

which stood in the way of union of their Body and ours, which we trust will be consummated at an early day.

You will be glad to know that in all things pertaining to the temporalities of the Church, we are, by the blessing of God, in the enjoyment of abundant prosperity. During the past year many new churches, most of them of a fine style of architecture, have been opened for Divine worship. The income of the Missionary Society, of the Superannuation and other Funds, exhibit a gratifying increase, and our people are more than ever impressed with the importance of increased ministerial support, recognizing the value of that Scriptural maxim "The labourer is worthy of his hire."

Neither are we untrue to the traditional character of Wesleyan Methodism, in providing for the education of our young people upon Christian principles. The Wesleyan Female College at Hamilton continues to enjoy a large share of public patronage. During the past year a Collegiate Institute at Dundas, in the West, another at Stanstead, in the East, and yet another at Winnipeg, in the Far West, have been opened under the most encouraging auspices; and at this Conference arrangements have been made for the establishment of a second Female College at Whitby, Ontario. We are happy also to know that, with the payment of the amount now subscribed to the Endowment Fund of Victoria College, the Endowment itself will be an accomplished fact.

Nor have we had to mourn over the absence of spiritual power, without which sinners cannot be converted to God. But while your hearts have been gladdened by the presence of revival influence in different parts of your widely extended field of honourable toil, we too have cause for adoring gratitude and thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church,