

To the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church the sum of \$3,000.
To the Educational Society of the Methodist Church the sum of \$3,000.

To the Methodist Union of Toronto the sum of \$3,000, to be applied and used in connection with and for the benefit of the City Mission and Social Service Department.

Between \$11,000 and \$12,000 for educational purposes.

The balance of the estate is divided among relatives and friends of the deceased.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Uniformity in the collection of vital statistics by the different Provinces of Canada is provided for in a model bill which has been agreed to by most of the Provinces, in a conference with the Dominion Statistician, which has just closed here. The methods in vogue heretofore of recording births, marriages and deaths have been most defective.

R. H. Coats, Director of Census and Statistics, has long been aiming to bring about a new system by the co-operation of Federal and Provincial authorities, and results are now in prospect. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta are to enact the model bill this year, and Ontario has something along the same line in view.

NURSES' HOME FOR GALT HOSPITAL.

Mr. R. O. McCulloch, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Goldie & McCulloch Company, Limited, announced recently, on behalf of his sister, Mrs. Jessie Shearson, of Toronto, and himself, that they were prepared to build a new nurses' cottage and present it to the Galt Hospital Board as a memorial of their father, the late Hugh McCulloch. The building will be known as the Hugh McCulloch Nurses' Home, and it is understood will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000. The site on which the hospital stands was a gift from the Goldie & McCulloch Company, Limited, in 1888.

THE LOUSE IN THE WAR.

Of the insects responsible for the death or disablement of hundreds of thousands in the war zone, the louse is declared authoritatively to have been one of the most deadly and to have accounted for at least a million persons.

That, however, is only a rough estimate, and the probability is that the toll was infinitely higher, for in Serbia alone typhus, a louse-born disease, infected nearly one million persons and killed 500 a day in the little city of Jassy, while 200 of 1,200 medical officers in the country died