

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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THE EASTERN CONFERENCES.

Nova Scotia.—Yarmouth was the place of meeting. The Stationing Committee completed their first draft of stations in two sessions. Three new missions were established. The Conference opened on the day appointed with a prayer-meeting, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Rev. J. Teasdale, President for the past year, presided. Two hundred persons partook of the sacred elements.

During the first session seventy ministers and twenty-nine laymen were in attendance. Only two transfers had been made into the Conference and one was transferred to Newfoundland Conference. One minister resigned and went to the United States, and another, who resigned last year, returned and was received. Rev. T. W. Smith, the historian of Methodism in Eastern British America, was elected President, and the Rev. J. G. Angwin, Secretary.

General Superintendent Carman and Dr. Dewart were present at the Eastern Conferences. Their presence was greatly appreciated. The public services—missionary, educational and temperance—were all numerously attended. The net increase of missionary income is \$321.18. The Educational Fund reports an increase of \$87.12. The Sustentation Fund reported a decrease of \$95.09. Its total income was \$1,560.21, which was distributed among the brethren labouring on thirty-nine poor missions.

The report from the Statistical Committee contained many interesting items. There is an increase of ten ministers in four years; 1,325 members, twenty-one churches and six parsonages have been built during the quadrennium, being an increase of church property amounting to

\$119,080, and also an increase of ministerial support \$1,709.63.

Two evangelists had been employed during the year, only \$100 was required on their behalf from the Evangelistic Fund. Their labours were made a great blessing to many.

Four ministers had died during the year. A memorial service was held, when honourable mention was made of the venerable Thomas Angwin, sixty years in the ministry. James Buckley, fifty-four years an itinerant; A. F. Weldon and — Bond, all of whom had done good service for the Master, and their names are cherished by their brethren.

Sabbath was a great day, Revs. Dr. Carman and J. A. Rogers were the preachers in the Conference Church, when large congregations were delighted with their soul-thrilling discourses. The love-feast was a season of spiritual enjoyment, led by Rev. G. C. Huestis; and the Sunday-school meeting was one which edified the little folks.

The report of the Memorial Committee contained several recommendations, all of which will be considered at the General Conference. One is for an extension of the ministerial term, and another requests candidates and probationers to submit a written sermon in connection with their examination.

The Sunday-school Report was grand — 235 conversions were reported there are only 226 schools, but they raised \$1,198 20 for missions.

One of the speakers at the Missionary meeting was a lady, Mrs. McCoy, who represented the Woman's Missionary Society. Her speech was an earnest appeal on behalf of the heathen women, which created great sympathy among the audience. The Woman's Missionary