

of General Superintendents to one, it was felt by the General Conference that the saving thereby effected would be attended with the loss of efficiency in the oversight of a Church extending over an area as large as the whole of the United States. It was a striking and well merited tribute to the high character, the splendid abilities and the wise administration of those honoured brethren, Dr. Carman and Dr. Williams, that by such an overwhelming vote they should be reinstated in their positions of important trust and pre-eminence of toil. The re-election by acclamation of the Book Stewards at Toronto and Halifax was a testimony to the appreciation by their brethren of their arduous labours. The brilliant success of the Western Publishing Department in the wide field of its operations enables it to materially as well as morally assist the more circumscribed Eastern House, and thus prove the vital unity of the Connexion. The re-election of Dr. Dewart to the editorship of the *Guardian* and of the Editor of this MAGAZINE, after a period of service of seventeen and twelve years respectively, is a highly appreciated proof of the confidence of their brethren. We have only two causes for regret in connection with these elections, first that ill-health has compelled the retirement of the accomplished and successful Editor of the *Wesleyan*, the Rev. T. Watson Smith. But we rejoice that he has found so worthy a successor in the person of the Rev. Dr. Lathern, a frequent contributor to this MAGAZINE, whose fine literary taste and Connexional zeal will find such congenial employment in the pages of the *Wesleyan*. The second cause of regret is the necessity, on the ground of economy, in the opinion of the Conference, of electing only one editor for the *Guardian*. The Rev. Dr. Stone, Associate Editor for the last three years, by his ability, his indefatigable energy, his genial courtesy, has won the warm regard of all who had personal relations with him and contributed greatly to the marked success of the *Guardian*.

The re-election of the versatile and accomplished Missionary Secretary and of his honoured associate, Mr. John Macdonald, Missionary Treasurer, were of course a foregone conclusion.

The appointment of the Rev. Dr. Potts to the important office of Secretary of Education will, we are confident, kindle the enthusiasm of the entire Church in this great movement and carry the scheme of university federation to assured success.

BAND WORK IN THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.

The Rev. D. Savage, with some of his band of Christian workers who have been so successful in the West, has been labouring for a few weeks, with great acceptance and profit to the people, in the Eastern Townships. From a letter to a friend of date August 25th we glean the following items:—

“Dear Brother, I have to stand off and look at this great work which God has done, and which will yet be done, and feel I have no right to take any of the glory to myself. It is the Lord’s doing, bless Him for it. Lord, make me more worthy of any connection with it and any part in it. Amen. And now, brother, we will all unite in heartier consecration, and God helping us, to fuller devotion to His dear work—

‘Come, Holy Ghost, for thee we call,
Spirit of burning, come.’

“You will all rejoice to hear of much blessing at this distant point. Rev. G. H. Porter, M.A., to whom and at whose earnest invitation I came, is a grand man, gifted and good. He knows the ground in these Eastern Townships so well, and the ministers also, that I am leaving him to lay out my work. We came here on Saturday night, Aug. 7th. Spent our first week at the village of Martinville, with great encouragement. Large gatherings of people; Christians warmly responsive, and a spirit of awakening abroad from the first. Soon the altar was crowded with seekers, who came readily into the light of God. We have now