

take up his crown. One day his feet and hands and heart were plodding most centrally in the path of duty, the next he was called up higher to receive his reward. No day of respite came between.

"Our brother the haven hath gained,
Outflying the tempest and wind;
His rest he hath sooner obtained,
And left his companions behind."

The death of Dr. Williams, one of our general superintendents, and also that of Dr. Pickard, who had been for a great number of years connected with our educational work, are realized as great losses to our church. The benefits of their work have been felt from the centre to the circumference of our church on this side of the Atlantic. How needful it is that everyone, whether officer or member of our church, use his talents well—"work while it is day, since the night will soon come when no man can work." It is the happy privilege of every one to say with Paul, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Brethren, "may the God of all grace who hath called us unto eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." Amen.

Signed, on behalf of the Conference,

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REPORT.

We have pleasure in submitting our report of the work of the Theological Union for the past year.

The membership now stands at forty; besides these, there are six lay subscribers to the *Canadian Methodist Quarterly*. In proportion to its numbers, the Newfoundland Conference has a larger membership than any other, and has received emphatic compliment at headquarters for the same. However, there is still room for increase in this particular, especially among the laity of our church. The organ of the Union—the *Canadian Methodist Quarterly*—is winning general encomiums. It has undoubtedly a mission of unique usefulness, which it is duly fulfilling. At the Carbonear Conference, last year, the Rev. R. W. Freeman preached, and the Rev. T. H. James, President of Conference, lectured, before the society. The efforts of the honored brethren afforded the Conference a bracing mental relaxation from ordinary routine business. A resume of the lecture has found a permanent form in the January Number of the *Quarterly*. The Union has a balance in hand of \$14.92, which is held in trust as the nucleus of a library fund. The collection taken at Conference goes to augment this. The society would be grateful for liberal donations toward this object. Smallness of stipend and isolation, such as ministers in this country have to bear, are twin evils that tend disastrously to clog and discourage intellectual aspiration and achievement. A *circulating library* would be of incalculable benefit. Carlyle has said in effect that were books *are*, a University *is*. Will not our men of wealth help to give each minister the inestimable advantage of a University in his own house?

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