

of having embraced and propagated doctrines which are not in harmony with the creed of Methodism.

Drs. Dewart, Potts, Griffin and Sutherland attended most of the Conferences, and represented the various departments of church work of which they have charge, and made eloquent addresses. Dr. Withrow also addressed the Toronto Conference in the interests of the MAGAZINE and Sunday-school publications, and then went eastward to attend the Maritime Conferences and Newfoundland.

The educational work was declared to be in a satisfactory condition. Dr. Potts laid before the Conferences a historical review of the Victoria University, and the following abstract of the financial standing of the Educational Society: Assets—Property, \$336,891; debentures and stocks, \$182,520; investments, \$110,297; accounts due, etc., \$6,833; total, \$636,543. Liabilities—Capital account, \$335,300; chairs, \$264,473; accounts due public, \$10,345; Contingent Fund, \$24,880; prizes, etc., \$1,544. The current revenue for the year was \$32,529, and the total subscription to the College Federation Fund to date amounted to \$512,360, and the total cash paid to date, \$404,110. The staff in Victoria College comprises ten professors and four university professors, lecturers, etc., to the number of twenty-three. Total staff available to the students, thirty-seven. The Victoria College library contains seven thousand volumes; the University of Toronto, forty thousand volumes. The number of students in attendance on lectures in Arts was 165, and in Theology, seventy-four. The Doctor satisfactorily answered the numerous questions presented to him. Recently the college chapel-walls were embellished with the portraits of the late Dr. Ryerson—first president of Victoria University—the late Chancellor Nelles. Dr. Hodgins, Justice Rose and Dr. Biggar, former pupils, addressed the assembly respecting the honoured dead.

A resolution was adopted at most of the Conferences recommending

that the *Christian Guardian* should be published at a cheaper rate. The Book Steward gratified the Conferences by announcing that \$7,000 of the profits of the Book-Room for the past year had been given to the Superannuation Fund with the probability that in future years this amount would be still further increased. The Missionary Secretary was glad that the funds had kept up so well, seeing there has been such great depression in all kinds of business. He wisely appealed for more domestic missions to become self-sustaining circuits. The demands of foreign missions are increasingly imperative, but home must not be allowed to suffer. Some of the distant missions, which are situated in poor localities, will need the fostering care of the Society for years to come, but in the near future even some of these might withdraw their claims on the Missionary Fund.

The Superannuation Fund was the subject of considerable discussion. Dr. Griffin, the treasurer, made an earnest appeal on its behalf, in which he stated at the Guelph Conference that all claims during the past year had been paid in full, and the handsome balance of \$1,719 was left in the hands of the treasurer. The capital account had been increased by \$2,713. The receipts were in excess of the previous year. From circuits the increase was \$2,092; from ministerial subscriptions, \$480; from interest, \$617, making a total increase for the year of \$3,689. From the increase the balance due the permanent fund, as per last annual statement, amounting to \$1,851, and \$500 on commutation, has also been paid. The ministerial subscriptions were \$14,238. The district collections, \$54,859; Book-Room appropriations, \$7,000; missionary appropriations, \$4,200; interest, \$102.64; donations, etc., \$882; total \$89,071; \$54,401 was the allowance given to 191 ministers; \$25,003 was the allowance granted to 149 widows, and \$1,631 was given to eighty-four children. The speaker said the average salary of to-day was not larger than it