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Laymen—James Haggart-Mandell, Jas. Tuttle, R. W. Harris, James Wells, J. W. Galloway, D. Donaldson, G. W. Phipps, W. H. Malkin, A. C. Wells, C. G. Major, James Cunningham, C. S. Keith, W. B. Buckingham, T. W. Kerr, F. L. Irwin, David McKay, R. J. Walker, W. H. Gibson, E. Nicholas, Wm. Sapass.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

After the roll had been called and the delegates had taken the seats assigned to them, the Conference proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year. There is always a good deal of interest attaching to this event, for in Methodist's eyes at least the officers carry a good deal of honor with them. On the first ballot for President the votes were pretty well scattered, Revs. R. Whittington, A. E. Green, J. A. Wood, and J. P. Howell receiving substantial tokens of remembrance, but on the fourth ballot Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., B.Sc., of Vancouver, was re-elected. In a few graceful sentences Mr. Whittington thanked the Conference for the unusual mark of esteem and confidence and called for the election of Secretary, when on the third ballot Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A., of Victoria, was elected.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Rev. A. N. Miller and Rev. John Robson were appointed assistant secretaries, and Rev. J. P. Hicks was appointed journal secretary.

The following were elected a Nominating Committee: T. W. Hall, D. Spencer, A. E. Green, T. S. Smith, E. Manuel, C. G. Major, R. B. Laidley, J. B. Bryson, John Robson, F. L. Irwin, D. Jennings, James Haggart, O. M. Tate, R. W. Walker.

Rev. C. M. Tate was elected statistical

secretary, with Rev. J. Calvert assistant. The following compose the Statistical Committee: William Hicks, A. K. Sharp, S. J. Thompson, A. M. Sanford, Dr. Bolton, O. M. Tate.

It was reported that a vacancy had occurred in the chairmanship of the Victoria District, through the transfer of Rev. J. O. Speer to the Toronto Conference. Rev. T. W. Hall, of Nanaimo, was chosen to fill the place.

The report of the Ministerial Session was read by the Secretary; also the report of the Conference Special Committee, which transacts all important business during the year between the Annual Sessions of Conference. The committee had been called three times, and had dealt with various important questions, including the request of the Homer Street Church, Vancouver, to be permitted to sell their property on Homer street and build again further west in the city of Vancouver; also the chaplaincy of the forces at Esquimalt and the proposal to build a Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at that place, which was recommended to the Conference.

A report of the committee appointed to examine the condition of the health of Rev. J. P. Howell. A certificate was received by the committee from Dr. Manchester, who certified to the fact that he believed Mr. Howell is fully restored to health, and competent to undertake any work to which the Conference may appoint him.

Rev. Mr. Vert, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Mr. Reynolds, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, were introduced to the Conference. Each gave a little speech, and conveyed the greeting of their churches. A reference to Dr. Reid, the late rector of the R. E. Church, brought out a cordial expression of fraternal feelings from the Conference, who esteemed him very highly. The President replied to the greetings of the brother clergymen.

A report of the Nominating Committee was then received, amended, and adopted.

The Conference adjourned at four o'clock, to allow the Board of Directors of Columbian College to meet.

#### CONFERENCE MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

##### THURSDAY EVENING.

The evening meeting was well attended, the spacious church being filled from the pulpit to the doors. The officials' programme was somewhat modified, the appointed speakers withdrawing in order to gain the advantage of hearing at greater length the General Secretary of Missions. The President occupied the chair, and he was supported on the platform by the Secretary, and Rev. Joseph Hall.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland gave a masterly address on the subject of Christian Missions. He referred at length to the Ecumenical Conference of Missionaries, lately held in New York, at which he represented the Methodist Church of Canada. He declared that the sight of that great Conference and the intense enthusiasm which was manifested in New York concerning it, inspired him with greater faith in the success of the cause of Christ. The very best brain and talent of Christendom, to-day, are

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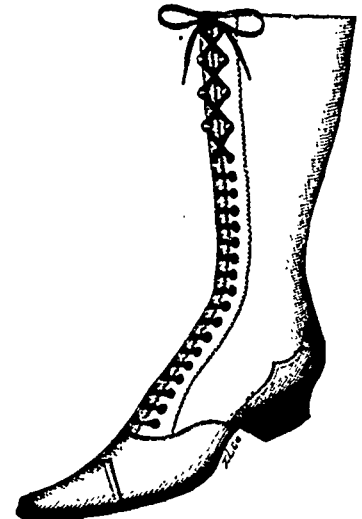
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