

Bishops McTyeire and Galloway, and Drs. Shedd and Kelley as their messengers to us, Dr. Hoss was equally acceptable as his honoured predecessors, and that he endeared himself to his Canadian brethren as they had done.

Principal Caven, Dr. Cochrane, Rev. J. A. Murray, M.A., and John Cameron, Esq., conveyed the Christian greetings of the Presbyterian Assembly to the Conference. Right royally did these brethren perform the duty assigned them. They even advocated organic unity between the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations, and said they could see no insuperable barriers to be overcome in accomplishing such an event.

Scarcely had they closed their fraternal visit than Mr. Cameron and Mrs. Thornley were introduced to the Conference. One presented a very kind address from the Dominion Alliance for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, and the other delivered an address on behalf of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Thornley is "out and out." She is no reed shaken with the wind, but from a full heart she pours forth burning words against the accursed traffic, nor does she spare those who are slow to espouse the cause of truth and righteousness.

Two "brothers in black," were commissioned by their respective churches to visit their white brethren, and assure them that they were true Methodists. Rev. Dr. Porter, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, astonished us as he told us that his Church, which was organized in 1816, has now nine bishops, 5,000 travelling preachers and 9,000 local preachers, 600,000 members, 500,000 Sunday-school scholars, 5,000 churches, 3,000 parsonages and twenty-three colleges.

Rev. J. T. Moore, of the British African Methodist Episcopal Church, could not present such an array of startling statistics. His Church was small, but his people claimed to be a part of the great Methodist family.

Suitable resolutions were adopted respecting all these fraternal delegations, and the Churches which

they represented would always be regarded by the General Conference as parts of the Church militant, and for the coloured Churches especially our prayer would ever be that the divisions by which they were now kept apart might soon be healed, and they would be all united under one banner.

### *The Personnel.*

As far as we have been able to make out, the laymen in attendance at this General Conference may be thus divided: There are seven medical doctors, ten lawyers, two members of parliament, one sheriff, four judges, two mayors, and two ex-lieutenant governors. Some are members of the press, and others are engaged in mercantile pursuits, and a few belong to the honourable yeomanry of the country.

### *Connexional Statistics.*

The General Conference Statistician presented an elaborate report from which we take a few figures. The increase in the membership is 27,085; 30,313 marriages had been performed, an increase of 1,064. The increase in church property, such as places of worship, parsonages, colleges, etc., has been very large considering the depression of trade. The increase of connexional funds exceeds 88,000; and for circuit purposes \$195,242. In ministerial income, while there is an increase, yet deficiencies of more than \$1,254,000 are reported for the quadrennium. The total from collections, circuit purposes and salaries exceeds \$9,000,000, being an increase of \$1,187,404.

The total missionary income for the quadrennium was \$951,332, an increase of \$94,176. The total expenditure was \$933,605. The contributions per member averaged 78½ cents. The Woman's Missionary Society has an income of more than \$37,000 a year.

Rev. J. Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions in Manitoba and the Northwest, presented an encouraging report. He had travelled more than 80,000 miles. There are 160 missions, of which sixty-six are self-