

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

By an oversight last month, the name of the Rev. C. W. Watch was not reported as Secretary of the Bay of Quinte Conference, and Rev. D. C. McDowell, after forty-five years in the active service, took a superannuated relation.

Manitoba Conference.—The Conference of the Prairie Province was held at Portage la Prairie, commencing June 11th. The General Superintendent, Dr. Carman, presided at the first session, and delivered a characteristic address. The ministerial session was a season of great harmony. Five ministers had been transferred into the Conference. Six probationers were eligible for ordination, but one of them preferred to postpone the honour, that he might enjoy educational advantages. Five probationers were ordained for special purposes. Two ministers were placed on the superannuated list.

Rev. Alfred Andrews was elected President, and the Rev. John Semmens, Secretary.

Dr. Sutherland, Missionary Secretary, attended all the sessions. His addresses were greatly enjoyed. The members of Conference seemed to consider themselves highly honoured by the visit of the General Superintendent and Missionary Secretary, and took every opportunity to call them out. Rev. Dr. Maclean lectured before the Theological Union.

One district meeting recommended that the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches should be amalgamated.

The Epworth League institution seems to be very popular, seventeen Leagues, with 594 members, have been formed, and the Conference recommended every minister to form Leagues in their respective circuits.

There was a good increase both of members and finances. There are now 11,450 members, which is a net increase of 1,544; 743 conversions were reported in the Sunday-schools.

Like all other Conferences, Manitoba is sound on the temperance question, and appointed delegates to the World's Temperance Convention to be held in Chicago in 1892.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Work contained many items of interest, and commended the work of Messrs. Hunter and Crossley and other evangelists, whose labours had been productive of much good. The report concerning the college was of the most encouraging kind.

No deaths in the ministerial ranks were reported.

At a recent meeting of the Missionary Committee of Consultation and Finance, it was stated that a site for an Indian Industrial Institute had been obtained at Brandon, near the Government Experimental Farm. A second institute is in course of erection at Red Deer, one hundred miles north of Calgary. Rev. J. Semmens and John Nelson were nominated Principal of the respective institutes.

Residential schools for Indians are much needed in British Columbia, and such schools, it is hoped, will shortly be established at Port Simpson and Chilliwhack, where there are already institutions under the supervision of the Woman's Missionary Society.

A General Hospital is much needed at Port Simpson. A medical missionary is already labouring there, and should the Government make a further grant on behalf of the hospital, the Missionary Board will do its utmost on behalf of the scheme.

The income of the Missionary