

It is gratifying to find that the Book Room in the East is extending its business; inasmuch as the sales exceed those of the former year by \$3,554.53.

Interesting incidents were related while Educational matters were being discussed. It was stated that of the one hundred ministers composing the Conference, more than half of them had been students at Mount Allison. A conservatory of music is about to be established in connection with the ladies' department. A few large-hearted friends had contributed \$2,000 towards the object.

The summer school of science has commenced at Parrsboro'. The attractions of the school this year are greater than on any previous occasion. The most talented instructors in the various departments of natural science will be present, and direct the classes in the study of botany, zoology, geology, physics, mineralogy, physiology and elocution. It is expected that some prominent educationists from the United States will be present during the session. A course of public lectures will be delivered by the following gentlemen:—Dr. Allison, Dr. Sawyer, Dr. McNeill, Prof. Chas. McDonald, and Dr. Burwash.

Nova Scotia Conference.—Liverpool was the place where this Conference assembled. At the first session there were sixty-five ministers and eighteen laymen present. Rev. J. Teasdale was elected President, and Rev. A. D. Morton, M.A., Secretary. One new circuit and two new missions were formed. Only one probationer was received into full connexion; four candidates for the ministry were received. Two ministers who had been laid aside for some years were restored to the active work.

Dr. Stewart, the theological professor, is greatly esteemed by his brethren in the Eastern Provinces. He preached the ordination sermon at this Conference, and at one of the sessions his brethren presented him with an address, accompanied with a gold watch.

For some years the brethren in

the East suffered great pecuniary privations. The funds are now gradually improving. The increase this year for all purposes in Nova Scotia Conference exceeds \$10,000, and there is also an increase of more than 150 in the membership.

As a Church, says the *Glad Tidings*, we have our responsibility and opportunity. Methodism is nothing if not evangelistic and aggressive. In theory at least, every president, every pastor, every local-preacher, every class-leader, every prayer-leader, every hand-worker, every church member is an evangelist, whose business is to say to all, "are you a new creature in Christ Jesus." Grand theory! What about the practice? Dumb, inert, helpless. God forgive us!

Newfoundland Conference.—This Conference met at Carbonear, and was the last of the eleven Conferences of the Methodist Church to be held. It is small in numbers, but not less important on that account. The brethren are doing heroic work in this old Methodist mission field. Rev. T. H. James was chosen by his brethren to fill the presidential chair, and the Rev. W. Swan was re-elected Secretary. One venerable minister, Rev. Mr. Fox, and an influential layman, the Hon. C. R. Ayre, had finished their course. Suitable reference was made to their memory. Notwithstanding the poverty of many of the people, the contributions to the Missionary Fund were \$600 in excess of last year.

The College and Children's Home in St. John's are both doing good work, though sickness among the pupils has greatly lessened the success.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION (ENGLAND).

This Conference assembled at Dudley. The Conference was preceded by a holiness service. Rev. A. R. Pearson was elected President by acclamation, and the Rev. J. Gibson filled the position of Secretary. There has been an increase in the membership of the Church in four-