

of the fathers whom God honoured in raising up the body, nor of the generous aid afforded us by our brethren in England, from year to year; nor yet of that solemn stewardship which the Lord Jesus Christ has so evidently entrusted to us.

We were painfully affected by applications for superannuation from the Revs. W. Rowe, J. R. Swift, and W. Lomas. The first of these brethren has rendered distinguished services to our cause in Canada. He has filled our highest offices with great credit, as pastor, general secretary, and for a short time as editor; he has laboured for many years in our midst. The sudden failure of his health is deeply regretted by the Conference. The other brethren have been equally faithful as ministers of Christ, and they all carry with them into their retirement the most affectionate esteem of the Conference. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

The Book Room, under the management of the Rev. W. Bee, has realized a marked success. The toil and anxiety incident to our removal to larger premises, and the great increase of stock, have been nobly borne by the General Book Steward. We earnestly ask for him your heartiest support. The Conference was abundantly satisfied with his first year's fidelity, let us make his second more fully prosperous.

We heartily commend to all the families of our people the "Christian Journal." The Editor, Rev. T. Guttery, has been re-appointed; and, judging from the unanimous testimony of the Districts and Conference, this measure will yield you complete satisfaction. We hope our people will largely increase the number of subscribers during the present year.

Eight young men, having completed their probation, presented themselves for ordination. The service was one of great solemnity and power. The charge delivered by the retiring president, Rev. J. Markham, was one of rare excellence. We sincerely trust the ministers thus admitted into full ministerial standing, will prove themselves worthy of the Lord's call and the connexion's confidence.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Wesleyan, New Connexion, and Bible Christian Conferences; and we hope ever to cultivate, as we desire you to do, the truest feelings of kindly fellowship towards all who love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Rev. T. Guttery and D. McLean were appointed a deputation to convey our congratulations to the Annual Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church. In return, two of their ministers visited our Conference, and expressed the warmest regard for us as brethren, and the most ardent wishes for our prosperity as a community. This reciprocation of brotherly sentiments will be as acceptable to you as to us.