

has been pardon granted. The proceedings were methodical, and the affinity of Wesleyan Preachers' hearts was, perhaps, never much closer; and the kindness of Brantford families has created new bonds which will never be broken. The important services for the Recognition and Ordination of Ministers were hallowed indeed. Most of the churches were, for the time being, appropriated to Methodist ministrations, the spirit of the Evangelical Alliance had liberty, sanctuaries were too limited for the worshippers, and the promise-keeping Spirit being present, light and love predominated.

We have gone through the Minutes as they were being prepared for the press by Mr. Secretary Gemley, and Mr. Assistant Secretary William Scott, and could hardly make out the word decrease in the Conference documents, which now require some two weeks of nice attention before they reach the public; but the word INCREASE is there, often repeated. The Circuits are increased. The Preachers are increased. The Members of the Church are increased. The congregations are increased. Lay activities and liberalities are increased. The Sabbath School. Bible-classes, and libraries are increased. Circuit finances yearly improve. The Contingent, Superannuated, Church Relief, and Educational Funds are increased. The church edifices and parsonages are increased. The General Superintendent of Missions says to us, that the Missionary lists and reports now being examined give good hope of an increase of receipts, and of an unusually favourable religious state of the Missions; and that an enlarged benevolence is still needed for occupying new and enlarged fields of usefulness. The Book Room

in Dr. Green's hands is extending its advantages. The *Guardian* is extending its beneficial circulation. The *Wesleyan Repository* (soon to be called the Wesleyan Magazine) has from the first had a steady advance in its patronage, and within the last month has received 50 new subscribers. The *Petaubun* maintains its interest, and deserves support; a spontaneous liberal subscription to aid its publication was made in the Conference.

The University of Victoria College never attained a loftier position in the country and in the Conference than under President Nelles, and the Educational address of Dr. Ryerson at the Conference was worthy of the mind which bowed to justice and Wesleyan claims many minds before the Parliamentary University Committee in Quebec. Since the Conference, one of the most imposing and commodious modern erections in Hamilton has been purchased for a Wesleyan Ladies' Seminary.

This to us is vitality. The vine planted by Lozee in 1791 flourishes, and the grapes gathered yearly are better than even the grapes of Eschol. The time of lamentation and sad entreaty before God is far off. The psalm to God of the Brantford Conference was an increasingly joyous reiteration of the words of our fathers:—"Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars."

We have been especially gratified with the wise and warm paternal Address of the British Conference, and the admirable Address of the Canada Conference in reply, and have thought of the growth and affection of the