

during which an opportunity was given to inspect the various departments, with which all were much pleased.

Nova Scotia Conference.—This Conference met at Amherst, when Rev. Jas. Taylor was elected President. Rev. S. F. Huestis was re-elected Secretary. Rev. J. S. Ady, now in his seventieth year, was placed on the Superannuated list, a position to which he is justly entitled, having preached the Gospel for fifty years, forty-three of which he has spent within the bounds of the Eastern Conferences. Three young brethren were received into full connection and ordained. The Educational collection experienced a decrease of one hundred dollars. E. Jost, Esq., who died during the year, left a bequest of \$8,000, the interest of which is to be expended in assisting young men to prepare for the ministry. Five candidates were received on trial.

Some other friends ere they left the Church militant, made provision for the payment of certain sums of money for Church purposes in the localities where they had resided, an example which might be followed by Methodists elsewhere. A resolution was adopted recommending the General Conference to so amend the constitution of the Stationing Committee that it shall be composed of those who do not expect to remove at the coming Conference.

Revs. H. Pope, sen., and W. F. Penny, B.D., were reported as having finished their course. The former was one of the fathers, having been in the ministry more than fifty years. The latter was comparatively young and was removed when many years of usefulness were anticipated from him. The Conference appointed

Rev. S. B. Dunn as assistant editor to the Rev. A. W. Nicholson, who for the past four years has filled the double offices of Book Steward and Editor, somewhat to the injury of his health.

Methodist New Connexion Conference, England.—This was the eighty-second Conference of this denomination, and was held at Ashton-under-Lyne. One hundred and forty ministers and laymen were in attendance. Rev. J. Ogden filled the Presidential chair. It was a gratifying fact that while for a series of years there had been several instances of decline in the membership that this year there was an increase of eight hundred and seventy-two. Notwithstanding the depression of trade, churches had been built costing more than \$155,000, \$96,000 of which had been contributed. The Conference pays much attention to Bands of Hope, which is a powerful organization for good among the young.

The New Connexion Mission in China is well supported by the Conference. It deplores the continuance of the opium trade, which is such a stain on the escutcheon of England, and acts as a great barrier in the way of the success of the Gospel in that country.

Primitive Methodist Conference.—The cotton metropolis of England (Manchester) was the seat of this Conference. There is a net increase in the membership amounting to two thousand. The Missionary income exceeded \$90,000.

An interesting episode in connection with the Conference was the laying the corner-stone of a new college for educating young ministers, the cost of which was estimated at \$40,000, \$25,000 of which had been promised.