

sustaining, 459 preaching places, forty-six new churches have been built and also fourteen parsonages. One industrial school has been erected for the Indians, and another is in course of erection. The missionary income has increased forty per cent., and the membership fifty-seven per cent., the Sabbath-schools also have increased forty per cent. Several missions have become self-sustaining and others will soon follow their example.

Changes.

There was an animated debate over the time limit question, which ended thus: A minister may remain on his circuit a fourth or even a fifth year, if three-fourths of the members of the Quarterly Board, who are present, agree to the proposal, and two-thirds of the members of the Stationing Committee vote accordingly. A minister who may be transferred must remain in his new Conference at least six years, and cannot return to his former Conference in a less period than eight years. The number of Conferences in Ontario and Quebec is reduced from six to five.

Epworth League.

On this question more than ordinary interest was felt. The young people's societies are a power in the Church and they have come to stay. The contention was whether the official name should be, Epworth League, or Epworth League of Christian Endeavour. The two principal speakers were Mr. N. W. Rowell and Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.A., B.D., both of whom maintained their respective positions with more than ordinary ability. The General Conference, by a very large majority, decided that Epworth League should be the official name, but this did not exclude Leaguers from fraternizing with their Endeavour brethren. We are glad to believe that the decision arrived at will give general satisfaction, and that there will be no friction, but all the societies will work in harmony. The matter of appointing a secretary or agent for this department is assigned to the

General Conference Special Committee on Nominations, by the boards of the League and Sunday-schools.

Superannuation Fund.

During the past year especially there has been much correspondence in the *Christian Guardian*, respecting this fund. A commission appointed by the General Conference of 1890, presented a voluminous report, which was duly considered by a committee together with various other memorials. Instead of ministers contributing twelve dollars per year as hitherto, they are to pay three per cent. of their salaries; all under \$500 are to pay fifteen dollars. Any minister who is set apart to any department outside of the pastorate is not only to contribute his three per cent., but the department which he serves is also to contribute fifty dollars in lieu of circuit contribution.

Church Union.

At the last General Conference a committee was appointed to confer with the Evangelical Association, but for some cause the association withdrew from the negotiations. Should matters be so arranged that they will wish to reopen the negotiations, the committee will welcome them.

The Protestant Episcopal Church at the beginning of the quadrennium seemed to be eager about union; but they cling so tenaciously to the historic episcopate that nothing can be accomplished.

As there are several weak missions in the Province of Quebec, all of which require financial aid from their respective denominations, the General Conference recommends that where at all practicable some of these may be brought into unison, and so prevent waste of men and money. A similar recommendation was made respecting domestic missions which overlap those of other denominations.

A federal committee was also appointed to confer with other Churches on matters common to all, promote harmony, and form combinations on public questions, and perhaps eventually secure greater