

Superintendent Dr. Carman was present until the Sabbath, when he preached the ordination sermon, and also preached at the opening of the Sherbourne Street Church. The Rev. Dr. Potts was elected President by the largest vote ever recorded since the days of Dr. Punshon. The Rev. H. Johnston, M.A., was elected Secretary. There was a large attendance both of ministers and laymen.

Four ministers have withdrawn and joined other Churches. Eight probationers were received into full connection and ordained; a Japanese native minister was also received into full connection. Six other native Japanese were continued on trial; also W. A. Elias, an Indian, who was permitted to attend College. Robert Steinhauer, B.A., another Indian, son of the late Rev. H. B. Steinhauer, is the first Indian who has received the degree of B.A. at Victoria College.

The Conference was gratified to learn that the increase of the membership is two thousand eight hundred and ninety-two. In respect of ministerial support \$11,877.04 more has been paid than last year. A Sustentation Fund was formed to help weak circuits. The Treasurer of the Union Relief Fund reported that in three more years all the embarrassed churches which became involved in consequence of Union will be relieved.

The reports of the various Committees gave proof of the prosperity of the Church. There is an increase of twenty-five Sabbath-schools, more than seven thousand children have signed the temperance pledge, one thousand five hundred are meeting in class, four thousand nine hundred and eighty-three are learning the catechism, and a larger amount had been raised for Sabbath-school Aid and Extension than at any former year. The Educational Fund had an increase of \$522.89.

The total promised for the Federation scheme, including previous subscriptions, exceeds \$38,000. Dr. Fawcett, of Chicago, gave \$100 on behalf of his father, the Rev. M. Fawcett. Rev. Geo. Hughes, Editor

of the *Guide to Holiness*, New York, who was visiting the Conference, gave \$25.

The Educational, Missionary, and Sunday-school Meetings were all of more than ordinary interest.

The Congregational Union held its annual meeting at the same time as the Conference. A deputation, consisting of Revs. Dr. Sutherland and W. Galbraith, LL.B., and Messrs. J. Macdonald and W. Beatty, was sent to convey fraternal greetings to the Union. Mr. Macdonald, with his usual generosity, gave the Congregational brethren a substantial proof of his esteem for their brotherhood. The Union reciprocated by sending the Revs. John Burton and John Wood and Mr. H. D. Clarke as a delegation to the Conference. Such seasons of brotherly intercourse are always edifying.

The Theological Lecture was delivered by the Rev. E. A. Stafford, M.A., LL.B., on Ecclesiastical Law. It was original and displayed extensive research.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

This Conference met at Truro. Rev. Joseph Gaetz was elected President, and Rev. A. D. Morton, M.A., Secretary. An increase of seven hundred and fifty-three members was reported. There is a decrease in the missionary receipts, which is more than made up by the income of the Woman's Auxiliary. Last year the Central Board met at Halifax, and the local receipts reached an unprecedented figure.

A Sustentation Fund was formed during the year which had an income of \$1,500. The Fund has the same object as a similar Fund in the Western Conferences, and bids fair to receive a liberal support, and will aid the Missionary Society. General Superintendent Dr. Carman reached the seat of Conference in time for the Sabbath, when he preached a rousing ordination sermon. Eight young men of great promise were ordained.

Several laymen were in attendance and took deep interest in the Conference proceedings; among others, Judge Chesley, of Lunenburg, who