

greatly endeared himself to the brethren by his faithful attendance and wise counsels.

The brethren in the East are as much alive to the evils of the liquor traffic as those in the West, hence this Conference not only passed strong condemnatory resolutions, but also released Rev. J. S. Coffin from circuit work that he might give his whole time to the advocacy of temperance under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CONFERENCE.

This Conference assembled at Marysville, N.B., June 14, when the Rev. R. Wilson was elected President, and the Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., Secretary. There were fifty-seven ministers and twenty-five laymen present at the opening of Conference.

The missionary income reported an increase of \$194.90, but the Educational Fund reports a small decrease. A Children's Fund is maintained which pays \$37 per annum to each child under a certain age.

Dr. Lathern, Editor of the *Wesleyan*, addressed the Conference on the claims of the Connexional organ and the Book Room. The number of subscribers to the *Wesleyan* has greatly increased, and the affairs of the Book Room present many tokens of prosperity.

#### MANITOBA CONFERENCE.

The city of Winnipeg was highly favoured during the month of June, inasmuch as the Presbyterian Assembly and the Methodist Conference both were held there; the latter commencing its session on June 16th.

There were forty-two ministers and nearly as many laymen present at the opening. Rev. A. Stewart, B.D., was elected President, and the Rev. J. M. Harrison, Secretary. Rev. Dr. Williams, General Superintendent, was also present and greatly aided the Conference by his valuable counsels.

Temperance, Reception, Educational, Sunday-school and Mission-

ary meetings were held as at all the other Conferences. The poor Indians suffer greatly from the conduct of wicked men. The Conference passed resolutions which it is hoped will assist to bring about a better state of things.

The report of the Sunday-schools was gratifying. There are now ninety-eight schools, an increase of fourteen. Officers, teachers and scholars have greatly increased; four hundred and thirty-three of the latter have professed conversion.

The Sunday services were greatly enjoyed, including the ordination sermon by the General Superintendent, and the evening's discourse by the ex-President, Rev. A. Langford.

It was gratifying to learn that the membership had increased to six thousand one hundred and ninety-two, an increase of one thousand and thirty-four, or twenty per cent. The receipts for the year including all purposes show an increase of \$14,627.23, or twenty-eight per cent. over last year's receipts. Better evidence of prosperity cannot be found anywhere. The Methodists in the North-West are alive to the interests of their Church, and they hope soon to have a College established in Winnipeg, both for higher education and the training of young men for the ministry.

#### THE DEATH ROLL.

*Montreal Conference.*—The Rev. Luther Houghton died April 10, 1887. He was received as a candidate for the ministry in 1853, was ordained in 1855, and travelled until 1859, when he took a super-numerary relation and settled in Brockville, where he remained until called to his eternal home. He was deservedly esteemed, and greatly aided the Church until physically disabled.

The Rev. John Walton, a native of Alston, England, where he had a good Methodist training and learned to exercise his gifts as a local preacher. He came to Canada and was received as a candidate for the ministry in 1885, and travelled until