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and Rev. G. H. Osborne, of Cowichan, to the Sunday School.

The Conference on Monday unanimously requested Dr. Sutherland for the M.S. of his sermon for publication.

Special Sabbath services were held also in West End and Sapperton Methodist Churches and Sunday Schools. Also in the Vancouver Methodist Churches. While, by the courteous invitation of the respective pastors, the pulpit of Presbyterian, Baptist and Reformed Episcopal Churches of New Westminster were supplied by members of the Conference.

MONDAY MORNING.

On Monday morning the Conference resumed its sessions, Rev. E. Robson leading the devotional exercises.

The Ministerial Sessions received a request from Rev. E. Robson for superannuation for one year. His request was referred to the committee having charge of Conference relations.

A long discussion was caused by Rev. J. W. Winslow moving a reconsideration of the action of the Conference in the case of Rev. W. E. Moody. It was held by many that the law of the Church did not provide for the resignation of ministers, during the year. It was decided that his name be dropped from the list of ministers of the Conference, he having "irregularly withdrawn from our work."

In the regular session following, Rev. J. D. P. Knox presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. It was referred back to the committee for amendment.

The Memorial Committee presented a report, in part, which was under discussion, when Conference adjourned, at noon.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. Goro Kaburagi led the devotions. The Memorial Committee presented their report. The first item adopted was a recommendation of the committee that local preachers be more constantly employed, and that a system of arrangement of the various stations and circuits of the Conference that will allow of the employment of these lay workers, who have so largely been employed in the past history of the Church. The report recommended the appointment of a committee to act during the year, gathering information, for action at Conference next year. The expenses of the committee were limited to \$25, to be paid by the Contingent Fund.

Miss Bowes, of Vancouver, was presented to the Conference as the dele-

gate from the Woman's Missionary Society. In her address, she stated that there were now 705 different auxiliaries, with over 16,000 members. This has been accomplished in nineteen years. There has been raised nearly half a million dollars for mission work among women and children. This society affords a sphere of activity for the womanhood of the Church, and the delegate asked the co-operation of the Conference ministers, and begged that efforts be made on every field to establish auxiliaries.

Rev. S. J. Thompson moved "that this Conference has heard the address of Miss Bowes, the delegate of the W. M. S., with great pleasure, and begs to assure the ladies of the society of their hearty appreciation of the great work that has been accomplished, and hereby pledge ourselves to give our co-operation and support to the society."

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sunday School report was presented by Rev. E. Manuel, as follows: Your committee rejoice that they are able to present such a cheering report to this Conference in regard to the operations of our Sunday Schools during the past year: Number of officers and teachers, 684; increase, 47; number of scholars, 6,498; increase, 1,181; number who united with the Church this year, 322; increase, 225; number of scholars who are members of Church, 1,190; increase, 569; pledged abstainers, 1,557; increase, 671; money raised for missions, \$538; increase, \$129; money contributed for school purposes, \$6,396; increase, \$584.

The committee recommended that simultaneous teaching of infant classes be adopted wherever possible; that regular teachers' meetings be held for the study

of the lesson; that, whenever practicable, a public prayer meeting be held for the school once a quarter; that the Home Department and Normal Classes be referred to the ensuing convention of Sunday School workers for action, and recommendation thereon.

The Educational Committee presented their report through Rev. James Calvert. It showed that the receipts from the circuits for the year were \$206.20, after paying the expenses incurred in the annual examination of students for the ministry. The balance of \$186 was paid over to Columbia College.

Rev. John Robson, B. A., of Nelson, presented an invitation from the Church at Nelson to hold their annual session of 1901 in that city. The invitation was cordially accepted.

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL MEETING—MONDAY EVENING.

The evening programme in connection with the sessions of the Methodist Conference consisted of addresses on "Education" and music, and the impressive ceremony of formally calling a candidate into the ministry. The chair was taken at 8 o'clock by Rev. G. H. Osborne, and the meeting opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Schlichter, B.A., of Van Anda. The first speaker was Rev. W. H. Baraclough, B.A., of Victoria, who gave an able exposition of "Education, what it is, and how far the Church and individuals are responsible," and from the standpoint of education not being culture. The rev. gentleman spoke fluently and eloquently, and what was a very interesting lecture was listened to with every evidence of appreciation.

The Chairman having made a "few"

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