

the Church. Such societies are almost sure to be disintegrating, and not connexional. He strongly advised all contributions to be made through the proper channels, otherwise irregularities and confusion were sure to ensue.

A Welcome Visitor.—Rev. F. W. Warne, B.D., of Calcutta, received a cordial welcome from his old friends. He stated that the M. E. Church in India was making marvellous progress. Eight years ago there were 11,000 members, now there are 107,000. The baptisms averaged 1,000 monthly for eight years, and 50,000 were waiting at the present time for the rite to be performed.

Young People's Rally.—This was a grand affair. Mr. Nixon told of the early days of Sunday-schools in Winnipeg, when he knew of a school with ten scholars; now there are in the Conference 249 schools, 13,235 scholars, an increase of 697 over last year. Rev. A. C. Crews, the General Secretary, gave an address brimful of information respecting the Epworth League movement.

The Sunday-school Committee's report was large, and contained many encouraging items. The Statistical Committee's report was full of hard facts. The increase of members was 556. There was an increase in the Connexional Funds of more than \$1,800, \$5,612 more had been paid to ministerial support than in the previous year, and for all purposes the increase was \$21,536.51. There is an increase of nineteen in the number of ministers, and the average salary is \$670, and of probationers \$308.

Wesley College.—Principal Sparling reported an income of \$11,023, and an expenditure of \$11,391. The various places in the Conference accept a tax upon their receipts for the support of the college, which is highly creditable. There were 130 students in attendance last year, of whom seventy-two were new. This year sixty-six competed in the University examinations, and six medals and six scholarships had been won. Special mention was made of the kindness of the late H. A. Massey, Esq., and family. Apportioned to attend college, twenty-eight probationers to Wesley, six to Victoria, one to Mount Allison, and one to medical college.

On the recommendation of the Stationing Committee, two new missions were formed and another was restored for one year. Three young men were allowed to be employed under chairmen. Rev. W.

H. Colpitts was made superannuate on account of ill health.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

The city of New Westminster was the place of meeting. At the temperance meeting, Rev. W. Barraclough dwelt largely on the Indian aspect of the question. Dr. Griffin gave some hard thrusts at those who claim to be temperance men and vote for antis. The missionary meeting came next. C. M. Tate, a veteran among the Indians, gave many facts. Dr. Sutherland gave a detailed report of the state of missions in all the Conferences. He made an earnest appeal for increased contributions.

Dr. Griffin took ample time in Conference in the presence of ministers and laymen to plead on behalf of the Superannuation Fund. He insisted that it was no charity, neither was it an assurance, but a matter of contract, of justice and right. These points were made clear. He reminded the Conference that notwithstanding multiplied city appointments, the average yearly salary did not exceed \$600.

Mr. Crews dwelt largely on the Epworth League movement, and thought that a society which can leap from one to a million and a half in a few years, possessed potentialities which are illimitable. He made it clear that the League was the hope of the Church, of missions, of temperance, etc.

Question Drawer.—Drs. Griffin and Sutherland were asked many questions relating to finance and the peculiarities that pertain to British Columbia, more especially in Kamloops District. New missions are often a great difficulty, and great care is needed not to increase their number too rapidly; two-thirds of a missionary's salary should be guaranteed before the mission is begun.

Columbia College, in despite of the hard times, had done well. Again Mr. Massey's benevolence had been of paramount value. It is intended to assess the circuits for the support of the college in a manner similar to that adopted on behalf of the Superannuation Fund.

The Chinese work is prospering. A missionary is requested to labour among the Japanese. The president of the Conference is appointed to a place which was only opened a year ago, a church has been built, and he contemplates erecting a parsonage, mainly with his own hands.

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