

for some years past, owing in a great measure to the want of time, arising from the great press of business that must needs be transacted within a limited period.

Of late years, there has been much interchange between England and America, and it would seem that there will be still more. Dr. Parker, of London, in a letter to an American contemporary, says he hopes to have a succession of American ministers in his pulpit at the City Temple. He suggests that fifty men from each country might exchange pulpits for eight Sundays during this year.

We go to press too early to report the state of the work in the Methodist Churches of the Dominion. We will endeavour to give full particulars respecting all the conferences in our next. We may state, that as far as we can gather from the returns made at the various District Meetings, there will be a very gratifying increase in the membership of the Church. The union between the Wesleyan and New Connexion Churches is likely to prove a great blessing. During the first week in May, every day was occupied with Connexional Committees. We were pleased to find that there was a gratifying report from the Book Room, and that a branch has been opened in Montreal conducted by Mr. Coates, for many years connected with the establishment in Toronto. Rev. D. Savage was also appointed assistant editor of the *Guardian*, so that doubtless our noble *confrere* will be much improved by the addition thus made to its editorial staff.

There were a great many applications from the Eastern Conferences for transfers, but the transfer committee thought that, in view of the fact that there was likely to be an abundance of men in the London Conference, it would not be wise to increase the number at present, hence only a few transfers were granted to meet certain emergencies. The machinery of the Church has become so vast and ponderous, that great care will need to be exercised, lest there should be friction.

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GENEROSITY during life is a very different thing from generosity in the hour of death; one proceeds from genuine liberality and benevolence, the other from pride or fear.