

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE

REV. J. A. WOOD CHOSEN BY THE METHODISTS

Rev. A. E. Roberts is the Secretary—Business Transacted at Meetings at Vancouver.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, May 12.—The general session of the British Columbia Methodist conference opened in the Wesley church to-day.

At the ministerial session yesterday the principal business was the examination into the ministerial character and standing of probationers.

A letter was read from Dr. Carman, who is unable to attend. Dr. Fitchett, president of the general conference of Australia, and author of "Deeds That Won the Empire," was introduced, and addressed the conference.

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organizing committees and receiving district recommendations. Last night it received for ordination W. G. Tanner and G. R. Kinney. Addresses were given by Revs. Dr. Osterhout and Jno. Robson. This afternoon a theological lecture was delivered by Rev. W. W. Baer.

A committee on conference relations was appointed as follows: Rev. J. S. Betts, Dr. White, Dr. Whittington, Jas. Hall, S. J. Thompson, T. W. Hall, Thos. Crosby.

There are recommended to a supernumerary relation: Rev. C. Bryant, C. Ladner, Dr. E. Robson, T. D. Pearson, J. P. Powell, D. Jennings and W. L. Rossland.

Rev. W. H. Fitchett, of Australia; Rev. Mr. Dukes, president of New Zealand, and Dr. Woodworth were introduced. Rev. Mr. Fitchett and Rev. Mr. Dukes both delivered addresses.

The following have been supernumerated for one year: Rev. G. W. Dean and James Turner.

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DR. WEAVER'S TREATMENT. WEAVER'S SYRUP For Humors Salt Rheum Scrofulous Swellings, etc. WEAVER'S GERATE Cleanses the Skin Beautifies the Complexion.

The meeting was moved by Rev. S. J. Thompson, seconded by Rev. A. M. Sanford. Revs. G. W. Hall and W. H. Pierce offered resolutions, not entirely agreeing with some points of the lecture.

Rev. Mr. Baer was elected president of the union for the next year; Rev. J. F. Westman, secretary, and Rev. E. N. Powell, lecturer.

The conference love feast was held at 9:30 on Sunday morning, led by the president of the conference. It was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. Many references were made to the late Father Bryant, and the remembrance that he led the love feast at the last meeting of the conference in the same room.

A great many people testifying to God's work and goodness throughout the colony. Addresses in Scandinavian and in the Indian dialect were also delivered.

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Thompson River—One to be sent (T. A. B.). Nicola—John S. Fye (Nicola Lake). Salmon Arm—James Wood.

5.—West Kootenay District. Nelson—Walter W. Baer. Ymir—One wanted.

6.—East Kootenay District. Cranbrook—Samuel J. Thompson. Moyie—One to be sent (D. M. Percy, B. A.). Under superintendence of Cranbrook.

7.—Indian District. Robert Whittington, M. A., D. D., chairman of Indian district, to reside in Vancouver.

8.—Nanaimo District. Nanaimo (Wallace street)—Albert M. Sanford, B. A., 687 Barrard street.

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10.—Nanaimo District. Nanaimo (Haliburton street)—Robert Hughes. Nanaimo (Chinese Mission)—One to be sent. Under superintendence of Wallace street.

11.—Vancouver District. Vancouver (Wesley)—Walter E. Prescott, B. A., 687 Barrard street.

12.—New Westminster District. New Westminster (Queen's avenue)—William H. Barraclough, B. A., Wilford J. Sippell, B. A., B. D., principal.

13.—New Westminster District. New Westminster (Sapperton)—To be supplied. Under superintendence of Queen's avenue.

14.—Kamloops District. Kamloops—Stanley S. Osterhout, Ph. D., James Turner supernumerary.

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