

zealous rivals in the scarlet-liveried soldier of the Salvation Army, and in the gray-gowned Sisters of the People and other Protestant Deaconess Orders.

The great enemy of all righteousness, of all social and religious reform, however, in Great Britain is the drink traffic. One finds it intrenched in the high places of the land. It occupies the strategic position in all the towns and cities. On the best corners of the streets, sometimes on all four of them, lit up at night with a blaze of light, the modern Moloch receives the homage of his willing victims. To every lover of his kind it is heart-rending to see the tide of humanity flowing in and out of these open doors, over which might be written the words on Dante's *Doors of Doom*, "All hope abandon, ye who enter here." Worst of all was it to see women, forgetting their womanhood, sometimes with babes in their arms, drinking at the bar with the veriest trumps and drunkards.

In the godly city of Edinburgh, in the High Street, under the shadow of St. Giles and John Knox's house, and in the

great city of Glasgow, with its pious motto, "Let Glasgow flourish by the preaching of the Word," this dram-drinking was more prevalent than we saw elsewhere.

Against this giant evil all the Churches should unite and every lover of his kind should fight. Thank God, the Churches are awakening from their lethargy in this regard. The highest dignitaries in the Church of England are among its strongest foes. Methodism is awaking again to the stern denunciation of this guilty traffic by its honoured founder and is working in the forefront for the overthrow of the liquor traffic, which Mr. Gladstone asserts has slain more victims than war or slavery or famine.

We had not the good fortune to meet the able representative of Canadian Methodism to the Conferences of the sister Methodisms of Great Britain, but we received most flattering testimonies as to the eloquence and ability with which Dr. Dewart discharged his duties, and as to the influence of his stirring addresses on the benefits of Methodist Union in Canada.

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

The Conference, which is the 152nd, met in the King St. Chapel, Plymouth, England, Rev. Dr. J. Waller being elected President. For many years he had been an excellent Conference secretary. Dr. Waller has long occupied a prominent position in the ranks of the ministry. He is the fruit of village Methodism and has grown up in the ranks. At present he is Secretary of Education and, with the exception of Dr. Rigg, no man is better posted in the legislative history of Wesleyan Methodism. It was generally expected that he would be elected President, but Revs. Dr. Randles, H. P. Hughes, F. W. Macdonald, and T. Allen received a considerable number of votes.

The election of women as delegates to the Representative Session was a burning question which was lost, so that no

Chairman of District can in future accept any lady as a candidate to Conference. Rev. H. P. Hughes spoke strongly in favour of their admission. He reminded the Conference how that John Wesley admitted them to the pulpit and allowed them to itinerate, and that the Rev. Thos. Jackson, Robert Newton, and Mr. W. Dawson were all converted through the preaching of women.

Rev. M. Hartley, who has been well trained under Dr. Waller, was elected Secretary. He is a thorough business man and has long been one of the missionary secretaries. Having also an able staff of assistants, the business of Conference will be faithfully recorded.

A portion of two sessions was occupied with a conversation respecting the work of God. The increase of members is 4,372; deaths, 5,298; 490 circuits reported an increase of 10,678 members, but, alas,