

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

*tor.* Mr. Robinson addressed the Conference some parting words, contrasting their present condition with that of the Connexion when he first came among them, 19 years ago, and expressive of his desire to keep up acquaintance with them by occasional correspondence from the great city of London, England, the metropolis of the world. He hoped, when the term of his engagement with his English brethren had closed, to come back to his beloved Canada.

The Conference agreed to meet in 1871, in Owen Sound.

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**THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE** met in Alice Street Church, Toronto, on the 3rd of the same month. Rev. J. R. Swift, of Toronto, was elected President, and the Rev. Geo. Wood, Secretary. Rev. Prof. Wild, of Albert College, expressed the earnest desire that a union would soon be effected between the Episcopal and Primitive Methodist, and wished the Conference to give this question a favorable consideration. Rev. Mr. Boyle delivered the annual sermon in the evening. We regret that we are unable to furnish any further particulars of the meeting.

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**THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE** met at Bowmanville, on Thursday, June 2nd. Mr. Pascoe was re-elected President. Rev. E. Roberts was re-elected Secretary; Rev. W. Hodnet, Journal Secretary, and T. W. Gover, Joint Secretary. The Conference sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Roberts, who took his text from ii. Kings, vii, 9. The duties, dangers and resolves of the church were clearly and powerfully delineated. The brethren who had fulfilled their term of probation, having passed a satisfactory examination, were received into full connection. Four brethren were received as probationers.

Statistics were read, from which it appeared that there are now 61 ministers, 214 local preachers, an increase of 5 chapels; 5,150 members, or an increase during the year of 165.

On Sabbath, sermons were preached on behalf of the Missionary Society—in the morning by Rev. D. Cantlon, on Revelations i, 12, 18. Rev. W. Jolliffe preached in the afternoon from the words in Proverbs xi, 30. Rev. W. Hooper occupied the pulpit in the evening, and preached on Isaiah liii, 11.

The report of the Society showed receipts \$8,000; but a heavy debt embarrasses its operations.

The subject of Union with the New Connexion Methodists was earnestly discussed, but nothing was done beyond the adoption of the following resolution:—That we hereby acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the Methodist New Connexion Conference, now in Session in Northport, breathing a very kindly Christian feeling, which we most heartily reciprocate. Relative to the question of organic Union between the two denominations, we respectfully submit that in view of some difference of opinion among both preachers and laity, here and in England, it is inexpedient, at least for the present, to entertain the question of organic Union. Nevertheless, our Connexional Committee will be instructed to act on this question as may to them seem desirable during the coming year.

A strong resolution was also passed pledging the body to a more hearty co-operation with the promoters of the Temperance Reform.

The next meeting will be held in Exeter, on the first Thursday in June, 1871.

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**Bond Street, Toronto—Improvements.**—Alterations and improvements, on a rather extensive scale, have been in progress for some time in the Bond Street Congregational Church, Toronto, and are now completed. The end gallery, which was very deep, and overhung the