

it especially depends for its patronage, should, therefore, rally more strongly than ever to its support. It should command, we think, the entire patronage of our hundreds of Sunday-schools—except those which draw their supplies from the Montreal and Halifax Methodist Book-Rooms. By far the largest supply of Sunday-school requisites of every sort, and especially of the newest, best, and most attractive Sunday-school libraries, will be found in stock, and sold at lowest rates. From this new era, under the blessing of God, a period of unparalleled growth and development in all our publishing and bookselling interests may be an-

ticipated. Not less directly than ever, and far more widely, the old Richmond Street premises shall be a centre from which shall issue pure streams of religious influence—spreading “Scriptural holiness throughout the land.”

Another advantage of our new premises is that it furnishes ample accommodation for all the Connexional offices—the Missionary, Educational, Superannuated Fund departments, as well as a large room for Connexional Committees. Without leaving the building, visiting brethren can attend to all Connexional business—and with great saving of time and trouble.

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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As stated in our last issue, the Rev. D. C. Kelly was elected President of the Conference recently held at Sheffield. The same gentleman was elected to the position of Book Steward instead of the Rev. T. Woolmer, who, after ten years' faithful service, retires from the active service. Mr. Kelly has long been a prominent member of Conference, and has occupied several important positions. The Rev. D. J. Waller was re-elected Secretary. Some important appointments were made—Rev. R. Culley was elected Sunday-school Secretary; Rev. D. Walters, Secretary of the London Mission. A University Mission is to be established in London, of which the Rev. John Scott Lidgett is appointed to take charge. Rev. Thomas Champness is now relieved from circuit duties, and devotes himself to the “Joyful News' Mission.” He now employs 101 evangelists, sixteen of whom are in foreign lands.

There were several visitors introduced to the Conference. Among others, a son of the late Rev. David

McNichol, now President of New Zealand Wesleyan Conference, and our own Dr. Hugh Johnston, President of Toronto Conference. Fraternal delegates were present from the Nonconformist bodies of Sheffield. The open session of Conference was, as usual, one of deep interest. The Secretary of Conference was appointed as fraternal delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Rev. Wallace McMullen, fraternal delegate to the Methodist General Conference which is to meet in Montreal, September 1890.

The Fernley Lecture was delivered by Professor Beet, and was a production of more than ordinary value. The lecture was delivered in the very church where Mr. Beet became a Methodist, and with which he was nine years identified.

Thirty-one ministers died during the year, twelve of whom had been in the ministry more than fifty years, though some of them had been superannuates a few years. Only thirteen young men were ordained to the full