

bequeathed to various funds for the North West, and \$5,000 for the Superannuation Fund, and 92 acres of land had been bequeathed for an Educational Institution in Manitoba, and he expected that all those amounts would be paid in 12 months.

NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The General Conference of 1886 is to be held in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto. Should a special session of the present General Conference be deemed requisite, then such special session is to be held at Belleville, at the call of the chair.

CONCLUSION.

On Wednesday, September 27th, at noon, the President addressed the Conference in feeling and appropriate terms, thanking the Conference for the kindness and forbearance which they had displayed towards him in the discharge of his duties in the chair. He had endeavoured to act impartially, and was glad that so much good feeling had prevailed in all the sessions. The way in which he had been sustained was marvellous to him, and he could only attribute his good health, and the gracious manner in which he had been sustained, to the prayers of the Conference. He believed in prayer, and asked that the prayers of the Church would still be continued, so that during the whole quadrennium, they may confidently expect the blessing of heaven to all portions of their work.

Appropriate religious services were held, and the Benediction was pronounced by the President at 1.35 p.m.

THEOLOGICAL UNION.

In our notices respecting the three Western Conferences, which were published in last month's issue, we omitted to state that at all those Conferences papers were read before the members of the branches of the Theological Union. The essayists were Rev. W. Galbraith, B.C.L., D. G. Sutherland, B.D., LL.B., and W.

S. Blackstock. It was not our privilege to hear any of the essays read, but we doubt not, from the testimony of those who were present, that all were deserving of commendation. The Montreal branch had also provided for an annual sermon, by the Rev. W. Jackson, an example which will be followed by those of other Conferences.

As we prepare these notes news reaches us that at the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Conference Union, the Rev. H. Sprague, D.D., delivered a lecture on St. Paul's Doctrine on the Atonement, which is spoken of in commendatory terms by the *Wesleyan*.

Our readers will be glad to learn that the Senate of Mount Allison College has conferred upon Rev. H. Sprague, and Rev. J. McMurray, the degree of D.D., an honour, we believe, in both instances richly deserved. May those brethren long be spared to enjoy this distinction.

Dr. Jas. A. Duncan, a few months before his death, told a friend that he was convinced that the two year limit in the pastorate was the best, and that if ever he was again in charge of a church he would not stay beyond that time.

There are 23 vacant Congregational Churches, in the State of Connecticut, looking out for a good minister; about twice that number of good ministers ready to serve them, the Congregationalist says, if an amicable arrangement could be brought about.

The Wesleyan Missionary Meeting, in London, was one of the most successful ever held. The sum of \$40,000 was raised at two meetings which extinguished the debt which has long burdened the Society. The total income for the past year exceeds \$750,000, all for foreign missions.

In South Africa between fifty and sixty native men have been received this year on trial in the Conference. They will work under the superintendency of the European missionaries, and will receive their support from the native churches.