

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Rev. D. G. Sutherland, D.D., moved, and Rev. J. Potts, D.D., seconded as follows:—"Whereas in the providence of God our friend and brother, Joseph Lister, Esq., of Hamilton, representative of the Niagara Conference on this Board, has recently been removed by death from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, this Board would put upon record its appreciation of the Christian life and character of our departed brother, and of his earnest services in behalf of the Church at home and abroad. Mr. Lister has at various times been a member of this Board, and his help and counsel have been to it of the highest value. This Board deeply deplores the loss it has sustained in his removal, and conveys to the bereaved wife and family its heartfelt sympathy with them in their affliction." Carried unanimously.

It was ordered that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Lister.

On motion the General Superintendent and the General Secretary were appointed members of all committees. The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted.

A communication asking aid towards building a church on the Valleyfield Mission; also a letter from Rev. Jas. B. Heal, Financial Secretary of the Bermuda District, asking for a visit from the General Superintendent or General Secretary were read, and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Matters. Afterwards it was decided that it was competent for the General Superintendent to visit Bermuda or any other district at any time in the interests of the work of the Church.

The correspondence from Japan was all referred to the Committee on Japan affairs, and in like manner all communications to the several committees—each to its own.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The Missionary Meeting, Tuesday evening, in the Dominion Church, was a splendid success.

The speakers were Rev. Dr. Griffin, Rev. J. Nurse, Rev. J. Semmens and Prof. Odium, all of whom gave interesting addresses. The chair was ably filled by the Hon. J. C. Aikins, LL.D.

Rev. Mr. Nurse explained the work in Newfoundland, set forth the hardships caused by the forest fires and the conflagration in St. John's, and said there is a growing interest in the Gulf Colony on both sides of the Atlantic. By the liberality of the Canadian provinces and cities, a bond of affection had been created, binding and drawing the Newfoundlanders towards the Dominion as never before. May this drawing process end in a happy union of all the British possessions of North America.

Professor Odium, B.Sc., then spoke in a vigorous manner on the importance of actual missionary work in the realms of business, politics, education and science. He surprised many by the methods he adopted to show the immensity of Canada, her natural resources, magnificent location, climate and prospects, claiming that in the future her population would count by the hundreds of millions. The foundation must be laid deep and broad, the best principles put into the nation's life now in order to see them bear the highest type of fruit in the future. The speaker showed clearly that the tide of immigration is setting northward from the States, and will rapidly increase as the people find that Canada has far better chances, soil, and a more favorable climate for success and better results than the States. The Professor is no pessimist concerning the future of Canada, and repelled amidst the heartiest applause the idea of annexation.

The Rev. Dr. Griffin followed with a speech of a most interesting and instructive character. The central idea was the "Grand Old Heroes of Methodism," who have gone to their reward. He was pleased to look forward to the grand

future portrayed by the previous speaker, but insisted on looking back on the faces and lives of those self-sacrificing men of God who had pioneered the way into the homes of the early settlers. The "grand old saddle-bag preachers, God's honored saints in the forests of this young Dominion in her early days! Long may their names be held in sacred memory!" He referred to Prof. Odium's attack on the geographers who give so much information of an unreliable character, especially relating to British Columbia. The learned Doctor said the trouble comes from the fact that the Pacific Province and her wonderful cities are growing so fast that the geographers cannot keep up with them, and give satisfaction to the western men who are characterized by so much push and energy.

The Rev. Mr. Semmens, of Winnipeg, followed in a short, pithy and telling speech. In a pleasing manner he told of the work done by the missionary Evans, who invented the syllabic character and taught the Indians to read. By means of this syllabic he translated the Scriptures, and thus brought God's truth within reach of the red men inhabiting those northern regions between Hudson Bay and the Rocky Mountains.

After a good collection and a beautiful solo by Miss Benson, the large audience went away delighted with what they had heard.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

In the absence of Dr. Carman, the Rev. Dr. Douglas was called to the chair, and no choice could have been more suitable.

The basis of appropriation for the present year was adopted as follows:—

	Married.	Single Ordained.	Single Unordained.
Ordinary missions	\$750	\$400	\$350
Cities and Towns	850	450	400
Newfoundland	800	450	400
Manitoba and North-West	850	450	400
British Columbia	900	500	450

Upon motion, it was resolved to continue the method hitherto prevailing with the items in the schedules.

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Rev. Mr. Nurse read a statement of losses of missionaries entailed by the fires in Newfoundland. Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

The consideration of the schedules was resumed.

Removal expenses and special cases of brethren in the various Conferences were considered and adjusted.

The Rev. J. Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, read a very interesting report of the work in that country; whereupon it was moved by Dr. Potts and seconded by Bro. Parkhill,—That the editors of the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan* be requested to publish Bro. Woodsworth's report on missions in Manitoba and North-West in full. Carried.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The report on Miscellaneous Resolutions was submitted and adopted by the Board.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland informed the Board that the Rev. Dr. Brecken, of Sackville, N.B., had sent a donation of \$1,000 to the Mission Rooms in aid of the proposed hospital work in China; and read a communication from Dr. Brecken on the subject.

Rev. T. M. Campbell submitted a resolution of thanks to Rev. Dr. Brecken for his very liberal and most welcome donation toward the Chinese work, as follows:—