

pastor could be found for them. There are openings for at least four native pastors. The fields of Japan are white unto harvest.

We are glad to learn that there is to be a Union Camp-meeting of the different bodies of Methodists in the neighbourhood of Toronto. It is to be held, we are informed, in the beautiful grove near the Grand Trunk railway near the Scarboro' Junction, beginning September 14th. By that time these different bodies will probably be one body, so that in an emphatic sense it will be a union meeting. May the presence of the Master of Assemblies be felt and the zeal of the Divine approval be given to the movement for Methodist unification.

Mission work in the Society islands has proved a pioneer for commerce, and the missionary cruising vessels are a better safeguard for human life than all the ships of war. A recent reporter of the English Parliament declared that in every place which he had visited that was under the influence of the missionaries the natives were quiet, peaceable, and inclined to friendly trade and intercourse.

The people in the Gilbert Islands have gathered together all their weapons of war and burned them. They have also passed stringent prohibitory laws, making illegal all traffic in intoxicating liquors. The sanctity of the Sabbath is also enforced by imposing heavy fines for games or labour on that day.

Protestantism is making rapid progress in Spain. There are now congregations in nearly all the principal towns with an estimated attendance of 10,000. Over 5,000 children attend the Protestant schools.

Sixty-five years ago Christian work was begun in Turkey, with its population of 55,000,000. Now there are twenty-two Protestant churches in that country, and 252 common schools.

In 1845 the English and American missionaries in China assembled in Hong Kong, and numbered twelve. In Hong Kong they had six converts.

At the present time there are in China 240 Protestant missionaries ninety principal missionary stations, 500 out-stations, and some 12,000 or 14,000 Chinese communicants.

The Waldensian Church has now 100 agents in evangelizing Italy—not foreigners, but Italians by birth; by civil rights and privileges, they constitute a native agency. The Gospel is preached by them in forty-seven towns and villages. The number who attend public worship under them is about 4,000, and of these 2,414 are communicants, the majority of whom have come out of the Church of Rome.

A wealthy Englishman has given \$5,000 to the Church Missionary Society with a request that it be spent in Afghanistan. He believes that the policy of England towards the Afghans is likely to lead to the Christian religion being despised in the country, and he is anxious that missionaries should be sent to preach the Gospel of the Prince of Peace.

Those who give not till they die, show that they would not then if they could keep longer.

In a few days after the present issue the new Conference will meet in Winnipeg for Manitoba and the North-West. Recently the Wesleyan Conference in South Africa held its first session in Cape Town, and it is expected that, at the approaching English Conference, a new Conference will be organized in the West Indies.

THE DEATH ROLL.

The Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada has lost a young minister of great promise, the Rev. F. W. Watts. He died of typhoid fever in Oshawa. He was the son of a minister who still lives to mourn his sudden and unexpected removal.

The Rev. Joseph L. A. Maher, a missionary among the French habitants of Quebec finished his course and was called home to his reward. He had only been a few years in the service of the Society. He is removed from a class of work where labourers are greatly needed.