

THE MUSIC OF THE WOODS. The rustle of the leaves o'er head is music sweeter far to me Than clods or beams, however made. I follow not their harmony, Beneath their notes my heart is dead, My spirit wretched, as with lead.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COLUMN. SUPERINTENDENTS' UNION. The meeting of the superintendents' union in Centenary church school room on Thursday evening promises to be an interesting occasion. All superintendents and assistant superintendents and wives or lady friends are invited. These meetings have already proved very helpful, and will doubtless become increasingly so.

NORMAL CLASSES should now be started in all the schools. The examination is now over and there is no need to wait until the provincial convention to start new classes. By beginning at once, more time will be given before the next examination, which will probably take place in June next year.

PRIMARY UNION. The executive of the primary union have met and are already laying large plans for the winter's work. Such a vigorous association as they have proved to be cannot fail to give a good account of themselves. The primary departments of many of our schools are feeling the good effect of their work last winter and spring.

GRADING. Every school not already graded ought to be preparing now to grade by the first of January next. Our motto should be "Every school a graded school to begin the new century."

PAY UP. All subscriptions to the provincial work ought to be in hands of treasurers this month. A number of the city schools have not yet paid in their amounts. Every one wants to have a hand in carrying on this good work.

GREENWAY'S SON DEAD. WINNIPEG, Sept. 14.—Thos. Greenway, aged 32, son of Premier Greenway, died on Tuesday from typhoid fever at his home in Crystal city.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. SICK HEADACHE. Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too-Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Biliousness, Nausea, Dizziness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORRID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price. Substitution the fraud of the day. See you get Carter's. Ask for Carter's. Insist and demand Carter's Little Liver Pills.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

How the Income of the General Fund is Made Up.

Missionary Committee the Theatre of Exciting Scenes—The Ritualists Likely to Win in the End—Sermon Reading in the Pulpit.

TORONTO, Sept. 7.—The general conference fund is the one which provides for the payment of the expenses of the sessions which are held quarterly. The salaries of the general superintendent and other officials, the expenses of committees, and other items too numerous to be specified. The income of the fund is made up by an assessment on each of the annual conferences and for this a collection is taken up once a year in all our places of worship.

Expenses of last general conference: \$1,100.00 Salary of general superintendent, \$2,000.00 Salary of treasurer and accountant, \$500.00 Expenses of general committee, \$200.00 Expenses of general secretary, \$200.00 Expenses of general secretary, \$200.00

To meet this the several conferences contribute: Toronto, \$3,540.00; Montreal, \$2,710.00; Halifax, \$2,100.00; St. John's, \$1,500.00; New Brunswick, \$1,200.00; Nova Scotia, \$800.00; P. E. I., \$600.00; N. B., \$400.00; N. S., \$300.00; Newfoundland, \$200.00.

In the above it will be seen that only Methodism and the Northwest raised the assessment, while the next best showing is made by the conference of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, the deficiency being only \$718.

It is understood that the missionary committee is the theatre of exciting scenes. The problems to be solved and the difficulties to be grappled with are numerous and formidable, and for the issue we must "in patience possess our souls."

The authorities of the western book concern are anxious to amalgamate with the eastern concern, which involves the discontinuance of the Wesleyan. The matter goes before the eastern delegation, which has not yet been called together.

Not a little stir is being made about the precedence question. While I yield to no man in my devotion to my own church, I am rather inclined to think we are attaching too much importance to the matter.

ever we have an opportunity we as all the Anglicans for their Romish tendencies, and yet we are doing much the same ourselves. What we need is less form and more life in the spiritual. The feeling is cropping up in all directions, and unless we call a halt we will soon be among the ritualists.

TORONTO, Sept. 10.—After the reading of the minutes this morning the debate on the distribution of the twentieth century fund was resumed. Some thought that forty-five per cent for educational purposes was altogether too large a proportion, and urged a lesser sum.

At one time there were five propositions before the house and others were waiting a chance to increase the number. The advocates of the proposal were anxious to bring the matter to an issue, but the conference was not to be forced to decide in a hurry.

It was decided to allow delegates attending the conference railway fares in excess of thirty dollars to be paid out of place. The funds numbered some 1,500, and the white-robed waitresses made a pretty appearance.

TORONTO, Sept. 10.—The Methodist "Dixie Bell," was the heading of an article in the World this morning, when describing the banquet of last evening. Of the general character of the affair I have already wired you.

The report of the committee of the Methodist conference on sociology, called attention to the relation of the church to the laboring classes, pointed out certain evils that exist, and recommended that employers give a fair day's wage for a fair day's work.

Attention was called to the unfair reporting by the Mail of the debate on the discussion of changing the rules, three hundred and sixteen lines having been given to those who advocated the change and only sixty to the opponents of the proposal.

A charge was made this afternoon which will be variously regarded by the people. The old quarterly ticket was declared out of date, and in lieu thereof there is to be a membership card given at the close of each conference year.

The temperance committee having in the opening sentence of its report declared that no one could approve of the license system without an exception, was taken thereby and after some strong speeches pro and con, the matter was sent back to the committee for some different statement of the case.

Among the visitors to the conference from New Brunswick are Revs. Messrs. Pothecary, of St. John's, Teasdale of Fredericton, and Teed and wife of Moncton.

above named fund, it will be had in some way. Sept. 12.—The services in the churches yesterday were well attended, the day being very fine, and the pulpits generally filled with visiting clergymen. Your correspondent attended in the forenoon at Trinity Methodist, and as it was somewhat out of the ordinary, your readers may be interested in it.

TORONTO, Sept. 12.—The Sabbath opened quite cold. Overcast were the conditions, and the gas had to be lighted in some of the churches to render them warm enough to worship in.

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church so as to read. The Methodist church in Canada. The proposal that all voters connected with the church should vote only for such candidates as elections as well as to vote for prohibition, did not carry.

The St. James church relief part of the scheme was dropped out entirely and the pastor, Dr. Williams, was authorized to canvass the entire connection in the interest of the scheme.

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Children Cry for CASTORIA. A CANADIAN'S ENERGY. The Enterprise of Lieut. Grouard Has Aided the Conquest of the Sudan.

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