

introduced, and welcomed the Conference to their town.

Death had also visited this Conference, and snitten down the Rev. James Broley. He was highly esteemed, and was a minister of more than ordinary ability.

Bay of Quinte Conference.—This Conference assembled at Napanee. Rev. Osborn Lambly, M.A., was elected President. There was a numerous attendance both of ministers and laymen.

Only two probationers had completed their course and were ordained. The addresses of Professor Wallace and Rev. C. Parker were among the best we ever heard. Two districts were transferred to this Conference from Toronto Conference at the last General Conference, which caused some anxiety at the time; but, we were glad to see that the brethren particularly concerned were very cordially received, and were awarded a fair share of the honours of Conference.

British Columbia Conference.—This Conference and that of Manitoba were the only Conferences that the General Superintendent, Dr. Carman, and the Missionary Secretary, Dr. A. Sutherland, were able to attend. Their presence greatly pleased the brethren.

The city of Victoria was the place of meeting; twenty-five ministers answered to their names at the first

roll-call. One minister resigned; thirteen young men had agreed to go to British Columbia, and should they all be transferred they will be a great accession to the ministerial ranks. A Chinese brother, Chan Sing Kai, was received on trial for the ministry.

Rev. C. Watson was elected President, but as he declined the honour, the Rev. J. F. Betts was chosen to occupy the position, and the Rev. J. H. White was elected Secretary.

The Boys' Home at Port Simpson is doing much good; seven boys are now being cared for, though there is accommodation for twenty. A delegation from the Woman's Missionary Society addressed the Conference.

Bishop Cridge, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, visited the Conference, and delivered a very kind, fraternal address.

Rev. Dr. Driver, from Oregon, also visited the Conference, and preached on the Sabbath. His address to the Conference was full of pleasantry.

Six new missions were recommended to be formed, and suitable supplies were strongly urged to be sent immediately to Port Simpson, Naas and Kit-a-maat.

A lecture was delivered by the Rev. Jos. Hall, on "Points of Comparison in Methodist Theology with that of other Churches."

The Conference adopted a very hearty resolution, asking Rev. Dr. Douglas to visit them next year.

Book Notices.

Civilization, an Historical Review of its Elements. By CHARLES MORRIS. Author of "The Aryan Race," "A Manual of Classical Literature," etc. Two volumes, 12mo, over 1000 pages. Chicago. S. C. Griggs & Co. Toronto: William Briggs.

History nowadays has come to be studied, not so much as a record of facts, but as the philosophy of experience, and elucidation of great principles, trends and tendencies.

Professor Morris takes a broad view of the sweep and development of civilization in the past, and anticipates therefrom its progress in the future. He treats almost every aspect of the progress of the race, from its primitive condition to its highest civilization. He shows the influence of environment, the effect of political isolation in China, Egypt and India; progress promoted by commerce, and in less degree by war. He traces the principles of political progress