

town of Guelph, where, as in other places, a generous hospitality was extended by the inhabitants. It was a somewhat remarkable coincidence that the Congregational Union assembled in the same town at the same time; still, ample provision was made for all who attended both gatherings. The occasion was improved by the exchange of fraternal visits. Rev. Dr. Sanderson, with Messrs. Lavell and Langford, visited the Union, and presented the greetings of the Conference, while a delegation from the Congregational Union also visited the Conference and presented the greetings of the Union. The season in both instances was pleasant to all concerned.

The Rev. James Gray was elected President, and Rev. J. B. Clarkson, M.A., Secretary. Our brethren in the West appear to be prospering in every respect. The retiring President, Dr. Sanderson, stated that he had dedicated eighteen churches, which cost over \$110,000; had travelled over 10,000 miles, and written more than 800 letters. The increase in the membership exceeds 2,000. The anniversary meetings were seasons of hallowed enjoyment. Several brethren from Toronto Conference visited their brethren at Guelph. We like to see these friendly exchanges of greeting. One thing pleased us, there seems to be no lack of candidates for the ministry. Both Conferences invited Rev. E. Ryerson, D.D., to publish a series of essays recalling the scenes of early Methodism, and correctly narrating those events which are of such importance to the Methodist people of this country. The Doctor complied with the request. A valuable contribution will thus be made to our Canadian literature, and the Methodists especially will rejoice to have such a record as will always be regarded as an invaluable standard. Our brethren in the London Conference are increasing in ministerial strength. Rev. J. Bell was received from the Primitive Methodist

Church, and some others from some other Churches.

The Toronto Conference assembled at Whitby. Many persons were afraid that the undertaking was too great for the Methodists of that town, but never was the Conference more royally entertained. All the sessions were harmonious. The Rev. George Young was elected President, and by his well-known urbanity, he became increasingly endeared to all his brethren. None could hold the reins with a more gentle hand, and yet he despatched business with rapidity. The Rev. William Briggs, who has very satisfactorily discharged the duties of Secretary during the past year, was re-elected to the same office for the ensuing year. One minister, the Rev. J. F. Ockley, was received from another section of the Church. Ten young men were ordained, and an excellent class of candidates were received on trial. The numerical increase was not equal to expectation, only 924. The religious services were unusually impressive, those of the Sabbath will not soon be forgotten. Dr. Jeffers, the retiring President, was thanked for his services, and the official sermon which he preached on Sabbath morning was requested for publication. It was a most opportune and valuable discourse. A resolution similar to the one adopted at London Conference respecting Dr. Ryerson's forthcoming volume was adopted, and a very cordial vote of thanks was presented to Dr. Green for the volume containing valuable Methodist historical facts, which he has lately published, the profits of which he gives to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

The Montreal Conference met in the picturesque city of Ottawa, in the new and handsome Dominion Church. This was the first Methodist Conference that was ever held in the Capital, and nothing could exceed the kindness and generosity which extended on all hands. The Rev. Dr. Douglas was elected President