

Dougall, Mr. Bayliss, Mr. Fleck, and Mr. Featherstone, who expressed their admiration of the course which the Methodist Church has always pursued on the temperance question, and prayed that the Church might still pursue its noble work with the same zeal as hitherto.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union also sent a delegation of sisters to convey their greetings to the Conference. Mrs. Middleton was the chief speaker, and earnestly did she plead with the brethren to cry aloud and spare not, as she knew they had always done. Nor did she fail to notice the good already accomplished, both by abstinence and the social purity cause.

The Woman's Missionary Society also sent a delegation, which was received with the utmost cordiality. A well-written address was read by Mrs. Ross, daughter of the late Superintendent, Dr. Williams. Mrs. Torrance, daughter of the late Senator Ferrier, Mrs. Dr. T. G. Williams, and Mrs. Morton composed the delegation, whose visit the President said was a real oasis in the discussions of Conference.

OTHER FUNDS.

The Hon. W. E. Sanford, Senator, reported for the Educational Fund, the total receipts of which for the quadrennium were \$43,713.08, an increase of \$15,470.64. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference reported the largest proportionate increase, viz., 70 per cent.; Toronto came next, 33½; Niagara, 25; and London, 20. The other Conferences were below 20 per cent. increase. The increase in the Conferences of Ontario and Quebec is largely due to the labours of Dr. Potts. The Rev. J. J. Rice reported for the Sustentation Funds, from which we learned that there was a deficiency of \$110,717 last year in the item of ministers' salaries, the great bulk of which was endured by the brethren who received less than \$700 per annum; 166 ministers received less than \$500 per year and 180 less than \$600 per year. The total deficiency of ministers' salaries

in four years, not upon the minimum basis, but upon what the circuits had actually agreed to pay, was \$388,419. The Conference recommended that Sustentation Funds shall be established in all the Annual Conferences so as to increase married ministers' salaries to \$750, single ordained ministers \$400, and probationers \$350.

The discussion on the Superannuation Fund was more than usually animated. Some proposed that the amounts paid by circuits should be kept in a special fund, out of which nothing should be paid to ministers who are known to be in good circumstances. Several proposed that all ministers receiving salaries exceeding \$600 per year should pay two per cent. on their income. The laity, to their honour be it recorded, contended earnestly for the maintenance of the fund. A commission was appointed to devise some means for the better support of the fund, and report to the next General Conference.

THE COLLEGE QUESTION.

Many fears were entertained that the Federation of Victoria University would cause an acrimonious debate. Happily this was avoided by both parties agreeing that the question should be voted upon without debate. This wise course was adopted, and the majority in favour of Federation was nearly four times larger than in 1886.

Victoria University presents the following statistics. The number of students in Arts, Theology, Law and Medicine is 2,271. The present income from ordinary revenue is \$20,291.44, but the expenditure is \$20,733.38.

Mount Allison University has had an attendance the last four years of 256, 270, 277, and this year 293. The total graduates in Arts, Philosophy and Divinity is 159.

The Wesley College, Winnipeg, is a new institution, having been in existence only two years; the number of students is thirty-five, an increase of eight. Subscriptions to the amount of \$14,000 had been