

Sabbath Observance.

This subject was carefully studied and the General Conference strongly recommended the avoidance of all Sunday parades, and bicycle riding for pleasure on the holy day, also Sunday funerals. Efforts should be made to strengthen the hands of those who are endeavouring to reduce Sabbath labour on public works to a minimum.

Temperance.

The General Conference still holds that to legalize the liquor traffic is sin. Ministers and members are all recommended to have nothing to do with the traffic in any shape or form. Electors are urged not to bring forward or vote for any candidate for parliamentary honours who will not pledge himself to do all in his power to help on Prohibition. As a Dominion election is sure to be held soon, Methodist electors are entreated to do their duty at the polls and vote as they pray.

Elections.

All the General Conference officers were re-elected, except the Editors of the *Christian Guardian* and the *Wesleyan*, who were succeeded by Revs. A. C. Courtice, M.A., B.D., and G. J. Bond. Dr. Carman retains the General Superintendency for eight years more. The following were re-elected for four years each. Dr. Sutherland, Missionary Secretary, Dr. Briggs and S. F. Huestis, Book Stewards; Dr. Potts, Secretary of Education; Dr. Withrow, Editor of *MAGAZINE* and Sunday-school publications. Rev. Jas. Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions in Manitoba and British Columbia.

The following were elected Fraternal Delegates to the British and Irish Conferences, Rev. Dr. Dewart; to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. Lathern; to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Principal Sparling; to the Presbyterian General Assembly, Chancellor Burwash and Principal Shaw; to African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. T. W.

Jolliffe; and to the British Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. A. L. Russell, M.A., B.D.

Miscellaneous.

Rev. F. A. Cassidy astonished the Conference when he stated that Methodist missionaries in Japan cannot solemnize marriages among their own people. A Church of England clergyman performs this duty at the British Consulate. A committee was appointed to bring this matter before the British Government so that the disability may be removed.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence recommended that one-tenth at least of all incomes should be given to religious purposes. Just as the report was adopted intelligence was communicated that Mr. Mellanby, of Humberstone, had left property behind him valued at \$75,000, most of which would come to the Missionary Society and Superannuation Funds.

A motion was introduced to authorize the election of laymen to all committees equally with ministers, but the motion was lost. Laymen can now sit on every committee except the Stationing Committee.

The gavel which the General Superintendent used so dexterously was a gift to him from Dr. T. Bowman Stephenson at the Ecumenical Conference in 1891. It was made of oak taken from John Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London.

The motion to do away with the renewal of tickets and substitute annual cards was voted down.

The C. P. R. Telegraph Company sent more than 250,000 words over its wires during Conference.

The receipts at the Conference post-office averaged ten dollars per day and upwards. Rev. B. Clement and his associates were never unemployed nor triflingly employed.

This was one of the best, if not the very best General Conference ever held in Canada. No member, so far as we know, went home with his heart wounded. The ministers and people of London were worthy of all the praise awarded them for their labour and hospitality.