

GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORTS.*

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The Educational Society.

The income has increased during the quadrennium over the former, but since 1892 there has been a declension. During the current quadrennium, with an educational collection being taken in all the Sunday-schools, as recommended, as well as in the churches, there should certainly be an advance all along the line.

Six colleges are aided by this collection, viz., Wesley College, Newfoundland, which receives the total of what is raised within the bounds of that Conference; Mount Allison gets fourteen per cent.; Montreal Wesleyan Theological College eighteen per cent.; Wesley College, Winnipeg, eighteen per cent., with all that the Manitoba Conference raises for the Society; Victoria College fifty per cent., out of which \$500 per annum has been paid to Albert College, Belleville, during the past quadrennium.

Since the General Conference of 1890, Victoria College has been erected in Toronto at an expense, including furnishing, etc., of \$222,000, every cent of which has been paid, and the magnificent building is free from debt. There is an endowment of \$289,353.44, which is much below the requirements of the institution. It is gratifying to know that in the University Federation movement, there are 5,109 names recorded with subscriptions amounting to \$512,360.05, of which \$404,110.61 has been paid; of this number 633 ministers subscribed \$33,703.80, of which \$25,334.64 has been paid.

As ministerial students are greatly aided by means of loans from the Educational Society, the amount from collections should be greatly increased, as the aid rendered to those worthy young men is not

equal to the requirements. During the past year 167 students were in attendance, besides Divinity students not taking Arts work. This is the largest number in the history of the institution.

St. John's College, Newfoundland.

The great fire of 1892, which destroyed half the city, consumed the Methodist College. Temporary premises were secured, until the new structure could be erected. By the time this article is printed, the new building, which cost more than \$60,000, will have been opened. The aggregate attendance for the quadrennium was 344. The friends in Newfoundland are among the most generous in Methodism considering their means. Their brethren in the West gave them practical sympathy during the period of their great fire, by sending to their relief the sum of \$10,000. In addition to rebuilding the college the noble people are taking steps towards founding a home for the orphan children of ministers.

Mount Allison University.

This institution consists of several departments, including the Female College. During the quadrennium two fine halls were erected, known as the Black Memorial Hall and Beethoven Hall, and now a university residence and art gallery are in course of erection, either of which would be a credit to any institution of learning. During the last New Brunswick Conference, which met at Sackville, the seat of the university, the brethren raised nearly \$900 toward furnishing the new university residence.

This university began its course in July, 1862, and has had an honourable history. Its graduates are to be found in many lands;

* Not being able to write fully concerning these in our last issue, we have determined to write a special article concerning them.