

saddle-bags ; and his place of Study *either* the cedar swamp, or the smoky, noisy log-shanty: but good sense, and the faith and love of David Stoner, were in them. Now, we have our comprehensive Conference "Course of Study," our annual District Committees for examination, and a term at Victoria College, for all the Probationers the work and funds allow us to send there. The desideratum to-day is, a Wesleyan Theological Institution for the Canada Conference, where, with the intellectual ability of a Richard Treffry, jun., and the soul-saving unction of a John Hunt, the Preachers on Trial shall fit themselves as Messengers of truth and holiness, for the roughest work of Gospel aggression. There is renown in the rugged footsteps of our Predecessors.

Of Connexional Funds there are no returns in the printed Minutes of 1830, but in 1833 the question is put, "What has been collected for the contingent expenses, and for making up the allowances of Preachers?" It would appear that what now are two Funds, the the Contingent, and the Superannuated, were then one. There were then 40 Circuits to give, and of that number 16, it is stated, gave nothing. Toronto only found £2 15s. 0d., Kingston £3 0s. 0d.; Belleville £2 5s. 0d., Brockville £0 15s. 0d. Independent of an amount from the Book Committee, the whole Connexion gave \$563. In 1860 these two Funds—besides Interests and the Home Grant—raised in Circuit and Minister's subscriptions, donations, and collections, \$8,075.

The Church Relief and Educational Funds are of recent date. The first of these, in 1860 produced \$1,460, and the second is yearly advancing in public favour ; and in all the Funds the laity of the Connexion show an increased interest.

Of the recently established Children's Fund the Report at the Conference of 1860 says, "Notwithstanding the large increase in the number of claimants, and the arrears to be provided for, the increase in the number of members this year will enable your Committee to meet all the claims next year."

The boast and joy of the Wesleyan Conference of Canada, next to its Circuit system, is its Missionary Society ; and its first announced income must have reminded our Fathers of the Baptists' maiden £13 effort—when Carey was reckoned half demented—for the establishment of the Baptist Missionary Society ! Giving our Society the benefit of four years, the local Receipts in 1834 did not reach \$800, and Simcoe paid \$9½, Grape Island, now Alnwick,