

devote so much of their time and thought and care and means to their blessed work of training for heaven the youthful immortals whom God and the Church commit to their loving teaching. Nor are they unrewarded. They receive in their own souls, in the deeper insight into the Word of God, in the joy of training the young in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in witnessing their conversion to God, a hundredfold compensation for all their efforts.

Our faithful Missionary Secretary raised the warning that we are dividing our work into too many separate units, and employing in the old or settled parts of the Dominion too many agents in a limited field; while the new fields and the frontiers of the far west, and the foreign field, were earnestly calling for more labourers. Thus faithful labourers, who are able and anxious to work, are forced upon the Superannuation Fund for lack of circuits, and the maintenance of those upon the home missions is quite inadequate to their proper support. While some Churches are complaining of the dearth of candidates for the ministry, our own, notwithstanding the hardships and sometimes privations of the itinerancy, has a more than ample supply, and these are receiving more thorough scholastic training than ever before. It was urged that our Presbyterian friends are covering their home work with a less number of men, and are so able to send more missionaries to the heathen world.

It is a fact of great significance that so many of our laymen, men of affairs, conducting large business, or engaged in professional life, find time to devote several days to the sessions of Conference, and that they take such a profound interest in the spiritual as well as temporal aspects of the Lord's work. It is noteworthy, too, that men like Mr. Chester D. Massey, Mr. M. H. Peterson, and others, who have done so much for Methodism in the past, are offering to assume still further financial burdens for its extension in the immediate future.

While we have, as a Church, great ground for gratitude, we have none for self-satisfaction or surcease of effort. While we look thankfully at the past, we look hopefully for the future. "Not as though we had already attained, either were already perfect; . . . forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching

forth unto those things which are before, we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

#### YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION JUBILEE.

The jubilee anniversary of the inauguration of the Y. M. C. A. on this side of the water has just been celebrated. It is gratifying to know that the society in Montreal is the oldest one outside of Great Britain. This organization has been one of the most successful for gathering in and ennobling young men. Lord Kinnard and Lord Strathcona are announced among the speakers at this famous jubilee.



SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS,  
Father of the Young Men's Christian  
Association.

W. S. Harwood, in the June Century, writes thus of Sir George Williams:

"One dull London day I sat at luncheon in a room which is, in some ways, one of the most interesting in the world, with a man who, judged by a central act in his life, stands among the notable figures of the nineteenth century. The table at which I sat is historic. Around it, one day in June, fifty-seven years ago, a band of London young men gathered—not