

victories they had achieved; the past year had been one of success. May they increase a thousand fold.

The New Connexion Methodist Conference did us the honor of sending the Rev. Dr. Cooke and R. Wilkes, Esq., as a deputation.

Dr. Cooke said he had known the sainted Clowes, one of the founders of our body, and had also known many of the fathers in our Israel, nearly all of whom had passed to their reward. He had watched with deep interest this section of the Church for many years, and could bear his testimony from personal observation to our usefulness in the past. He had seen us pass the age of humiliation and persecution, up to the period of respectability and influence; he would warn us of another more dangerous than either of the former; many churches also fell into it; he hoped we should not,—it was the age of formality and deadness.

Bro. Wilkes was listened to with deep interest while he uttered some large-hearted prophecies, as to the future of the Methodist Church of the Dominion; he hoped, he prayed, he believed, that there would be fewer bodies of Methodism in Canada ere long.

We are happy to inform you that some measure of success has attended our labors during the past year; the state of the different funds is encouraging, through the increase of membership is not what we could have desired, being only 217 for the year; this fact we trust will lead us to humble ourselves before God, and to seek more spiritual power—the power from on high, may it come upon all our Zion.

We cannot allow this letter to come to you, without mentioning that Bro. Rowe having served his term of office as Book Steward and General Missionary Secretary retires, much broken down in health, which he hopes to recruit by a voyage to the land of his birth. May his most sanguine expectations be fully realized.

Bro. Bee succeeds to the office, as book Steward and General Missionary Secretary, for whom we bespeak the hearty co-operation of the Brethren, especially the officers of our Sabbath Schools, in their purchases of libraries, etc.

We trust our friends will continue their assistance to the *Christian Journal*, and to their utmost increase its circulation.