

ELECTIONS OF EDITORS AND BOOK STEWARDS.

Rev. Mr. Heastis moved that the editors, book stewards, missionary secretaries, and other departmental officers be elected by open nomination and ballot.—Carried.

For Book Steward.—Mr. Nixon nominated Rev. W. Briggs, Dr. S. D. Rice nominated Dr. S. Rose, Rev. W. Williams nominated Rev. Jas. Gray, Mr. Wilson nominated Rev. John N. Lakc.

While the ballot was proceeding, Rev. Mr. Willoughby introduced Rev. Dr. Jacques, Rev. Mr. Brown as honored representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada.

The President briefly welcomed them in the name of the Conference, the members all rising. It was agreed to hear those gentlemen on Monday morning next at 11 o'clock.

The first ballot for book steward resulted as follows:—Whole number of votes cast 162; necessary to a choice 82; for Rev. Mr. Gray, 11; for Rev. Mr. Briggs, 73; Dr. Rose, 70.

The second ballot resulted as follows:—Whole number of votes cast, 170; necessary to a choice, 85; Dr. Rose received 76, and Rev. Mr. Briggs, 96. The latter was declared elected.

Rev. Mr. Briggs, being called upon for a speech thanked the Conference for the honor and for the confidence reposed in him. He promised to bring to the accomplishment of his work, neither genius nor talents, but plodding industry and fidelity.

For Editor of the "Christian Guardian"—Rev. Mr. Leroy and Judge Jones nominated Rev. Mr. Dewar, and Dr. Sanderson nominated Rev. Mr. Sutherland. Result of the ballot:—Rev. Mr. Dewar, 132 votes; for Mr. Sutherland, 33 votes.

Rev. Mr. Dewar thanked the Conference and promised to do his work in the future as he had in the past, faithfully, impartially and earnestly. He asked a continuance of the sympathy and co-operation of the delegates.

For Book Steward of the Eastern section.—The nominations were Rev. W. H. Heartz, Rev. J. G. Angwin, Rev. A. W. Nicolson. The first ballot resulted as follows:—Whole number of votes cast 149; necessary to a choice 75; Angwin, 36; Nicolson, 42; Heartz, 71; no election.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY.

The Committee on Class Meetings beg to report that the following papers have been referred to them, viz:— 1. A memorial from the Halifax District, Nova Scotia Conference, desiring the General Conference to declare definitely the basis of membership in our church.

2. A resolution of the Rev. L. Hooker, of the Montreal Conference, referring to ministers who consider it detrimental to the interests of the church to enforce the present system of attendance at class meetings, and requesting the General Conference to declare what course should be pursued in the case.

Your Committee having carefully considered these papers, and given their most earnest and prayerful attention to the general subject which they refer, do not find any sufficient reason to warrant them in recommending any legislation on the subject of class meetings, or class meeting attendance.

From the evidence which has been brought before them, they cannot resist the conviction that of individual souls, and of the spiritual interests of the church, as a soul-saving institution, have suffered much from the irregular attendance of some upon the present system of class meetings.

Mr. Kennedy said that as far as the people were concerned they were not in favor of any change. The success of Methodism under the present system was a guarantee of its excellence, and justified them in retaining it still longer.

Mr. Norris supported the finding of the Committee. Look at the subject from whatever point they would, this was class legislation. No one was asking for this change except a few ministers in cities.

Rev. Mr. Bland supported the recommendation of the Committee. He observed that the members of other denominations, who had a settled pastorate, were looking towards the itinerancy.

The vote was taken, and both amendments were lost, the recommendation of the Committee being adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION FUND. Rev. Dr. Sanderson read the report of the Committee on the Superannuation Fund, from which these facts are gleaned: The invested capital of the Fund at the present time is \$54,790.91. During the last four years the annual income from each Conference has been as follows:

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