

THE CONFERENCE CLOSED.

Toronto Methodists Consider It the Acme of Success.

Interesting Discussions Yesterday on Professional Evangelists, of Social Auditing and Women Representatives—Final Draft of the Stationing Committee.

Yesterday was the last day of the annual Toronto Conference. Three sessions were held, and to-day the visiting brethren are departing for their homes.

At the morning session Rev. D. German presided, and received first the report on the state of the work. The different departments of church work were appreciatively referred to. During the year 4533 members had been received, though the net increase was but 1071, the smallest in a decade. Of the new members 1782 had come up from the Sunday-school.

Against Professional Evangelists. The subject of professional evangelists was brought up. Rev. Arthur Browning denounced the professional revivalist, though he had the utmost faith in evangelizing. He thought any pastor who gave up his church to a loudly advertised evangelist was a fool. He believed every revival should be the pastor as its promoter.

The report referred to the rumor that a schism was being created between the young people's societies and the church, inasmuch as the meetings of the former were being considered more important than the latter.

The committee recommended that a revision of the circuits should take place.

Will Keep to Quarterly Tickets. A memorial, moved by Rev. John Locke, recommending the doing away with the quarterly membership ticket, and substituting a yearly ticket created much talking.

W. T. R. Preston opposed the memorial and enjoyed upon the advantages of the class-meetings, and the quarterly tickets given to members.

Rev. E. S. Rowe thought that the majority of the people were indifferent to the class-tickets.

Rev. William Burns said that he had no doubt he would live to see the last remnant of Wesleyanism destroyed. He held the tickets were objected to because the preachers were indolent.

Rev. Dr. Sanderson implored the conference to "remove not the ancient landmark."

Rev. C. O. Johnston approved of the tickets for they helped him in his "stupidity." He wrote them out four times a year, and thus got to know the names of his people.

The memorial on vote was thrown out.

A resolution to make the Boys' Brigade a society of the church was lost after a vigorous speech by T. N. Scripture.

Rev. G. N. Stevenson moved for General Conference to prepare a course of studies for local preachers, was sent on.

Anglo-Saxon Society. Prof. Radley read a memorial that was composed by the reader and Dr. Henderson, and carried. The resolution is:

That the signs are multiplying on every hand that international difficulties, instead of being settled by an appeal to the sword, are more being adjusted by the wise and skillful diplomacy of Christian statesmanship.

That in the vast and great and desirable movement we recognize the womanly heart and Christian influence of our beloved sister and Her Majesty's responsible advisers.

That we rejoice in the growing sentiments of sympathy and brotherhood between the British Empire and the United States, representing as they do two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race.

That we recognize that these two great powers have constituted an important mission as leaders in all reform, freedom and progress.

That we devotedly pray that all thought and movement towards these great ends of closer union, sympathy and co-operation may be divinely furthered, until the last shackles shall be stricken from the oppressed, and political and religious liberty and equality shall be attained in every island of the sea.

After this tribute was carried the United Nations of Canada and the United States were sung lustily by all present.

The Woman Question. John T. Moore moved another memorial to the General Conference that the words "layman" and "laymen" in the discipline be changed to lay delegates, and be made to include women as well as men in their interpretation.

Dr. Dewart and Dr. Sturgeon Stewart crossed swords on this question, but the vigorous chairman calmed the troubled waters.

The matter of the admittance of women to General Conference created an uproar.

Half a dozen motions and amendments were offered, several of the brethren being on the floor at the same time.

Rev. L. W. Hill wanted discussion, and thought that the question should not be reopened for fuller discussion, and then immediately closed.

Rev. E. E. Scott thought that elderly men ought not to interrupt the taking of a vote; Dr. Dewart had arisen to make a statement. A standing which was taken, and a vote being counted. The result was 60 for and 65 against the sending the memorial on.

Amid laughter Dr. Briggs asked for a reconsideration. Some brethren at the rear raised the National Anthem, but subsided when Dr. Potts demanded order.

Auditing the Accounts. A memorial sent in by the laymen suggested that the accounts of the book room, Sunday school societies and others should be audited by expert accountants appointed by the conference.

Dr. Dewart thought the ability of the men on the various boards should not be questioned. They could appoint their own auditors. There seemed to be a base insinuation in the memorial.

Dr. Briggs said this memorial was brought in by persons "who know no more about the inside history of the bookroom than flat-headed Indians." [Laughter.]

Dr. W. W. Orest thought that certain ministers were under the impression that there was something wrong with the superannuation fund. He declared this particular fund was scrupulously looked after. He thought the memorial was a reflection on the church departments.

A. M. Powell said that the memorial did not cast reflections upon any of the departments of the church. He said that perhaps he did not know anything more about the departments than a flat-headed Indian.

Dr. Briggs jumped up and declared that the speaker did not know more than a flat-headed Indian regarding the bookroom, but was at least by the chairman.

Continuing, Mr. Powell said it stood to reason that departments handling large sums of money should be systematically audited by expert auditors. He knew of no concern dealing with such large sums as the bookroom handlers, that did not have its books audited by official auditors. He thought the men at the heads of these departments should be the first who should ask for an official audit. [Applause.]

John T. Moore thought it was a just principle to adopt.

Dr. Stewart moved, in amendment, that official auditors be appointed to audit the

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accounts of departments not furnished with auditors by the discipline. This carried. The bookroom is not covered by this resolution.

Leader of a Forlorn Hope. A memorial that the lay representation on the stationing committee should be equal to the ministerial representation, was greeted with much laughter. However, Mr. Joseph Tait espoused the memorial, because of the popular opposition to the present mode.

Rev. George Webster seconded Mr. Tait's proposal, but the proposal was lost.

Financially Involved. The Perth Avenue church committee's report was presented by Dr. Stewart. The church is in debt to Mr. J. G. Jackson for \$2508. The committee agreed to settle Mr. Jackson's claim by paying \$2000 in cash, and some small sums. This would leave Mr. Jackson \$5078 in the hole. He refused to accept this offer. On motion the committee was relieved from duty, and Mr. Jackson now stands a fair chance of getting very little cash.

Rev. Dr. German moved that the place of holding next conference be left to the conference special committee to be fixed upon next October.

Mr. Ed. Gurney said it had become traditional to hold the conference in Toronto. If this was to continue the ministers would have to provide their own entertainment. The Methodist people in Toronto did not want to entertain this conference every year. "It was rather too much of a good thing."

Rev. J. F. Ockley moved that clerical and lay delegates should foot the bill for this year. This was withdrawn.

Final Service. The last meeting of conference was held in the hall, the president in the chair, and the other officers in evidence.

The chief business was the election of chairmen and secretaries of districts. The balloting resulted as follows:

Toronto East—Rev. A. B. Chambers, L.L.D.

Toronto Central—Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D.

D. Rev. G. McCallough.

Toronto West—Rev. S. D. Chown, D.D.

Rev. C. E. Manning.

Brampton—Rev. G. J. Bishop, Rev. H. M. Manning.

Uxbridge—Rev. J. J. Redditt, Rev. W. K. Hagar.

Bradford—Rev. H. S. Mathews, Rev. J. E. Wilson.

Orangeville—Rev. A. Langford, D.D., Rev. H. E. Kemp.

Burrie—Rev. M. L. Pearson, Rev. R. N. Burns.

Collingwood—Rev. F. E. Bartley, Rev. M. W. Owen.

Owen Sound—Rev. Alfred Brown, Rev. R. B. Brown.

Bracebridge—Rev. Hermann Moore, Rev. T. Campbell.

Parry Sound—Rev. Henry Harper, Rev. W. Nixon.

Uxbridge—Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., Rev. R. J. Simpson.

MINISTERS' STATIONS.

Final Draft of the Stationing Committee—Changes in East

The Stationing Committee gave out its final report yesterday afternoon as follows:

—Toronto East District—

Metropolitan—R. P. Bowles, William H. Withrow, John Hunt, George Young, W. G. Watson.

Berkley-street—J. F. Ockley.

Sherbourne-street—James Allen, Alexander Sutherland, W. S. Blacklock, Edward Dewart, Foster Addison, J. W. Graham.

Carlton-street—G. R. Turk, William Briggs, W. H. Lomas.

Thomas Fox.

Central—W. H. Hinks.

Parliament-street—J. E. Lancelotti.

Gerrard-street—A. B. Chambers.

King-street—J. R. Alkenhead, C. A. Jones.

Woodgreen Tabernacle—L. W. Hill, John Hodgson, A. Browning.

Queen-street East—H. S. Magee.

Simpson-avenue—E. Hassard.

Don Mills—Pearson.

East Toronto—J. D. Fitzpatrick.

Scarboro—John Vickery, A. J. Caradocan, T. W. Neil, G. S. Faircloth, George Webster.

—Toronto Central District—

Elm-street—J. F. Gorman, L. E. Thurlow.

Queen-street—C. O. Johnston, J. H. Holmes.

Broadway Tabernacle—Joseph Odery.

Samuel Tucker, T. A. Ferguson.

New Richmond (McCaul-street)—W. J. Barkwell, J. P. Latimer.

St. Paul's—E. E. Scott, George Abba, G. Cochran, John A. Dowler, John Doel, T. W. Glover.

Yonge-street—W. R. Parker, James Henderson, John G. Manly.

Agnes-street—W. J. Smith, B.A., 42½.

Ann-street—E. A. Pearson.

Edgmont—Joseph H. Locke, W. R. Roach, superannuated.

Willowdale—G. W. Hewitt.

Newtonbrook—T. W. Pickett.

Thornhill—F. C. Keen.

Richmond Hill—George McCulloch, E. S. E. Large.

Maple—J. W. Stewart, George Waugh.

—Toronto West District—

Trinity (Bloor-street)—I. Toral, John Potts, J. Milner, J. Matheson, Egerion R. Young.

Enclid-avenue—E. S. Rowe, Alexander Martin.

Wesley Church—S. D. Chown, W. Burns, Thomas Cobb, S. Card.

Parkdale—J. A. Rankin, A. O. Crews, Virgil C. Hart, Charles Fish, James Smith, Richard Wilson, Robert Godfrey, George Leach.

North Parkdale—W. F. Campbell.

Bathurst-street—L. E. Manning, J. H. Starr, George Browne.

Clinton-street—W. A. Rodwell.

Centennial—L. E. Hart, P. D. VIII.

St. Clarens-avenue—Thomas Edwards, 22 Sheridan-avenue.

Epworth—To be supplied.

Crawford-street—E. C. Laker.

Westmoreland-avenue—R. McKee.

Zion—A. J. Toye, B.A.

Pasadena—To be supplied.

Davenport—J. T. Morris.

Toronto Junction—W. R. Barker.

Minion—J. T. Caldwell.

Launceston—E. R. Young, Jr.

Islington—W. B. Booth.

—The Brantford District—

Brampton (Grace Church)—George J. Bishop.

Brampton (St. Paul's)—H. M. Manning.

William Herridge, J. E. Sanderson.

Brampton East—William Hall.

Brampton West—Gilbert Aker.

Streetsville—J. A. Chapman, T. E. E. Shore.

Cookville—J. H. Oliver, T. W. Ruddell.

Malton—J. W. Morgan, Percy H. Peacock.

Weston—Joseph J. Ferguson, William Richardson, superannuated.

Woodbridge—A. E. Henderson.

Grahamsville—E. S. Rupert, M.A.

Inglewood—George Washington Kleinburg, superannuated.

Elmhurst—W. A. Long, George Wood.

—The Uxbridge District—

Uxbridge—J. J. Redditt, William Hornby.

Markham—S. H. Edwards.

Whitby—Peter E. Rybicki.

Stouffville—A. Bedford.

Unionville—G. W. Stevenson, J. R. Wilkinson.

Goodwood—J. H. Oke.

Lemoville—A. P. Brace.

Mount Albert—W. K. Hager, V. B. Hart.

Sandford—R. E. Strangways.

Sunderland—S. W. Dean.

Vroomant—Henry Berry (Vallestyn).

Epsom—W. A. Levy.

Sutton West—Gideon L. Powell.

Georgina Island—To be supplied from Sutton.

—The Bradford District—

Bradford—George M. Brown.

Newmarket—H. S. Matthews.

Cookstown—C. A. Simpson, E. W. Mc'Brien (Thornton).

Alliston—William Buchanan, G. F. Lee, W. S. Hagan, superannuated.

West Essa—D. D. Franks (Alliston).

Bond Head—Joseph E. Wilson, B.A., L.D.

Beeton and Tottenham—R. Large (Tottenham), Mark R. Chapman, B.A. (Beeton).

Lloydswood—W. F. Perrier.

Schomberg—G. W. Robinson, B.A.

Aurora—S. W. Dewey, H. McDowell, superannuated.

Temperanceville—Herbert Lee (Aurora).

King—C. T. Cocking, J. H. More.

Queensville—H. A. Brown, George G. Webber.

Ebeneser—J. J. Spurling, B.A.

Innesville—George Walker (Stroud).

—The Orangeville District—

Orangeville—Alexander Langford, D.D.

John Goodman, R. Hassard, superannuated.

Joseph Simpson, superannuated.

Shelburne—Vernon H. Emory, President of Conference.

Rosemont—J. A. Trillipe.

Mulmur—A. P. Latter.

Hornings Mills—H. R. W. Kemp.

Stonywood—W. F. Roach.

Alton—C. W. Reynolds.

Laurel—Charles Langford, Ed. Baker.

Monro Mills—Isaac Couch, B.A.

Monro Road—A. Richard.

Caledon East—George Lawrence.

Palgrave—Robert J. Hubbard.

—The Barrie District—

Barrie (Collins-street)—M. L. Pearson, E. B. Harper.

Barrie (Elizabeth-street)—A. G. Hudson.

Barrie (Burlington-avenue)—James Young (Alton), C. Taylor, George Clark, W. C. Washington.

Orillia—R. N. Burns, B.A., Thomas Williams.

Angus—J. B. Wass, M.A.

Dalton—T. Leonard.

Mission—A. T. Ingram.

Hillside—A. B. Hanna, Ph.B.

Wyvale—H. L. Brown.

Elmvale—F. L. Brown.

Pentagon—H. G. McKinley.

Collingwood—J. W. Churchill.

Warmwater—A. J. Paul.

Fawcett—H. Simpson.

Severa Bridge—G. C. Balfour.

Rama Mission—John Lawrence.

—The Collingwood District—

Collingwood First—T. E. Bartley.

Collingwood Second—H. T. Ferguson.

Thorburn—N. Wellwood.

Beaumont—John Power.

Ravenna—E. J. Adams.

Meaford—W. G. Howson, Isaac Baker.

St. Vincent—W. H. Madden and Harold Wellwood (Meaford).

Maxwell—E. T. Douglas.

Singhampton—W. R. Bealey.

Avening—Philip Jones.

Creemore—J. Bedford.

Stayner—L. Leatt.

Christian and Beausoleil Islands—G. S. Hunt.

—The Owen Sound District—

Owen Sound (First Church)—Alfred Brown.

Owen Sound (West-street)—I. G. Bowles.

Sharkville—J. H. Simpson.

Fresherton—Joseph Ward.

Dundalk—R. J. Falls.

Brookholm—R. Street—E. Thurlow.

Woodford—R. J. Stillwell, A. N. St. John.

Cassworth—Thomas Scott.

Holland Centre—R. B. Peterson.

Enphrasia—Thomas G. Scott (Markdale).

Eugenia—J. P. Plunkett (Kimberley).

Walter's Fall—John Power.