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consecrated to the mission cause. He urged greater comity, or co-operation, among the denominations, in reference to the evangelization of heathen people, and also at home, declaring that the present system caused a great waste of money and effectually retarded the onward march of the kingdom of God. A large choir was present, and sang several fine selections, the instrumental duet by Mr. C. Robson and Miss Gertie Robson being especially enjoyable.

MORNING SESSION—FRIDAY.

The Conference opened at 9:30. Rev. J. H. White and Mr. David Spencer engaged in prayer. The first order of business was a resolution of thanks to Rev. Mr. Whittington, for the admirable way in which he has conducted the business of the Conference during the year.

It was moved by Rev. C. Ladner, and seconded by D. Spencer, Esq., and carried with acclamation.

The President assured the brethren of his appreciation of the vote.

The following complimentary resolu-

tion was passed by Conference by a rising vote: Moved by Rev. C. Ladner, seconded by James Tuttle, Esq., that whereas the Rev. J. C. Speer is removing to the Toronto Conference, and, whereas during the three years of his membership in this Conference, we have known his gifts as a preacher, his unqualified loyalty to Methodism, and his earnest zeal in the work of the Christian ministry. Resolved, that, in his departure to another portion of the Lord's vineyard, he will retain a prominent place in the affections of his brethren of the B. C. Conference, and we pray for his continued success in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, wherever he may be called to labor.

Rev. Mr. Speer was called to the platform, and assured the Conference that he was still one in heart with the brethren, and would always treasure his experience in B. C. as a very precious opportunity. His only reason for removal was the condition of his wife's health, which demanded a change.

The various districts then reported memorials and resolutions, dealing with matters of deficits of salaries of home missionaries, and the medical expenses of various ministers, who have been ill. Permission to sell property from Cloverdale and Golden, were referred to the respective committees.

PATRIOTIC RESOLUTION.

The enthusiasm and loyalty of the Conference was stirred by a patriotic resolution presented by Rev. E. E. Scott and Rev. W. W. Baer regarding the South African situation. The patriotism of Methodism is beyond dispute, which was clearly evinced by the unanimous standing vote and the singing of "God Save the Queen."

The resolution was as follows:

Whereas our Mother Country, Great Britain, is engaged at this time in a great war for civic and religious liberty in South Africa, we, the members of the B. C. Conference of the Methodist Church, ministers and laymen here assembled, desire to express our conviction of the righteousness of Britain's cause, and, while we deplore the necessity and the awful carnage of war, and mourn with the families of those bereaved by this conflict, and pray this struggle may soon be brought to a close, with the minimum of loss to life and property, yet we sincerely pray the God of Battles to give success to the cause of British arms, believing that the native races will be vastly benefited thereby, that the cause of liberty will be enhanced, that commercial and industrial prosperity will reign evermore, and that, on every hand, there shall be more room for the coming kingdom of God.

THANKS TO EX-SECRETARY.

A hearty vote of thanks to retiring Secretary J. P. Howell was carried with loud applause. Mr. Howell served the Conference in that capacity for five years, and discharged his duty in an acceptable manner.

A memorial was presented to the Conference, regarding the very great disparity of grants given to the denominational schools for Indians in the Province, by the Dominion Government. The facts showed that the Roman Catholics have got the biggest share of the

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loaf. The attention of the proper authorities will be called to the matter.

The College Board was called to report at four o'clock this afternoon.

A resolution of sympathy with Rev. A. M. Sanford, and with the Sandom Methodist Church, lately sufferers by the fire, was passed by the Conference and a committee appointed, consisting of Rev. J. A. Wood and Messrs. David Spencer and A. C. Wells, to devise some methods of securing practical aid.

Rev. J. F. Betts moved for a committee to arrange a plan to further the objects of the forward evangelistic movement.

Mr. David Spencer, of Victoria, was elected to represent British Columbia at the great Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, in London, Eng., in 1901.

The Conference then adjourned for lunch

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. E. E. Scott and A. C. Wells led the Conference in prayer. The minutes were approved.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The report of the Board of Examiners of students for the Ministry was received. The following students had been successful:—G. K. Bradshaw, first year; R. H. Pearson, second year; R. Hughes, first and second years; W. G. Mahon, first year; D. W. Scott, second and part of third; C. W. Nelson, second year. The expenses of the Board were referred to the Educational Fund for payment. The Board remains the same as last year, with the addition of Rev. J. F. Betts, and the substitution of E. S. Rowe for Rev. J. C. Sprer. The report was adopted.

The Conference received an appeal from T. G. Williams, of St. James's

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