

We therefore suggest the importance of publishing in our printed Minutes the number of members deceased during the year.

We rejoice, that in the remarkable temperance revival which is now moving our land, our ministers are found in the front of the battle and the thickest of the fight, and we urge upon our people that they enthusiastically support every movement for the decrease of the evils of intemperance.

One section of our work demands special mention at the present time.

The population of the Nipissing District is rapidly increasing, and our work there is developing very hopefully. The Canadian Pacific Railway men number between two and three thousand, the lumbermen about three thousand, and the lands open for settlement are quickly being occupied. These people are in much need of the means of grace, and we hope the Conference may adopt more effective means of ministering to their spiritual wants, else they will drift into other Churches or relapse into impiety. The progress of the past and the promise of the present lead us to believe that large success awaits well-directed effort in this field.

R. WHITING, *Chairman.*  
S. D. CHOWN, *Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

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Your Committee desire most respectfully to present the following resolution, as meeting some difficulties which have constantly presented themselves to the Committee on Statistics :—

That this Conference recommend that hereafter the District Secretaries be appointed as the Committee on Statistics, with a view of closing the work of that Committee earlier in the session of the Conference, which will facilitate the work of other committees dependent upon the report of the Committee on Statistics. The increase is as follows : Taxable members, 601 ; in the total membership, 1,221.

W. PHILP, *Chairman.*  
JOSEPH HAYLOCK, *Secretary.*

(The above report was referred to the Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church.)