

The ordination sermons were preached—at Vancouver by the Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent. At Ottawa by Rev. A. C. Courtice, M.A., B.D. At Bowmanville (Bay of Quinte), by Rev. T. M. Campbell, retiring president. At Brantford, by Rev. Dr. Potts, in the church where he was ordained thirty-six years ago, in company of Dr. Langford, ex-president of Toronto Conference. At London, by Rev. Geo. Jackson, the retiring president.

All the Conferences reported an increase of members. Montreal is the smallest, but this is no marvel, seeing that for four years many parts of the Conference have been subjected to a most unhappy religious agitation which rent several societies to pieces, but this state of things is now over and some who withdrew from the Conference have returned to their first love. Here are the increases in detail: Toronto, 1,565; Montreal, 80; Bay of Quinte, 485; Hamilton, 473; London, 1,358; British Columbia, 164; Manitoba, 522. Total, 4,657.

This is indeed a gratifying report. It is also stated that 1,803 Sunday-school scholars in Hamilton Conference have joined the Church during the past year.

It is a matter of great regret that there is almost a general deficiency in the contributions to the Connexional funds. The Missionary Fund, we fear, reports the greatest deficiency. This is a most serious aspect of affairs, seeing that not only can there be no extension of the work, but the brethren on domestic missions will be the greatest sufferers.

Candidates for the ministry are more numerous than can be accepted. Some Conferences refused to receive any, and Montreal, which reported twelve applications, would only admit six. Toronto received even less. To act otherwise than the Conferences have done would have seriously burdened the funds, and rendered premature superannuations a necessity. These venerable men, some of whom would still be glad to serve the Church on small stations, do not receive the small amount to which they are entitled, owing to the deficiency in the fund. Happily the Book-Room, at its late annual meeting, set aside \$9,000 from the profits for the Superannuation Fund, or matters would have been worse than they are.

All the Conferences spoke out most earnestly on the prohibition of the liquor traffic, and insisted that the

Premier of the Dominion Legislature should fulfil his promise made prior to the election respecting the Plebiscite without any reference to direct or any other taxation, to make up the supposed loss of revenue if the question should carry.

Earl Aberdeen visited the Montreal Conference at Ottawa, and delivered a very kind address, in which he spoke with terms of great commendation of the Methodist Church, whose praiseworthy labours he had had the pleasure to witness in various parts of the Dominion. The Conference listened to his Excellency with great pleasure, and sang one verse of "God Save the Queen."

A correspondent supplies the following interesting information respecting British Columbia Conference: On the last day the Marquis Ito, Ambassador from Japan, passed through the city on his way to England for the Jubilee. He contributed \$100 towards a church for the Japanese of the city.

Ten years have passed since Toronto Conference met last in Carlton Street church, but during that period, though there has been an increase in the membership of more than 8,000, nearly fifty ministers, most of whom were present at the said Conference, have since then died. Here are a few of their names: Revs. Dr. Wood, Dr. Rose, Dr. Shaw, Dr. D. G. Sutherland, K. Creighton, T. W. Jeffery, J. W. McCallum, Dr. Pirritte, Dr. Stafford, Dr. Boyle. God buries His workmen but carries on His work. The ranks of the departed have all been filled, and others are waiting for the call of the Church that they may enter. There is a surplus of ministers, and more candidates for the sacred office than can be employed.

Rev. J. A. Jackson, S.T.L., M.D., who was ordained at Toronto Conference, accepted an appointment at Bella Bella to labour among the Indians there. A farewell meeting was held in Broadway Tabernacle, June 21st. He will be supported by the Epworth Leagues of the Central District. The Doctor was warmly greeted at the meeting and his young friends gave him tangible proofs of their affection.

JAPAN CONFERENCE.

A letter has been received, as we go to press, from Rev. Dr. Scott respecting the Conference just held. He says: "It was a time of unusual interest. The