

The lecture before the Theological Union was on the "Witness of the Holy Spirit," which was given by Rev. R. P. Bowles, B.D., and was deservedly commended.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

Stanstead was the place of meeting. The ministerial session was comparatively brief. Instead of a lecture as announced on the evening of the first day, a paper was read by Rev. A. M. Phillips on "The Making of a Man."

There was such a large supply of ministers that it was resolved in the future to ascertain on the first day of Conference how many additional candidates are necessary, so as not to call out more than are needed.

The educational meeting was a good one. Wesleyan Theological College reported satisfactorily, both in respect to attendance and finance. Reports from the educational institutions in the west and from the Book-Room and Editors, and Missionary and Superannuation departments, were all submitted and received very cordially.

At the memorial service obituaries were read respecting Revs. W. Briden, Alexander Shorts and G. S. Whitmore, a probationer. The Conference treated the memories of the departed most respectfully. Thirteen young men were received into full connection with the Conference and ordained. Rev. J. Mavety and Dr. Ryckman spoke for their reception, and the ordination sermon was preached by the venerable John Armstrong, who has been nearly fifty years in the ministry, all of which has been spent within the bounds of Montreal Conference. The Sabbath services were greatly enjoyed, and the holiness meeting on Saturday night was a season of power. The sermon on Sabbath evening was a baccalaureate sermon for Stanstead College, and was preached by Rev. Dr. Rose, and Dr. Ryckman addressed the students.

Revs. W. J. Hunter, D.D., J. O'Hara, W. Adams and W. Barnett were added to the list of superannuates. At the last session of the Conference it was found necessary to allow chairmen of districts to employ certain brethren, and three others were to be ordained for special purposes. The Conference was pronounced one of the most harmonious ever held. Rev. W. H. Emsley was elected chairman of district for the first time.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE.

This Conference met in Galt. The following were allowed to retire to the superannuation list: Jas. McAllister, C. Hamilton, Jas. Masson, J. T. Davis, J. H. Kennedy, Thos. Gee, C. Stringfellow and R. J. Forman. Each of these veterans addressed the Conference on their retirement; one stated that he had taken more than 2,000 members into the Church.

Ten probationers, having completed their course, were received into full connection with the Conference and ordained; six were placed on the list of reserve and three candidates were received on probation.

Mixed Conference.—On the first day a vote of sympathy and esteem was adopted for Rev. J. Scott, D.D., on his departure for Japan.

According to a previous arrangement an evening was set apart to receive the connexional officers. Rev. A. Courtice, of the *Christian Guardian*, Dr. Briggs, Book Steward, Dr. Potts, Secretary of Education, severally addressed the Conference on behalf of their respective departments. Reports from Wesleyan Ladies' College, Wesleyan College, Montreal, Alma College, St. Thomas, and Albert College. Appropriate resolutions were adopted re those institutions.

Memorial Service.—Revs. E. Bristol, S. Fear and S. Terwilliger, having died during the year, obituaries were read respecting them, and appropriate remarks were made by some of their former colleagues and fellow-labourers.

The reception service, as usual, was one of the most interesting of all that were held. Revs. Dr. J. G. Scott and J. Wakefield addressed the Conference for the reception of the class. On the Sabbath following they were ordained, when Rev. Dr. Potts, D.D., preached the sermon.

Rev. Dr. Withrow addressed the Conference on behalf of the Sunday-school publications, and Dr. Griffin made an earnest appeal for the superannuates.

Strong resolutions were adopted in favour of better observance of the Sabbath and on temperance and systematic beneficence.

The committee's report on statistics was so far gratifying, that there is an increase in the membership of 756. Most of the funds suffer by reason of the hard times.