

brethren who take a lively interest in the work of Christian holiness, with ever-increasing delight. Three things were especially noticeable which are worthy of record, namely: 1. Holiness meetings were held nearly every day of those two sessions, and the tide of interest rose continually. Many ministerial and lay brethren testified to having found "the pearl of great price" during the year, and several of them during the sessions of Conference. The Conference never had so many members who could say and sing—

"I am washed in the blood of the Lamb."

Beside the regular morning meetings, held from eight to nine, some extra ones had to be held to meet the pressing want. One of those was held for two hours, and it was found difficult to close it even then. It was a time of special rejoicing.

A proposition to dispense with the old-time Saturday evening Conference Holiness Meeting was voted down by an overwhelming majority.

2. Nearly all the ministers deceased during the year were younger men, most of them well known for their experience of "the deep things of God;" and one of them especially—we refer to Bro. George H. Squires, B.A.—was distinguished for his advocacy of the doctrine and experience of holiness both in life and labours. "And by it (his holy faith), he being dead yet speaketh." Precious to the Church of God is the heritage of such biographies.

3. The inaugural address of the General Superintendent (the Rev. Dr. Carman), at the opening of the first Conference of the Methodist Church, was full of the good Spirit, weighty with important matters, eloquent and telling, and gave special emphasis to the words of Wesley, that "*the Methodist people were raised up of God to spread scriptural holiness throughout these lands.*" His words touching this doctrine and experience, as well as others, were applauded to the echo. They left a deep and, we trust, lasting impression upon the Conference and upon the large audience which had gathered to witness the inaugural ceremony. This special feature of the address, and this only, was again brought before the Conference by its President, the Rev. William Galbraith, LL.B., who took a most manly and decided stand.

The Rev. Dr. Carman, as opportunity permitted him, appeared in the holiness meetings, and gave a ringing, stirring testimony. May he continue in this good work to the end of the chapter! We might