm. Kettlewell, tending to skillful arrangement of the different committees was, after an extended discussion, referred to the nominating committee. The conference adjourned at 12:30 to meet at 2 o'clock. Those Present.

Those who answered to the roll call at the morning session were:

TORONTO CONFERENCE. Ministers-W. Galbraith, Ph.D., A. Sutherland, D.D., A. Langtord, M. L. Pearson, E. H. Dewart, D.D., John Potts, O.D., J. F. German, D.D., Geo. Webber, Alfred Brown, W. R. Barker, J. M. Simpson, J. E. Lanceley, H. S. Matthews, G. J. Bishop, G. M. Brown.

Laymen-Thos. Holtby, W. M. Green, Mayor Kennedy, George A. Cox, Dr. Wil-

LONDON CONFERENCE. Ministers - W. W. Shepherd, J. R. Bundy, Geo. Jackson, John Learoyd, J. W. Annis, M.A., James Hannon, D.D., S. Bond, W. J. Ford, LL.B., I. B. Aylsworth, LL.D., J. C. Antliff, D.D., Walter Rigsby, W. McDonagh.

Laymen-Geo. Robinson, A. B. Powell, ff. Bishop, R. P. Wright, D. A. Maxwell,

NIAGARA CONFERENCE. Ministers-Isaac Tovell, J. S. Ross. D.D., W. Kettlewell, John Wakefield. John Kay, D. L. Brethour, Ph. D., J. S. Williamson, D.D., J. Van Wyck, B.A., R. W. Woodsworth, John Philp, D.D., John

A. J. Donly, John Mann.

GUELPH CONFERENCE. Ministers—J. McAllister, W. Williams, D.D., W. S. Griffin, D.D., W. C. Henderson, D.D., John Scott, M.A., George

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE. Ministers-S. J. Shorey, T. M. Campbell, J. S. Clarke, E. Roberts, N. Burwash, 3.T.D., W. Johnson, N. A. McDiarmid, W. R. Young, B.A., Cabel Parker, W. J. Crothers, M. A., O. R. Lambley, M.A., Jos. Young, T. W. Jolliffe, C. W. Watch, E. N. Baker.

Laymen-Judge Dean, E. T. Crowle, Ph. D., S. P. Ford, M.D., Wm. Johnson, R. W. Clarke, Geo. Wilson, W. E. Tilley, Ph. D., F. T. Cummings, John Hull. MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

Ministers-E. B. Ryckman, D.D., T. G. Will ams, D.D., W. Jackson, D.D., W. I. Shaw, LL.D., Thomas Griffith, Ph.D., W. J. Hunter, D.D., A. Lee Holmes, M.A., J. E. Mavety, W. H. Graham, Hugh Cairns, J. T. Pitcher, S. P. Rose, D.D., W. Blair, M.A., T. J. Mansell.

Laymen - Judge Deacor, M. Lavell, M.D., A. Shaw, Israel England, D. McElroy, J. Treneman, Asa Bond, Asa Gordon, C. P. England, John Hughes, G. F. John-

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE. Ministers-W. H. Evans, D.D., D. W. NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD

ISLAND CONFERENCE. Ministers—J. A. Clarke, M. A., C. Stewart, D.D., C. H. Paisley, M.A., Thos. Marshall, E. Evans, D.D., D. Chapman, D.D., R. W. Weddall, M.A., R. Brecken,

Laymen-D. Allison, LL. D., J. R. Inch, LL.D., W. E. Dawson, J. R. Woodburne, L. L. Beer, G. R. Sangster, W. F. George. NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.

Ministers-G. S. Milligan, LL.D., Wm. Swann, James Nurse, T. W. Atkinson. Laymen-Hon. J. J. Regerson, A. W. Martin, R. K. Bishop, John Trapuell. MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST CONFERENCE. Ministers-A. W. Ross, Dr. Sparling. J. Semmens, James Woodsworth, J. Mc-Dougall, G. W. Dean, A. Stewart, B.D., Thos. Argue, J. M. Harrison.

Laymen - M. H. Fieldhouse, J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., W. D. Ruttan, G. W. Beynon, G. W. Brown, F. G. Lewis, S. R. Parsons, O. Neff, Hon. J. W. Sifton, R. Jackson, W. S. Joy.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE. Ministers-T. W. Hall, J. F. Betts. R. R. Maitland, Eberson Robson. Laymen-E. Odlum, M.A., A. C. Wells.

JAPAN CONFERENCE. Ministers-Dr. Eby, F. A. Cassidy, Dr. McDonald.

Laymen-H. Satoh. Fraternal delegates-Rev. H. J. Pope, Rev. J. H. Potts, D.D., Rev. E. E. Hoss, D.D. Visiters-Rev. J. F. Berry, D.D., Rev. J. H. White.

Afternoon Session.

The afternoon lesson was read by Dr. Shaw, Montreal, and Dr. Sparling, Winnipeg, led in prayer. The secretary, Dr. Shaw, announced that Judge Chesley, Nova Scotia, and Dr. Ross, Niagara, would act as assistant secretaries, and Rev. Dr. Jackson, Montreal, as journal secretary THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The nominating committee was appointed as follows: Toronto Conference, Dr. Sutherland (convener), Dr. Galbraith, J. T. Moore and Edward Gurney; London Conference, Rev. John Learoyd, Rev. J. R. Gundy, Dr. D. A. Maxwell and Thomas Hayne; Niagara, Rev. Isaac Powell, Dr. Lowery and Joseph Gibson; Guelph, Rev. Dr. Griffin, Rev. Dr. Henderson, Wm. Gray, H. P. Moore; Bay of Quinte, Rev. S. J. Shorey, Rev. J. S. Clarke, George Wilson and Dr. Ford; Montreal, T. G. Williams, W. J. Hunter, Dr. Lavell and Judge Deacon; Manitoba, Rev. A. W. Ross, James Woodsworth, M. J. Fieldhouse and J. W. Sifton; British Columbia, Rev. Robert Maitland and E. Odlum; Nova Scotia, Rev. S. F. Huestis and S. A. Crowell; New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Rev. J. N. Clark and Dr. Inch; Newfoundland, Rev. G. S. Milligan and Hon. J. J. Rogerson; Japan, Rev. Dr. McDonald and Mr. Satoh.

Dr. Carman's Address.

The deliverance of the superintendent, Rev. Dr. Carman, was the most interesting event of the afternoon, and was looked forward to by all, owing to its official tone. The following is an abstract: A decade has now passed since the con-

summation of the union of our Canadian Methodism, and in the providence of God we are gathered in what we designate our Fourth General Conference, the first having been held in September, 1883, the second in 1886, and the third in 1890. Well may we bow ourselves before the Lord our God in deepest humility because of his infinite greatness and goodness, and our own unspeakable unworthiness, because of his holiness and our sin and at the same time rejoice in His Holy Name with gratitude and ceaseless praise for that he forgiveth Il our iniquities and loveth us freely, and for all he has wrought in us and by us and through us during the ten years that have elapsed since we began our operations as the Methodist Church under completed legislation on the first day of June, 1884. At the ratification conference of 1883 the membership of the church numbered 169,803; now our membership is 260, 692, an advance of nearly 100,000, or over 60 per cent in the ten years, and an average of 9,000 a year

INCREASE OVER ALL LOSSES for every year of the decade. In 1883 the number of ministers and probationers was 1,633; now the number is 1,996. In 1883 the number of Sabbath schools was 2,707, and the number of teachers 22,434, and the number of scholars 175,052; now the number of schools is 3,251, the number of teachers 30,807, and the number of scholars

252,546. In 1883 the missionary income was \$193,-769, and the book room property stood at \$149,602. Now the annual missionary income has reached \$249,000, an increase of nearly 30 per cent, and the property of our publishing houses is valued at \$321,580, having considerably more than doubled in the ten years under review. At the union the superannuation and supernumerary funds of all the churches amounted to \$238,832; now the sum total is \$279,897. H. Robinson.

La men.—Joseph Gibson, Judge Jones, W. A. Gibbon, J. S. Deacon, C. A. Birge, A. J. Coule Let M. M. Gibbon, J. S. Deacon, C. A. Birge, Church and pastorage property had also increased in value in a marked degree.

What shall we say to a showing like this? To whom shall we give the glory? What does the Father above and the Richardson, J. W. Holmes, F. E. Nugent. Judge of all say to this showing-A. Cunningham, J. E. Howell, M.A., an increase of over 50 per cent? Samuel Sellery, B.D., George H. Cornish, What is the mark on the spiritual barometer? Can we say 50 per cent increase in L. H. Youmans, J. A. Carrick, John Rutherford, S. W. Vogan, P. E. W Moyer, W. H. Kerr, H. P. Moore,

BAY OF OUNTED COUNTY COUNTY COUNTY TO SEE THE PROPERTY OF COUNTY COUN Fifty per cent in faith and power? Shall we not say this is the Lord's doing-it is marvelous in our eyes? Shall we not give all glory to God who maketh his grace abound toward us in all times and places?

THE CHURCHES AT THE UNION was enjoying a signal prosperity, but the first year of the union gave an increase of 20,000 in the membership and there has been cheering increase every year of the decade. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts. neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth. It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The mountains and hills shall break forth before you unto

W. Oxley, H. R. Narraway, R. J. Sweet, structive. How does it come to pass that Centennial of Canadian Methodism re the W. V. Vroom. we so unworthy have been favored with so noticeable a prosperity? For likely if there is to be prosperity in the future it will come the same way as in the past. Have we achieved all the success for the Zion of our God that was within the reach of the greatest devotion, courage and fidelity? Might we not have done better? Might we not have done worse? Might we not so have misdirected the union as to wholly lose its good fruits? Might we not so wisely have directed it at every point as largely to increase our vigor and growth? And we today, after generations of revival history and ten years' experience of the recent union, of its possible advantages and defects, putting away from us what we plainly see hinders the work of God, and putting on the whole energy and equipment of our EVER EVOLVING METHODISM,

shall we be able in the future to multiply and enlarge the successes of the past, and with increased power win fresh victories on the fields of moral and religious conflict? While we may well charge ourself with unfaithfulness to God and humble ourselves before him in the dust, so far as we have succeeded under divine guidance. how has it been done, brethren? Is it not that we have in some measure striven together for the faith, submitting ourselves one to another in love, and have endeavored of honest intent to preach the pure, simple, effective truth of God? We have no faith in anything else for the soul's salvation and the renewal of the world in righteousness. Is it not that by the grace of God we have honestly tried to stand in the ways and seefand ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein? Have the men that have not been of this mind and manner of work helped us any? Have the movement and exploits that have not been of this spirit and character done us any good? Where are the circuits that have been built up or the institutions that have been established and maintained by anything but the old Gospel in the old way? I can readily understand that events at home and abroad make it the duty of this confer- and was becoming more evident from year ence set for the guardianship of the church to exact guarantees of the orthodoxy of our theological colleges especially, and generation is always in safe hands.

THE SAINTED DEAD. Proceeding, the eminent superintendent paid loving tribute to those in the church who had spased away since last they met. They missed a Rice, a Williams, the connexional collections? which has a Nelles, a Bradin, an S. J. Hunter, a the prior claim on collections, the trust Geoffery, a Maxwell, a Hansford, a George board or quarterly official board? what Boyd, a Peach, a Hughson, a Curts, a arrangemets may the trust board and quar-Pirinth, a Jacques, a Hiram Williams, a Robert Walker, Lewis Purdy, John Kent, Caleb Mallory, E. S. Whipple, an Ayre, Banister and McNeil, of Newfoundland. The death of Rev. James Gray made vacant the office of clerical treasurer of the superannuation fund.

union with the Evangelical Association was the superintendent's view defective. The brought down, and a resolution adopted at the conference of the Evangelical Association reviewed at length. He detailed the results in April, 1892, read. In part it said: we highly appreciate the courteous and fraternal attitude of our sister church toward In closing the superintendent urged this conference. But inasmuch as there are peculiar circumstances which at present indicate that organic union of these two bodies would in the opinion of this conference not be to the best interests of our work in general, which, after meditation and prayer, we believe, could be more advantageously fostered with ev ngelical association.

The speaker went on to say that the report of the General Conference special committee would bring to the notice of the conference the action it was found necessary to take regarding the Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, held in Washington, D. C., in October, 1891. "There can be no question," said the doctor, "that the Washington Conference of 1891 was an immense benefit to our common Methodism all around the globe. The gaze of men was litted, the views of men were widened, the impulses of men were invigorated by that assembly."

PRIVILEGES. The correspondence of the committee of privileges, which was necessary to bring the Methodist Church into co-operation with other Protestant bodies in the maintenance of civil and religious rights, was also brought down. It would be readily recalled that, incited by memorials from several annual conferences, last General Conference protested against the order of precedence on state occasions, which was declared to ignore the very existence of those Protestant churches that represented the majority of the people of the Dominion and degrade their clergy by giving preeminence over all to the appointees of the Primate of Rome, and it was resolved that the General Conference memorailize the Governor-General in Council, the Senate and the House of Commons in regard to the obnoxious order, asking for the abrogation of the invidious distinctions implied therein. This resolution was referred to the committee on privileges and the correspondence duly submitted to the executive of that committee explained the course taken in the matter. "It may be well for the present General Conference," the superintendent said, "to renew the provisions for continued action, and possibly advisable to to open up the way for us to proceed upon our own motion and without reference to the attitude of other churches upon such questions." METHOL ST CENTENNIAL.

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Laymen—S. A. Chesley, J. W. Smith, S.

A. Crovell, C. S. Chapman, J. E. Graham.

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celebration of that event in 1871 had in some measure been complied with. A monumental volume had been issued by the bookroom. Meetings were held and measures taken for the raising and distribution of funds.

RE THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.
Said the doctor: "The cause of temperance is in our time and generation the oriflamme of moral progress, the moving indication on the social and political dial plate that betokens the regenerating public energy and the reforming religious life. In other times and places it has been the regeneration of slavery, the overthrow of polygamy, the repression of murder and theft; but our grapple and struggle are with the demon drink in his entrenchments, organization, malign power and terrible reign. The liquor traffic is so decided an evil, at once so open in effrontery and so insidious in artifice and manners, so distinctly opposite to every instinct and movement of our holy religion, that the issue is direct." Again the elevation of the standard of public morality had had very much to do in the salvation of the soul. The pulpit, the press, the platform, the school, the parliament, the court, were all quickening to the thought of the people in forming public mind and determining the social domestic, political, and ever national action in harmony with the Holy Scriptures and the highest interests of the human race.

Beside the transfers of the regular committee the general superintendent had affected 27. Several suggestions were made as to the simplification of the work of transfers.

COURT OF APPEALS.

During the past four years, as the report of the court of appeals will show, there had been several important cases before the court, whose decisions were of much weight and great value in the administration of discipline. The influence of the court of appeals for good was inestimable, to year. Several amendments of the discipline were advocated. (1) The most fruitful source of questioning, and make sure that the instruction of our rising too often of strife, was the relation of the quarterly official board and the trust board in the management of church finances, to whom belongs the loose collection? to whom the proceeds of the envelopes? how can provision be made for terly officials make with the other? and sundry such queries. Different paragraphs of the discipline open to amendment were cited, and the practice of allowing a probationer to study before completing his first

The correspondence on the proposed catechisms at present existing were in work of the general superintendency was of his visits to the different portions of the Therefore resolved that in this movement | Canadian field, and gave many suggestions where the work might be improved. regular attendance and quickness of dispatch, and drew attention to the fact that the gavel he used at opening was the same as was used by Rev. Thoma Bowman Stephenson, D.D., at the

Ecumenical Conference in Washington. There was hearty applause as the general superintendent resumed his seat.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF CONFERENCES. The committee on conference boundaries met yesterday and agreed upon a report. It favors a reduction in the number of annual conferences in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec from six, as at present, to four-No. 1 to consist of the Montreal Conference, enlarged by the addition of Napance and Tamworth; No. 2 to be the east half of Toronto Conference from Napanee to Yonge street, Toronto; No. 3 to consist of Toronto west of Yonge street and the Guelph Conference; and No. 4 to include Niagara and London Confer-

THE APPEALS.

The most important appeals were not reached at the first meeting of the appeals committee yesterday. It was agreed, however, that the division of the Thamesville circuit by the London Conference should nct be sustained. NOTES.

Of the lay members who will be in attendance seven are medical doctors, ten members of the legal profession, two members of Parliament, one sheriff, three judges, one mayor, and two ex-lieutenant

Of the 198 ministers and layman who attended the first General Conference of 1874, 53 an lead. During the last quadrennium R. s. Drs. Douglass and Statiord, with Rev. ames Gray and W. H. Laird, have been a ided to the great majority. Of those appointed to the present General Conference only 28 were at the first, and more than 30 have never attended any previous quadriennial.

ALERTS AWAY AHEAD Of their Opponents-In Runs and Hits-

Cot Everything But the Championship.

The following statistics of the western district baseball championship series have been compiled by Mr. Charles G. Moorhead, the efficial scorer. They show the Alerts away ahead of all competitors in the matter of runs and hits, while they

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