

Street Church, the ample *suite* of class-rooms in which furnish admirable accommodation for the meeting of committees.

The appearance of the Conference could not fail to strike favourably every spectator. Scarcely anywhere else could be found, in an assembly of the size, a larger number of notable-looking men, both clerical and lay, and their debating skill and legislative ability fully maintain the promise of their appearance. We are glad to state that an arrangement has been effected whereby the thousands of Methodist households throughout the Dominion, whose interest is now concentrated upon this assembly, may obtain a lasting *souvenir* of its appearance. The indefatigable agent of the Methodist Book Room, Montréal, C. W. Coates, Esq., has made an arrangement with the celebrated photographers, Notman & Co., to publish a large-sized photograph, representing the Conference in session. This is to be a work of art of superior merit. The portraits are all taken separately and afterwards grouped in an artistic manner, representing an actual session of Conference. It will be sent to any address by C. W. Coates, Montréal, for the sum of \$4.

The address of the retiring President of the Conference, the venerable Dr. Ryerson, was one of ripe wisdom, and contained a valuable summary of connexional progress during the past quadrennium.

The Rev. Dr. Douglas, the President elect, in words fit though few, acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, and paid a well-merited tribute to his distinguished predecessor. "Whatever name," he said, "shall be forgotten in Canadian history, the name of Dr. Ryerson shall be held in veneration throughout all time."

The Rev. Dr. Rice was elected, by a very large vote, Vice-President, and shared, with Dr. Douglas, the honours and the duties of occupying the chair.

The Rev. Alexander Sutherland became the chosen Secretary of the Conference, and has continued throughout the sessions to discharge the onerous duties of his office. In this he was ably assisted by D. Allison, LL.D., Superintendent of Education in Nova Scotia, and by Judge Jones, of Brantford, Ont.

The public services in connexion with the Conference were occasions of great interest. They were held in the St. James Street Church, the cathedral church of Methodism. The ministrations of the Rev. S. Coley, the fraternal delegate from the mother Church of Methodism in Great Britain, were highly appreciated. His chaste, beautiful, and eminently spiritual sermon on the Sabbath; his address at the public reception of delegates and at the educational meetings, and his wise counsels during the sessions of Conference will be a precious memory in the minds of all who heard them.

The Conference was also favoured with the presence of the Rev. Wm. Taylor, the distinguished missionary, the marvellous success of whose labours for God in California, South Africa, India, and more recently in South America, has filled the world with his fame. The power and pathos and fervour of his sermon on Sunday evening, and of his address at the missionary meeting, were an inspiration to renewed consecration and increased devotion of all the energies of body and mind to the service of the Master. The missionary meeting was also favoured with admirable addresses from the Rev. Mr. Gibson, the chief representative of British Methodism in the republic of France. He represents a conference of about twenty-five ministers, chiefly in the south of France; but a vigorous effort is now being made to extend the saving power of the Gospel in the great centres of population,—Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, and Rouen. The addresses of the missionaries of our own Church, the Rev. Amos E.