

the Conference. More than 1,000 people took tea, after which a public meeting was held. The singing consisted solely of Methodist hymns. A great impetus was thus given to the Epworth Leagues, which have become very popular.

Several members of other Conferences visited the Conference, all of whom were welcome, but, none more so than the Rev. Dr. Douglas, whose eloquent words on the state of the country and gambling in high places produced great emotion.

The lecture before the Theological Union was delivered with great ability by the Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D., who chose for his theme, "The Solidarity of Methodism."

*Montreal Conference.*—The ancient town of Brockville was the seat of this Conference. Rev. J. C. Antliff, D.D., was the choice of the brethren for the highest office at their disposal. His election was peculiarly gratifying to the present writer, who knew him when he was a boy in his father's house.

Rev. W. G. Henderson was elected the successor of the Rev. D. Cook Sanderson in the Secretariat. An apology is due Mr. Sanderson, inasmuch as another brother was reported as Secretary last year. We are sorry for this mistake. The business was conducted with great despatch. Great sympathy was felt for the aged brethren who could not be present.

The members of this Conference are very heroic. Some of them labour in hard fields. The noble manner in which they have denied themselves to sustain Stanstead College is greatly to their credit. It was resolved to reopen Valleyfield; and one brother who has been in the ministry more than forty years volunteered to go to the place, though there is neither church nor parsonage, nor a member of society. The brethren, lay and clerical, subscribed several hundred dollars, and pledged themselves to render pecuniary aid to Brother Armstrong so long as he held the fort.

Some of the anniversaries which we attended were seasons of great

power, especially the Missionary and Educational. The church was crowded on both occasions. The addresses of Revs. Dr. Potts and W. Hall, at the Educational, and the missionaries-elect to China, and "Bishop" Huntingdon at the other, were all of a superior kind.

Meetings for the promotion of holiness were held every morning at eight o'clock, and were numerously attended. They were seasons of great spiritual power. Many of the ministers in this Conference give great prominence to holiness. We were gratified to hear the testimonies of several of the younger men on this theme.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman delivered the annual Theological Lecture before the Conference, which was commended as a clear exposition of justification by faith. Eight young men were received on probation, one of whom, Rev. G. E. Hartwell, will soon start for China. A large number were permitted to be employed under chairmen. In addition to six ordained at the Conference, six others were allowed to be ordained for special purposes. The harvest is great.

*Niagara Conference.*—Brantford was the place selected for this Conference to meet. The Stationing Committee did not last much more than one day. One probationer was dropped in silence, as he had left his work irregularly, another resigned in consequence of ill-health.

Drs. Withrow and Briggs were present. The former was full of enthusiasm respecting the Epworth League business and Sunday-school literature. The Conference was glad to learn that three hundred Leagues had been formed in eighteen months, and that the increase of Sunday-schools during the past quadrennium was 498 with 34,000 scholars. In eight years the Sabbath-school papers had increased in circulation from 130,000 to 252,000; 10,000 volumes were given to poor schools during the last quadrennium. The *METHODIST MAGAZINE*, too, was steadily increasing in circulation, and strongly recommended for Sunday-schools and the laity.