

Russ, M.A., and Dr. Davidson McDonald, and of the chairman of the meeting, the Hon. S. L. Shannon, were highly appreciated.

The public reception of fraternal delegates from other Churches was also an occasion of much interest. The address of the Rev. S. Coley, conveying the loving greetings of the English Wesleyan Church—the “mother of us all”—and his wise counsels on the conservation of the class-meeting as the bulwark of the strength of Methodism, made a profound impression.

The Rev. Dr. Upham, delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, gave an address of blended wit and wisdom, describing the marvellous growth of Methodism in that country; and the Rev. Dr. Kelly, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, conveyed the friendly greetings of that field of the Lord's vineyard. The venerable Dr. Sargent, of Baltimore, who has attended fifteen General Conferences, and whose previous visit is remembered with pleasure, also addressed the meeting.

The educational meeting nobly represented the great work which our Church is doing in this important department. D. Allison, Esq., LL.D., of Nova Scotia, occupied the chair. The Rev. Dr. Nelles gave an admirable address on the duty of the Church to educate her rising ministry, and to keep abreast of the great educational movement of the age. The Rev. Samuel Coley gave a statement of the policy of the British Conference on this subject, and traced the providential leadings of the Methodist Church, founded, not by John Nelson, the mason, but by John Wesley, one of the most accomplished scholars of his age.

In the regular day sessions of the Conference an immense amount of business has been gone through. The work was distributed among about twenty-five committees, who took charge of the various subjects committed to them and prepared reports for discussion in the Con-

ference. The more important of these were the committees on missions, on publishing, on class-meetings, on the revision of the hymn-book, on Sunday-schools, on discipline, on the state of the Church, on the itinerancy, and others of varied import. To these committees a great number of memorials and resolutions were referred. Much interest was manifested in the review of the operations of administrative departments of the Church, as the Board of Missions and of the book and publishing interests. A cause for serious consideration is the state of the mission fund. The full details of this and of the large debt that exists we will give in a future issue. Much sympathy was evoked by the reading of a letter from the Rev. Dr. Wood, in which he resigned his relation as senior Secretary of the Missionary Society. Warm tributes were paid by several of the senior ministers to the fidelity and ability with which, for half a century, Dr. Wood had discharged the duties of a Methodist minister—for half of that time in connection with the missionary administration of the Church.

A good deal of interest was manifested in the election of book-stewards and editors. The following nominations were made for the office of Western Book-steward: the Rev. S. Rose, Rev. W. Briggs, Rev. James Gray, and Rev. J. N. Lake. After a second ballot, the following was the vote: Rev. S. Rose, 76; Rev. W. Briggs, 96. Many warm tributes were paid to the faithfulness and the indefatigable zeal of the Rev. S. Rose, and to his successful management of the Book Room in a time of severe monetary stringency. The Rev. Mr. Heartz, of Halifax, was elected steward of the Eastern Book Room. Mr. Heartz, after due deliberation, concluded that he could not leave the pastorate for the stewardship. At the time of writing his successor has not been chosen.

For the office of editor of the *Christian Guardian* were nominated the Rev. E. H. Dewart and the Rev.