

doing and getting good which were then within their reach. He viewed with very great pleasure the growth and greatness of the western section of our young Dominion, and especially the enterprises and successes of the Christian Churches. He cited several illustrations showing the inseparable connection which existed between duty and success—a connection that was found in secular as well as in religious enterprises. He said, in reference to the mission of the Church, notwithstanding all the difficulties she had to encounter, and the dangers she had to confront, there was no doubt as to the final result—success was promised, and the promise has never yet failed.

The CHAIRMAN then called on the Rev. Dr. WOOD, Senior Secretary of the Missionary Society, to read an abstract of the General Report, of which the following are brief extracts: "The first year of the second half-century of the existence of this Society stands associated with memorable records of the Church's history. Measures have been completed for the entire consolidation of Methodism in the Dominion of Canada, by the constitution of one General Conference, whose legislative authority extends to the Islands of Bermuda in the south, and to the newly formed missions in the west and north, of Fort Simpson and Nelson River. True, Newfoundland and the Bermudas are not at present included in this new Dominion; but whatever may be the political destiny of these islands, they are now committed to our care so far as the spiritual welfare of the Wesleyan Societies in these localities are concerned. The year has also been marked by the fusion of the two bodies of Methodists known as Wesleyan and the New Connexion. The Central Board express their admiration of the free and generous consent of the Parent Society to their transfer of their valuable interests in the Church properties, to which they held legal titles, and erected by virtue of the labours of their missionaries whom they had supported, and in some instances to which they had given timely and generous appropriations for their sacred purposes. Encouraging testimonies were read from the missionaries labouring on the Pacific Coast, Japan, among the Indian, French and German populations, and on the domestic missions in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conferences, exhibiting steady progress in the material and spiritual elements of missionary work. New openings, for which additional labourers are earnestly requested, present themselves on many of the fields of labour.

"The following summary presents the statistics of the Society:—383 missions, 392 missionaries, 30,070 communicants in church membership, 31 day schools among the Indians, 31 teachers, 25 interpreters, 5 ministers supplying small bands of Indians, with 13 native assistants; making a paid agency in the Missionary Department of the Methodist Church of 466."

Rev. A. SUTHERLAND, Secretary-Treasurer, read the financial returns, showing the entire income from all sources for the year to be \$147,168, and the expenditure for the same period \$185,268, leaving a balance of expenditure over income for the year \$38,100.

The Hon. J. J. ROGERSON, Finance Minister of Newfoundland, moved the adoption of the report. Mr. Rogerson furnished most interesting information respecting the mission work which Methodism had accomplished on his island. Twenty years ago the cause was small and feeble, and the opposition strong and influential. But all this is now passed. The work is advancing beyond expectation. Enemies have turned into friends. In the last four years the body had increased thirty-five per cent. During the year just closed 600 members had been added to the Church, and 1,200 had been received on trial, whilst some twenty labourers had been sent out into the vineyard. Mr. Rogerson said his island home was not as wealthy as the