

held all but the highest office in the nation. They are found on the Supreme Bench of the United States, in both Houses of Congress, in numerous executive mansions and foreign embassies, and in leading college chairs throughout the South.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

We are glad to record the fact that another Methodist has been appointed a member of the Dominion Senate. J. B. Snowball, Esq., of Northumberland, New Brunswick. He is a son of the late Rev. John Snowball.

The Wesleyan College at Montreal, at its late convocation, conferred the degree of D.D. upon the Rev. Marshall Randles, Professor of Theology, Didsbury, Manchester, England.

Methodism flourishes in Cape Breton in spite of much poverty and distress, amounting sometimes to starvation. There are fifty society classes, many of them large: Sunday-schools prospering: Bands of Hope and Temperance Societies going ahead: anti-tobaccoists actively fighting the pipe; about one-half of the business men have given up selling tobacco.

The following, which we have taken from a Presbyterian journal, is commended to the prayerful consideration of our readers: "At this season of the year our Methodist friends begin to 'invite' pastors, and the pastors accept, subject, of course, to the action of Conference. If the invitation—of course it would not do to say 'call'—works right in June and brings the new man after Conference all is well. If the invitation fails, as it may fail from one of a dozen causes, there is likely to be some friction. Our Methodist friends seem to be considerably enamoured with the invitation business. Perhaps if they knew as much about it as some Presbyterians do, they would not be so anxious to take a plank out of the Presbyterian platform. Many thoughtful Presbyterians, who have had much to do with giving calls and who have watched closely the way the thing is often done, have little or no faith in the system. The only

reason they have for not denouncing it is the difficulty of finding anything better."

The editor of *Canada* believes that the great Protestant Church of Canada at no distant date, strong in all the elements that give victory over infidelity and unrighteousness, will comprise both the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, and it may be others. "What a power that united Church would be."

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

The Annual Committee, or Conference Executive, have resolved to recommend Conference to appoint a large and influential committee, and prepare a report on the proposed basis of Methodist Union. The said report will then be forwarded to the Conference of the Methodist Free Church, and if the answer of the latter be favourable it will then be an open question to be submitted to the quarterly meetings. One paper and three addresses will fall to the lot of the representatives of the Connexion at the Ecumenical Council which meets in the fall.

A bazaar was lately held in Manchester, which produced \$9,000.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

We are sorry to learn from our English exchanges that the College at Manchester is in serious financial difficulties. Some are even afraid that, unless help is speedily forthcoming, the premises may have to be sold. Could not many old Primitives in Canada render help. Who will join the present writer in rendering a helping hand?

A bazaar was held in Tunstall, which produced \$6,800.

The President of Conference, during his visit to the Isle of Man, spent a day with the Anglican Bishop at Bishop's Court.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

In 1850 the late Rev. James Way, the pioneer missionary, entered on his work in Australia at a salary of \$150 per annum. In December, 1890, his eldest son left South