

NIAGARA CONFERENCE.

There are upwards of Twenty Missions and appropriation fields in connection with the Niagara Conference. We give a few extracts from the reports furnished by the Preachers in charge during the past year.

OIL SPRINGS.

This is a new field taken up last year. We commenced with eight members, and have now a fine class, numbering in all twenty-eight members and probationers. Many of our hearers have been transient residents, and the same fact has affected our membership. The discovery of Oil in this region brought many adventurers and visionary characters, who have come and gone without benefiting either themselves or society. Yet, on the whole, a more intelligent, enterprising and deserving community can hardly be found. Men of staunch character are assuming the control of the place, and men of high business reputation are staking their all upon the permanent resources of the same. We have erected a commodious and respectable Church, now nearly completed and paid for. If galleries are put in, it will require about \$600 to complete it. It will then accommodate eight hundred persons. Without a gallery, as at present, it will not contain the congregations which occasionally assemble there. The Missionary has the opportunity of preaching at this place to many who are not accustomed to attend Methodist meetings, but who throw off a little of the old restraint in visiting this new country. Hundreds of visitors from other countries have here obtained their first knowledge of Episcopal Methodism in Canada; and many who have not been in the habit of listening to the sound of the Gospel in any church, have found their way into one of the churches here for the want of other attractions in this new place.

GODERICH.

On this field of labor, God has been pleased to revive his work this year. We held a "Protracted Meeting" in the Town of Goderich, and eighteen united with the M. E. Church. There was only one public prayer meeting in connection with the church when I came to the Circuit, now we have five or six during the week. There have been three conversions amongst the Sabbath-School children. There are only three appointments on the Circuit—the congregations in each of these are good. We have no Local Preachers or Exhorters on the Circuit. There are thirty-five members in full connection, and twelve on "probation," the remaining six who united on trial having removed to other Circuits. There are evidences of increased spirituality amongst the members, especially in town; and considering the strong influence brought to bear against Methodism in the place—all things being considered—we have reason to be thankful for the tokens of success which have been manifested.

BOSANQUET.

This Circuit has appointments in the Townships of Bosanquet, Adelaide and Warwick. There are twelve preaching places, one hundred and eighty-one members, and a full board of officers. This work is in a good state, spiritually.