

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Rev. W. W. Lodge Elected President--Interesting Statistical Reports.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 15.—The regular Methodist conference opened this morning at nine o'clock, with a sacramental service lead by the president, G. W. Hamilton, assisted by Rev. Wm. Dobson, of the conference church.

At ten o'clock the business of conference was opened. Rev. W. W. Lodge was elected president and Rev. G. M. Young was re-elected secretary. H. E. Thomas was appointed journal secretary, Harry Harrison, B. A., statistical secretary, J. S. Gregg, B. A., and H. C. Rice, B. A., assistant secretaries; Rev. James Henderson, D. D., associate secretary of the general missionary society. He was introduced, and briefly addressed the conference, telling of a record year in every department of the society.

Rev. W. W. Lodge, the president, has given the last two or three successful candidates for that position a close run and has for some years been regarded as a prospective president. He is now pastor of the Upper Prince Church, Charlottetown. His last previous pastorate was at Hampton. Mr. Lodge has been pastor at Carleton (2 terms) Marysville (5 years), Moncton, Fairville (2 terms), Cornwall, P. E. I., and Elgin. He is a native of Mapleton, Cumberland County, and the son of the late Matthew Lodge, a remarkably eloquent and impressive speaker who for forty or fifty years performed yeoman service as a Methodist local preacher in Cumberland and Colchester Counties.

The afternoon session opened with Rev. W. W. Lodge in the chair. A farewell letter was read by Rev. G. W. Fisher, who has been transferred to the Montreal conference. Mr. Fisher resigned his position as secretary treasurer of the supernumerary fund committee of this conference. Rev. G. F. Dawson was appointed to that position. Rev. C. W. Hamilton was elected secretary treasurer of the sustentation fund.

Conference adjourned at four o'clock to enable committees to meet. Statistical report—Total membership, 11,860; increase, 114; infant

baptisms, 779; adult baptisms, 137; marriages, 380; burials, 747.

Funds—Missionary, \$7,759; increase \$290; supernumerary, \$1,751; educational, \$1,183; contingent, \$301; general conference, \$552; union church relief, 4103; S. S. aid and extension, \$150; sustentation, \$2,007; children's, \$2,040; temperance, \$225; general Epworth League, \$5,511.

For circuit purposes—Incidentals, \$313.36; Sunday schools, \$6,095.39; Epworth League, \$1,431.34; ladies' aid, \$7,642.37; trustee boards, \$33,622; all other purposes, \$8,180; total \$60,654.13; decrease, \$89.

For ministerial support, \$44,325; increase of \$606, total raised for all purposes, \$150,261.

At eight o'clock the annual missionary anniversary was held. After singing Onward, Christian Soldiers, the secretary read the Scriptures, Psalm 72, and Prof. Watson of Mount Allison, led in prayer.

The report of the conference missionary secretary was read by Rev. T. Marshall. The grant from the general fund to the missions of the conference is \$8,349. This conference is giving a much more valuable contribution than money to our great west, viz., many of the best members.

Mrs. (Rev.) G. F. Dawson was introduced and presented greetings and the report of the Women's M. S. The total membership is 22,427; income, \$58,642. There are in N. B. and P. E. I. 82 bands, total membership in the conference, 4,575. The total contribution of this branch was \$7,316, an increase of \$900 over last year's. W. M. S. representatives in the foreign field number 60.

Rev. Dr. Henderson thrilled the large audience with his appeal for a more liberal support of missionary work. The church needs the outpouring of a larger spirit of charity, or the world can never be evangelized. Missions are the test of the spirituality of the church. Money is bottled power. The church has sufficient means. Consecrate that money to God for the salvation of the world.

GREY'S ELEGY REVISED.

Moncton Transcript Pokes Fun at Defeated Tory Candidate in London.

Moncton Transcript.—Gray, the Tory candidate, who, despite popular Tory tradition in the forest city, is not the author of the beautiful elegy, which bears his name, was defeated in London, Ont., for the House of Commons on Tuesday. Like his greater namesake, whose name is treasured with affectionate remembrance wherever the English tongue is spoken, he can now mourn over the vanity of human greatness. He has played his part and been flattered by the Tory party into believing in his own greatness only Tuesday night to learn politically.

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,"

And that it will never be his as he fondly hoped and was flattered into believing, to—

"The applause of listening senates to command."

Indeed as the election returns came in Tuesday night he whisperingly said:—

"Now fades the glimmering landscape in the night,
And all the air a solemn stillness holds."

He sees the crowd thinning away, and cheering around the rival establishment, and, in his loneliness, "Implores the passing tribute of a sigh."

But alas there was no Conservative poor enough to do him tribute, and

"Far from the maddening crowd's ignoble strife,"

He sees the funeral of his hopes passing by—

"The next with dirges due in sad array."

When through the churchyard we saw him borne."

And then he retired for the joy of solitary reflection upon what might have been. He saw the glimmer of torches, he heard the roar of the torches; he saw the flutter of the flags; he listened to the music of the bands; but they were not for him.

His joys were ante-election—the joys of anticipation—those of realization were the other man's and as he sadly retired he was heard to murmur:—

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,"

And all that beauty all that wealth, e'er gave.

Await alike the inevitable hour,
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

Exit Gray! Exit Borden! Exit political incendiaries! Exit the Tory hopes of building party success upon sectarian prejudices. Enter the stronger hope of a greater and an undivided Canada.

FLAGS IN BIG HOTELS.

Colors of All Nations as a Rule Are Kept in Stock.

"No first class metropolitan hotel is thoroughly equipped until it possesses an assortment of flags almost as complete as that of an admiral's flagship," remarked the manager of a prominent caravansary.

"The leading hotels in the great cities have use for flags of all nations some time or other. Hotels are pretty nearly as punctilious in observing certain little ceremonies when distinguished visitors arrive as are naval fleets. If some high official of a foreign country is staying in the house it is the proper thing to display his nation's colors. As all big hotels are likely to entertain home and foreign diplomats, army or navy officers, or even members of royal families," you can see where there is a necessity for an assortment of flags.

"The hotel may not possess a complete outfit to begin with, but as time rolls along and distinguished men of all lands are entertained the collection of bunting is continually added to. Then there are the many fraternal organizations which make one hotel or another their headquarters on the occasion of annual celebrations. They usually have some flag or device which is swung to the breeze over the house in the days of the jollifications."

AN AFRICAN INCIDENT.

A Python, Some Goats and a Meal That Was Relished.

"During several years spent in central Africa we were for the greater part of the time dependent on goats for our fresh milk supply," writes a traveler. "The goat kraal was made very strong, proof against lions, leopards and other carnivora, but a python entered between the poles, though they were spaced three inches apart, one night, killed all the goats in the compartment by strangling them, swallowed two and was found gorged, sluggish and self trapped within the kraal in the morning. The swellings of his body where the two goats were prevented him from escaping between the palings, as he had come in. To look at the snake's small head and slender neck it seemed impossible for him to swallow anything larger than a rat, but by dislocating his jaw and stretching his skin he accomplished the apparently impossible feat of gastronomy. The goats were cut out of him intact by our boys, who evidently considered that premature burial in the python did not affect the edible qualities of the meat, as within half an hour it was all roasted and eaten with considerable relish."

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