

delicate and beautiful cornices and frieze work.

The opening services were very successful. Drs. Stone, Potts, Stafford, Briggs, Douglas, and Bishop

Vincent taking part therein. We congratulate the pastor, Dr. Parker, and the trustees and congregation on this handsome addition to the Methodist churches of the city.

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June is the month in which the Western Conferences are held. The writer of these notes has compiled from the daily papers and the *Christian Guardian* the accounts which are here published. They are not in every instance complete, as without access to the official records it would be impossible to avoid errors. At the time of writing no account of Manitoba Conference has been received. An account will be published next month in connection with the Eastern Conferences.

The following are the Presidents and Secretaries of the Conferences: Toronto—Revs. H. Johnston, D.D., and S. G. Stone, D.D. London—W. McDonagh and J. R. Gundy. Niagara—J. S. Williamson and G. A. Mitchell, B.A. Guelph—J. E. Howell, M.A., and E. S. Rupert, M.A. Bay of Quinte—Chancellor Burwash and W. Johnston. Montreal—J. Kines and C. A. Flanders. British Columbia—J. Hall and C. Bryant.

Most of the funds were considerably in advance in all the Conferences; especially the Missionary, Superannuation and Education. The Sustentation Fund is not so generously sustained as it deserves to be. The British Columbia Conference set a good example by making a collection on its behalf at the public reception service, which amounted to \$250. There is surely great need for such a fund, when it is remembered that there are Circuits in all the Confer-

ences whose ministers receive less than \$500.

More than twenty probationers were received into full connexion and ordained, one of whom was an Indian and another was a native of Japan. There are more than fifty probationers still on trial. Somewhere about thirty were allowed to attend college. Ten ministers and probationers were discontinued; eleven new cases of superannuation were reported, though some of them are only for one year, but four who were superannuated returned to the active work; eleven have finished their course and gone to their reward. One who was formerly in the ministry has also returned, and a minister of the Reformed Episcopal Church applied for admission, and was received into the Toronto Conference. Permission was also given for several young men to be employed under Chairmen of Districts. The increase in the membership is little more than six thousand.

There was a good deal of reciprocity at all the Conferences; London, Niagara, and Guelph held a united meeting. Drs. Dewart and D. G. Sutherland preached the ordination sermons at Guelph and London respectively. Members of other Conferences tendered their cordial greetings. Dr. Douglas made a friendly visit to his brethren in the West. His speech at the Citizens' Convention was described as a thunderbolt. At some of the places where Conferences were held, the municipal