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### THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

Yesterday's Session Was Interesting—Report of Deacons' Home—Memorial Service.  
St. Thomas, June 7.—To-day's session was one of very much interest to the whole London Conference. Miss E. Jean Scott, superintendent of the Deacons' Home, Toronto, was very cordially received, and addressed the conference in behalf of the work done at that school. Her report showed much progress in the training of young women for the work of the church. A resolution of appreciation of the work done at the Deacons' Home was unanimously passed by the conference.  
David Flew of Brantford was received, and briefly addressed the conference. He has spent much of his earlier life as a local preacher, having preached in every conference in Canada but one.  
Rev. Dr. Orme of Buffalo, a former Canadian Methodist minister, and brother of Dr. Orme of London, was introduced, and briefly addressed the conference re the relation of the church to the opening of the Pan-American fair on the Sabbath Day. He hoped the conference would send a strong resolution against the opening of the fair on that day to the president of the Board of Directors of the Exposition.  
Rev. Joseph Phillips, secretary of the Examining Board of the London Conference, presented the report of that board. Eleven probationers were successful in passing the examinations.  
Rev. Thomas Phillips and Robert Hicks were given permission to pursue the B.D. course.  
The session closed with the annual memorial service. The following ministers died during the year: Thomas Crew, Richard Service, William Norton, Thomas Webster, S. G. Staples, A. E. Griffith, Montreal were read in each case the resolutions adopted by the conference. Many touching tributes were paid to the deceased brethren.

**Independent Forestry.**  
The monthly statement handed out by the supreme secretary shows that the accumulated fund on May 31 amounted to four millions seven hundred and eight thousand and forty-two dollars, being an increase during the month of almost fifty thousand dollars. During the month of May two thousand eight hundred and forty-six applications were considered by the Medical Board, of which two thousand and four hundred and seventy-one were accepted. Of this number Ontario gave four hundred and thirty-three. From the way in which the applications are coming in for June the prospects are that the month will prove a record breaker. The supreme treasurer, H. A. Collins, returned to the city on Thursday, after an extended tour thru Michigan in the interests of the order.

**Law Should Be Amended.**  
New York, June 7.—The jury in the trial of Benjamin Adams, accused of violation of the Sunday law in Yonkers by playing golf on Sunday, brought in a verdict of not guilty, and recommended that the Sunday law be amended so as not to interfere with the innocent amusements of citizens on Sunday.

### TOO MANY MINISTERS NOW

Rev. Dr. Woodworth Predicts Disaster if a Halt is Not Called and Attacks Superannuation Fund.

### DR. GRIFFIN REFUTES THE CHARGE.

Says There is No Decline in the Fund—Four Probationers Received into Full Connection.

The excitement ran high yesterday at the Toronto Methodist Conference, in consequence of the impending ministerial disaster predicted by the Missionary Society in the morning and the vehement defence made by Dr. Griffin in the afternoon. The objectionable statements appeared in the report of Rev. Dr. Woodworth, superintendent of missions, which were read in his absence by Rev. Dr. Sutherland.

**Too Many Ministers.**  
The great obstacle confronting the committee, said the doctor, was the superfluity of ministers, crowded into congested centres, while the great west and the foreign fields were in need of the very men who were tumbling over each other at home without a station. This state of affairs contributed tremendously to eat up the superannuation fund. By the dozen, and even by the score, could ministers be counted who had been superannuated simply because there were no stations for them. It cost \$5000 more to maintain these in 1900 than in 1898, while there was a decline in contributions to the superannuation fund. By the dozen, and even by the score, could ministers be counted who had been superannuated simply because there were no stations for them. It cost \$5000 more to maintain these in 1900 than in 1898, while there was a decline in contributions to the superannuation fund.

"We have more men than we can support," cried the doctor. "We are coming up against a stone wall in missionary and superannuation funds. I predict an overwhelming disaster, unless we call a halt."

**The Remedy Suggested.**  
Dr. Sutherland suggested as a remedy the combining of a lot of little circuits into fewer circuits of larger proportions, where a minister could be paid a respectable salary, that would enable him to work like a man.

Chancellor Burwash, in presenting the report of Victoria College, urged the formation of a Methodist historical society for the preservation of articles of interest in Canadian Methodism.

**Dr. Griffin Refutes the Charge.**  
In the afternoon Rev. Dr. Griffin, secretary of the superannuation fund, in presenting his report, emphatically denied the statement in Dr. Woodworth's report that there was a decline in the support of the superannuation fund. Dr. Woodworth said he had been predicting ruin for the said fund, because the country was importing more than it was exporting. Dr. Woodworth argued a diminution in the contributions to the fund, because the receipts for 1901 were \$51,000, and for 1900 only \$48,000. But this reduction was explained at once by the fact that in 1900 \$48,000 was all that had been demanded for expenditure.

If the expenditure was \$10,000 less than it should be, said Dr. Griffin, it was because the general conference had levied it by that amount. There was absolutely no cause for alarm. For the past five years the receipts of the superannuation fund had been equal to the expenditures. The fund was standing on its own basis, and always would while he had charge of it.

**Have Confidence in Dr. Griffin.**  
After a lengthy and interesting examination of the conference, Dr. Griffin took his seat. Rev. Mr. A. Browning moved a resolution of confidence in the administration of the fund. It was adopted with the hearty applause of Rev. C. W. Welch, Rev. Dr. Smith and Rev. Mr. Starr, three ministers who have been transferred to the Toronto Conference, addressed the delegates briefly. Rev. W. F. (Moreau) Wilson, president of the Hamilton Conference, and Rev. Thomas Morrow, secretary of the same, were also on the platform, and favored the members with a couple of neat speeches.

**A Flourishing Institution.**  
Rev. Dr. Hare, principal of the Ontario Ladies' College, Windsor, gave a very encouraging report of the condition of that institution, at the conclusion of which the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That this Conference desires to congratulate the distinguished principal and members of the board on the completion of another successful year in its history. The different courses of study pursued and the high standard of attainment reached by the students amply attest the scholarship and efficiency of the staff, and afford to this Conference and the people of this province, irrespective of denominational differences, cause of thankfulness for the existence of such an institution; and we most heartily commend this excellent college to the continued support of all parents who desire to obtain for their daughters the highest form of education in the midst of associations which are truly Christian, and, at the same time, in August.

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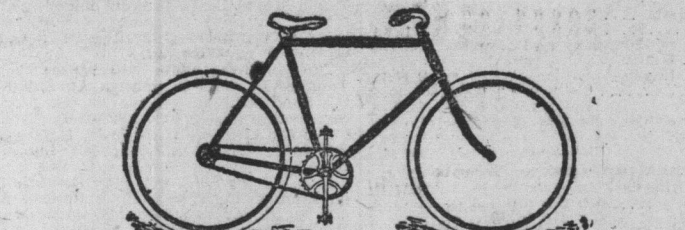
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### CLEAN-UP OF \$15,000,000.

**Spring is the Busy Season for the Army of Telling Miners in the Klondike.**  
Dawson, May 21, via Seattle, Wash., June 7.—The spring clean-up season is in full swing in all parts of the Klondike camp. Millions of dollars worth of gold dust has been washed from the pay dirt taken out by the army of telling miners thru the long, weary months of winter. Within a month \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000 more will have been taken out and the washing of the winter dumps will then be finished. The spring clean-up of the camp is estimated at \$10,000,000, and the sum output at \$10,000,000. Gold dust is now coming in Dawson at the rate of \$30,000 to \$40,000 a day. After it and it will flow in at a heavier rate. Two banks here are busier than they have been for months buying and receiving the dust for storage. The big trading companies are receiving a great deal of dust in payment for goods advanced to the miners. During the winter, the camp is in a flourishing state.

**A Magazine for the Blind.**  
The first number of a monthly magazine entitled, "Voices of Light," has been issued in New York point by the Canadian Printing House for the Blind, Montreal, subscription price \$1 a year in advance. A sample copy will be sent free to any address in Canada, the United States, B. B. F. Robinson, secretary, Canadian Printing House for the Blind, Montreal, Ont., Canada.

**People Take Trout Preserve.**  
Mr. H. J. Temple, of Maple, has been visiting in the city since yesterday morning, a trout that weighed one pound four ounces, fourteen inches long and two years old, caught by a fly by Toronto lady Thursday morning in the Temple Creek reserve at Maple. The trout was such a fine specimen that Mr. Dave had it put in the window of his popular restaurant, where it attracted a great deal of attention.

**Will Not Visit the Yukon.**  
Ottawa, June 7.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will not visit the Yukon this summer. He will probably accompany the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York to the coast in September, and this will prevent him going north. Hon. Clifford Sifton and Hon. J. Israel Tarte will go to the Yukon, leaving here, if possible, sometime in August.

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