

an even and genial temperature throughout the building.

The foundations are built of granite, and the ornamental portions of the structure are cut in Dorchester

freestone, the subordinate portion of the stonework being of limestone. The amount of the contract, exclusive of the glass and gas fittings, being \$42,000.

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## RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

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### METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

THE great event of the past month has been the GENERAL CONFERENCE, which held its third quadrennial session in Centenary Church, Hamilton. Most of the delegates, ministerial and lay, to the number of 200 were present. There were six from Newfoundland, a distance of, at least, 2,000 miles, one from British Columbia, three from Manitoba, and the rest from Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, so that all parts of the Dominion were represented.

The Conference was called to order by the Rev. George Douglas, LL.D., the president for the past four years. After devotional exercises the roll was called and balloting took place for the officers of the Conference. After balloting five times the Rev. Dwight Rice, D.D. was duly elected to that honoured position. Dr. Sutherland was re-elected Secretary, and Dr. Williams was elected Vice-President. Dr. Sutherland chose as his assistants the Rev. Drs. Ryckman, Cochran, Rev. G. H. Cornish, and Professor Inch. The Rev. John Bredin was chosen Journal Secretary. It will thus be seen that the Conference had an efficient staff of officials who would be likely to perform their respective duties in an acceptable manner.

There were fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church, United States, representing both divisions of that great church.

The Rev. Dr. Studley, from the North, and Bishop McTyiere, from the South. The Rev. Dr. Stone represented the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, and Revs. J. Goodman, T. Griffith, and J. C. Antliff, represented the Primitive Methodist Church. The two first named gentlemen preached in the Centenary Church on the forenoons of September 10th and 17th respectively. Both sermons were fine specimens of evangelical preaching.

Portions of two sessions were set apart to hear the official addresses of the fraternal delegates; at the former the Revs. Dr. Studley and Stone delivered addresses replete with sentiments of brotherly love and Christian affection. A fraternal address was also read from the Wesleyan Methodist General Conference in Australasia.

At the latter session Bishop McTyiere, the Revs. T. Griffith, and J. C. Antliff, B.D., M.A. conveyed the fraternal greetings of their respective churches in suitable and chaste language, which addresses were duly appreciated by the Conference. Answers were ordered to be sent to the bodies which those honoured brethren represented, and resolutions which are to be engrossed were ordered to be given to each as mementoes of their visit. Both sessions were seasons of great enjoyment.

Among the visitors introduced were Revs. Bishop Carman, T. Lounsbury, of the Methodist Epis-