

raised for building purposes, but a commencement will not be made until \$30,000 is assured.

In addition to the above, there are the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal; Albert College, Belleville; Ladies' Colleges at Hamilton, Whitby, St. Thomas, Ontario; and Wesleyan College at St. John's, Newfoundland.

The value of these institutions under Church control amounts to \$1,648,700; annual income, \$190,209; annual expenditure, \$188,233, with 157 teachers and professors on their staffs; with 2,522 students last year and with 3,157 graduates.

TOBACCO.

The question of smoke excited considerable discussion. The "weed" had not a single defendant in the Conference, probably there were some who used it, but they were wisely silent. Some wished the disuse of the weed to be made a condition of membership, but it was thought that this would be going too far. Certain of the delegates who are members of the healing art did not hesitate to declare that the use of tobacco is injurious to health, especially to children and young people. It was ultimately agreed that all members and officials should be recommended to abstain from its use, and further that in our Sunday-schools children should not only be pledged against intoxicating liquor, but tobacco also, and that the Dominion Legislature shall be memorialized to forbid tobacco being sold to persons under sixteen years of age.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES APPOINTED.

Rev. J. Potts, D.D., is to attend the Wesleyan Conference in England and Ireland, and also the Conferences of the other branches of Methodism in England.

Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, was appointed fraternal delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., goes to the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Rev. Dr. Burns, Rev. A. Lang-

ford and Dr. Lavell were appointed to attend the Presbyterian Assembly.

Rev. P. Addison was also appointed to attend the Conference of the British Methodist Episcopal Church.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Nominating Committee at the commencement of the Conference, nominated about forty committees, some of which presented more than one or two reports. Several occupied but a short space of time, others longer. The report from the Committee on the Discipline occupied a whole day.

The Committee on the Itinerancy recommended that the ministerial term be extended to four years, but the Conference refused its sanction; three years remains the limit.

The Committee on General Superintendency recommended that there should be two chief officers, but the Conference negatived the report, and therefore Dr. Carman will bear the weighty responsibility upon his shoulders of being the chief executive officer of the Connexion, which not only extends throughout the Dominion, but also to Newfoundland and Japan.

The Committee's report on Precedence on State Occasions, was unanimously adopted. It recommended a memorial to be sent to the Governor-General respecting such an alteration as will do justice to the larger denominations in the Dominion.

The year 1891 is the centenary of John Wesley's death and the centenary year of Methodism in Canada. Arrangements will be made for celebrating both events.

The Committee to which was assigned the memorials relating to Deaconesses reported adversely to the prayer of the memorials, which excited the surprise of many when it came up for consideration. The General Conference finally referred the matter to the Annual Conferences, with the recommendation that such an order be established under their direction and control.

Great interest was felt in the report of the Committee on the Oka