

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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METHODIST CONFERENCES.

Manitoba and the North-West Conference, Regina.—Rev. John McLean was elected president, and Rev. G. W. Dean secretary. Five brethren were transferred into, and one out of, the Conference. Two brethren, L. Gaetz and T. Argue, were restored to the active work; eight withdrew, receiving letters; two were dropped in silence, and ten were received into full connection with the Conference and ordained. There are still seventy probationers. The first roll-call was answered by eighty-one ministers and twenty-six laymen. The Conference adopted a resolution expressing the hope that the educational question would be amicably settled, but at the same time protested against the establishing of separate schools in favour of any denomination in Manitoba. The missionary meeting was one of great power. Among others who spoke was Mr. F. Apetakun, of Island Lake, three hundred miles east of Norway House, where a white man could scarcely venture. He spoke in Cree, and Rev. John McDougall acted as interpreter. The reception service was very impressive. The annual lecture was delivered by Rev. F. B. Stacey, B.A., on "An Outline Study of the New Testament," for which he received a vote of thanks. All the services of the Sabbath were well attended. The statistical report is very gratifying. The increase of members is 544. The number of Sunday-school scholars is 13,235, of whom 2,981 are members of the Church, and 3,328 have taken the total abstinence pledge. The finances are not so good as was desirable, seeing that including all the funds there is a decrease of \$8,029. Rev. T. Argue was appointed Immigration Agent, and Rev. John Semmens has entered upon his duties as president of the Industrial Institute at Brandon.

Nova Scotia Conference.—This Conference met at Hillsboro'. At the ministerial session six probationers were received into full connection. On Sabbath, in addition to the ordinary Conference services there was an open-air service and

evangelistic services. Early religious services were held daily. General Superintendent Carman made a continuous journey from Nashville, Tenn., to the Conference, where he met with an enthusiastic reception. He preached the ordination sermon. Two ministers had died during the year, J. C. Ogden and S. C. Leonard, B.A.; and Rev. T. W. Smith, retires from, and Rev. D. B. Scott re-enters, the active work. There was a net increase of 404 in the membership. Some of the funds were a little in advance, but others had declined. Rev. James Strothard was elected president and Rev. D. W. Johnston, M.A., secretary. Like other Methodist Conferences, Nova Scotia is sound on temperance, the meeting held at Conference being very enthusiastic. Revs. G. O. Huestis and James Taylor were appointed to preach Jubilee sermons at the Conference of 1896. With a view to improve the Supernumerary Fund, Rev. C. H. Paisley was appointed agent to travel on its behalf, and \$1,000 was promised at Conference. Rev. W. Ainsley was allowed to take the position of Conference Evangelist. The *Wesleyan*, which had been reduced to \$1 per year, only reported an increase of four hundred subscribers. There had been a net profit in the Book-Room of \$739.65.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.—Marysville was the place of meeting. At the ministerial session five probationers who had travelled the term of probation were recommended for ordination, and, with three others previously ordained, were received into full connection. Three ministers had died during the year, viz., A. C. Dennis, C. H. Dutcher and Wm. Maggs. Testimonies were given respecting them by several of their fellow-labourers. News of the death, in California, of Rev. L. S. Johnson, was received on the third day of Conference. Rev. T. Howie was elevated to the chair of the Conference, and Rev. Geo. Steel to the post of secretary. The religious services, both on the Sabbath and week evenings, were seasons of spiritual power. The love-feast