

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS
OF THE
MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE
OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH
TO THE CHURCHES UNDER ITS CARE.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

It is with feelings of profoundest gratitude to our Father in Heaven that we assemble again in our Annual Conference, and renew our greetings to you in the name of the "blessed and only Lord God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." We have been the recipient of many blessings as a Church and people since last we addressed you in words of loving counsel. We were able last year to speak of the evidences of spiritual life and power which had been vouchsafed to us; and again we set to our seal that the Lord has been good. The record this year is again one of advancement in the temporal and spiritual interests of our Church. Many souls have been gathered as sheaves in the Master's harvest field, and the membership of our Church has increased from 6,192 to 7,010, or 818 since our last Conference. The financial interests of the Church have also been well sustained, so well indeed that the large increase must awaken in all our hearts a deep sense of gratitude to God for this evidence of our people's love for the Church, her institutions and her God.

The total amount raised last year by our people for all purposes was as follows :

For Connexional Funds	\$7,938 38
" Ministerial Support	24,949 58
" Circuit Purposes	32,640 43
Grand total	\$65,528 39

This year the returns are :

Connexional Funds	\$9,550 35
Ministerial Support	28,582 02
Circuit Purposes	49,399 58
Grand total	\$87,531 90

Increase for the year now closing, \$22,003.51.

This is a magnificent showing, considering the fact that this is a new country, and home improvements make such heavy demands on the resources of our people. As the membership is 7,010, it will be seen that

the contribution of our institutions of with any Conference the year our work in several fields. have been had a to say the demand entered the work thirteen have been greatly relieved

This year our efforts. But the harvest," and the principles when lay what are they multiply both fully the people highest hopes of city of renewed may mean to us ward climb, and to take another sibilities and lo

We note with evinced in the Conference gathering of heart and life Church, there men, and consequences in the best possible over, evil of evil which to conquer lives.

Not merely by showing to the chains of sin any real possibility say to them by save to the utter is contained, in Christ, must come unclean thing. We reiterate the such as dancing drinking are no every year's exp practices are to soul. Let us n nor is it any les