

dents by flood and field and hands deep pathos and rich humour with intense religious earnestness. It will be a striking feature of the new volume, and will run through a good part of the year. Other features of

much interest are being prepared—among them papers on the old Cathedrals of England, on the Great Yellowstone Park, in the Far West, and many others to be duly announced.

RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

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EASTERN CONFERENCES.

The Conference in Nova Scotia met before the Toronto Conference adjourned. The Basis of Union was only accepted by a majority of three. This Conference is to be congratulated in that the son of one of its ministers, the Rev. Dr. Richey, has been appointed Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia. The Centennial Fund of the Conference has reached \$3,800. The Memorial Hall in honour of the Rev. Wm. Black, the founder of Methodism in Nova Scotia, will be a noble monument to perpetuate the memory of that worthy man to whom the Maritime Provinces are so much indebted.

The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference met at St. Stephen's and declared in favour of union by a majority of twelve. There had only been one death in this Conference, the Rev. H. McKeown, who died in the 30th year of his ministry. There are several vacancies to be filled both in this Conference and those of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. The latter Conference also accepted the Basis of Union, by a majority of twenty-three votes. Taking the six Conferences together the majority of the ministerial vote in favour of union is 140, while the vote of the laity has been very largely in favour, almost overwhelming.

IRISH METHODIST CONFERENCE.

This Conference was held in Dublin, in June. The Rev. Charles Garrett, President of the British

Conference, occupied the chair. The Rev. W. Butler, D.D., was present, as he was on his way to India, and delivered a thrilling lecture respecting the introduction of Methodism to Mexico. The societies are subject to great fluctuation through emigration and the frequent unsettledness of the country. Five young ministers were ordained, and seventeen candidates were admitted on trial, seven of whom were retained on the list of Reserve.

The Rev. Dr. Ker, whose visit to Canada will be remembered, made a report of his sojourn in America, during which he had travelled 24,000 miles and had only spent \$265, but he had been presented with tickets amounting in value to \$790. He had been delighted with America, in almost every part of which he had found Methodists from Ireland. The net receipts of money which he had collected for Connexional purposes in Ireland amounted to \$13,400.

The Conference has a flourishing Band of Hope Union organized, in which 25,000 children are enrolled.

President Garrett, who has long been one of the foremost temperance men in England, received an ovation from the Irish Temperance League, which was attended by ministers and members of all denominations—which must have been exceedingly gratifying to Mr. Garrett.

The Methodist New Connexion Conference was held in Sheffield which is a famous Methodist town. This earliest offshoot from the parent body is not strong numerically, but