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METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

The principal event in connection with our Church since our last issue has been the convocations of Victoria College, at Cobourg, and that of Mount Allison, N.B., and the meeting of its annual Conferences. We had the pleasure of attending the former. The Baccalaureate sermon was preached by President Nelles, who sustained his well-earned reputation. A lecture on the "Catacombs of Rome" was delivered by the Editor of this Magazine to a large audience in the Alumni Hall. The Science Association gave a public entertainment, at which two papers of great merit were read by members of the Association, followed by discussions, which created great interest. It was evident to unscientific people that the young men had paid great attention to the subjects discussed. The conferring of the degrees was, as usual, a season of great interest. Sixteen young gentlemen received the degree of B.A.; two former graduates that of M.A., and six that of B.D., while more than twenty received the degree of M.D. The honorary degree of D.D. was conferred upon Revs. J. Elliott and G. R. Sanderson, of Ontario, and Revs. Gervase Smith and C. J. Ward, England. Addresses were also delivered by some of the old graduates, amongst whom was Rev. E. Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., who was truly the old man eloquent. It must have been a season of thrilling interest to him and others to now witness the prosperity of the University on whose behalf they have spent so many years. The affairs of the College were never more prosperous than at present. The endowment exceeds \$100,000. Faraday Hall will soon be completed, without adding anything to the debt. The members of the Science Association have nobly resolved to defray the expense of fur-

nishing it with suitable apparatus and library at a cost of \$10,000, while the ladies of Cobourg have become responsible for the cost of beautifying the grounds.

Mount Allison University has had a prosperous year, both in its female and male departments. Several of the former graduates have attained to eminence in professional life. Six students received the degree of B.A., and three that of B.S., while the honorary degree of D.D. was conferred upon a minister who has long been one whom our brethren in the eastern provinces have delighted to honour, viz., Rev. Henry Pope, jun., who has lately distinguished himself by issuing a volume of sermons, which has been favourably noticed by the reviewers. We congratulate our brethren in the Maritime Provinces on the auspicious circumstances in which their seat of learning is placed.

The leaven of Methodist unification spreads. "The Methodist Protestant Church" and "the Methodist Church" of the United States, two bodies long separated, have now amalgamated; invitations have been extended to the various branches of the Methodist family in England and America to send fraternal delegations to the next General Conference, to be held in May, 1880. The Churches thus united consist of more than 100,000 members. May other branches imitate their example.

While preparing these notes the Conferences and Synods are being held. Our Primitive Methodist brethren have led the way. They report having had a good Conference, though the increase of membership is much smaller than was anticipated, only 384. Two ministers had resigned, and another returned to England.

THE CONFERENCES.

June is the month for the Canadian Conferences: London comes first. This year our Western brethren assembled in the granite