

But this feeling is measurably alleviated by the thought that in consequence of the rapid expansion of the Church and increase in the ministry, the assemblage of all in one Conference was fast becoming impossible. Indeed, each of the three Western Conferences now contains as many ministers as did the whole a very few years ago. As one visits in succession the important assemblies at Brantford, Picton and Kingston, and thinks of the other Methodist Conferences in session in Ontario and Quebec and in the Maritime Provinces, he cannot help feeling how marvellous has been the growth of that germ of Methodism planted almost within the memory of living men, and devoutly exclaiming "What hath God wrought!"

Another strong impression is that produced by the thorough fusion of the two Churches in Ontario and Quebec, whose union is now practically carried into effect. The utmost harmony of sentiment and action has prevailed, and the only rivalry has been one of loving sympathy and fraternal regard. In the remarkable success which has attended the year's operations and the large ingathering of souls which has resulted, a grateful heart should devoutly recognise the seal of the Master's approval of the union of His disciples.

The lessened size of the Conferences and the removal of legislative topics from their sphere of action have permitted the more complete oversight and fuller discussion of the practical work of the Churches. The Sunday School, Educational, and Missionary interests have received more attention than it has previously been possible to give them, we are persuaded greatly to the advantage of those interests and of the common cause with which they are connected. Although the number of brethren who meet each other is less than formerly, yet that very fact enables them to see more of those whom they do meet, and to enjoy more thoroughly social intercourse than was possible under the old *regime*. Brethren, too, whose voices were seldom heard in the larger assemblies have an opportunity of taking efficient part in Conferential business, and thus a large amount of latent executive and debating talent is developed.

We have not, at the time of this writing, received any reports from the Conferences of the Maritime Provinces, but have reason