

LONDON CONFERENCE.

Stratford was the place of meeting. The ministerial session only occupied one day, on the evening of which the Sunday-school and Epworth League anniversary was held. Rev. J. Learoyd presided, and Revs. G. Jackson, T. W. Blatchford, and Mr. F. W. Daly addressed the meeting.

The General Conference officers were in attendance, and the various educational institutions were well represented, and their interests earnestly advocated.

Six probationers were received into full connection and ordained. Rev. H. J. Locke and G. W. Henderson were the speakers at the reception service. Fraternal greetings were exchanged with Montreal, Hamilton, and Bay of Quinte Conferences.

Hon. Mr. Laurier informed a deputation that he would favour Prohibition.

Rev. J. R. Gundy delivered a lecture before the Theological Union on the "Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures."

The ordination service was impressive. The retiring president delivered the ordination sermon, which has since been published in the *Christian Guardian*. Rev. A. Cunningham preached in the evening and Rev. W. S. McDonagh presided at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. J. Philp, B.D., presented the statistical report, which was luminous. The net increase of members is 1,293; 2,361 conversions were reported in the Sunday-schools.

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE.

Trenton was the place of meeting. All the sessions and public services awakened great interest. The Anglican church rector, Rev. W. F. Armstrong, placed Canterbury Hall at the service of the Conference during its sittings, which was thankfully accepted for overflow meetings on Sabbath.

A minister of twenty-four years' standing withdrew. Rev. R. M. Pope was restored to the active work. Four probationers were reported withdrawn. Eight probationers were received into full connection and ordained; seven others were on the list of reserve, and seven candidates for the ministry were received. Four ministers were added to the superannuation list, and five were reported supernumeraries.

A deputation from the town council presented an address of welcome to the

Conference, which was most cordially received. The W.C.T.U. also presented their congratulations.

Montreal Conference sent its greetings. On the evening of the first day an open session was held to hear the General Conference officers. Chancellor Burwash responded for Victoria University, Dr. Dyer for Albert, and communications were received from Dr. Sutherland, Hamilton Ladies' College and the Anglican Synod, to which suitable responses were given.

Rev. M. L. Pearson, president of Toronto Conference, was introduced. The Statistical Committee had their report ready on the second day of Conference. The increase in the membership is 581. The increase of Sunday-school scholars is 624, and of scholars who are members, 256. The funds had not sustained such a diminution as some feared.

Five ministers had finished their course, two of whom, Dr. Jeffers and J. Hughes, were aged veterans. Honourable mention was made of them all.

Greetings were sent to Montreal, Hamilton and London Conferences.

The reception service excited great interest, at which Rev. Drs. McDiarmid and Crothers, with the president, took part.

Rev. M. J. Bates was continued as Conference evangelist.

The lecture before the Theological Union was given by Rev. J. A. McCamus on "Pre-millennarianism."

The Sabbath services excited great interest, some were reported to have driven twenty miles to attend. The love-feast was conducted by Rev. J. Kines, and Professor Reynar preached the ordination sermon. In the afternoon a grand open-air service was held, which was numerously attended.

Rev. Dr. Smith is about to proceed to China as a medical missionary. The Conference expressed its esteem and admiration for his zeal and assured him that he would not be forgotten by his brethren.

A deputation from the W.M.S. addressed the Conference in appropriate terms, to which responses were made by members of the Conference.

The Book Steward and Editor of the *Christian Guardian* were also present at one session, and represented the claims of their respective departments. Principal Shaw, from Montreal, was present at one session and greatly interested the Conference on behalf of Wesleyan Theological College.