

pitiable board of Professor Goldwin Smith, our preference for these poems, he expressed much pleasure, for he said very few people in Canada seemed ever to have heard of them. He was then on his way to Japan, where he quite fell in love with the bright and dainty people of the East, and especially with one of its fair daughters, whom he made his wife.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES.

One of the important themes just now with our brethren across the border is the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to meet next month in Los Angeles, Cal. The Californians, with their usual liberal hospitality, are making extensive preparations to welcome the Methodist host. The Chamber of Commerce alone has subscribed \$15,000 of the \$25,000 needed on the expense account. Something of the growth of Methodism in Los Angeles will be seen from the fact that six new Methodist churches are reported in process of erection in that city.

The Conference will have before it such subjects as the restoration of the time limit, the discussions regarding amusements, and other such matter. The removal of the time limit has not been thought a wise step in many quarters.

Reduced railway rates, the prospect of a journey by one route and return by another, and all the attractions of side-trips, will doubtless induce many not delegated to the Conference to profit by the occasion.

THE BOOK COMMITTEE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The last annual meeting of the Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Cincinnati, reports a year of general prosperity in both houses. The various publications report a wider circulation and strengthened financial footing. A great shock to the Committee was the announcement that their much-honoured cashier, Mr. Daniel Denham, had been crushed to death in an attempt to leap on a moving train on his way to the meeting. Mr. Denham recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his connection with the Methodist Book Concern, and on August 14th of this year would have celebrated his fiftieth year as treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A MISSIONARY CONFERENCE IN KOREA.

It is just twenty years since the work of Protestant Missions was begun in Korea. It would have been hard to find a more fitting way to celebrate the vicennial than by the Conference of Missionaries to be held this year in the Hermit Kingdom.

The Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal, South, the American Presbyterian, North and South, the Canadian Presbyterian, and the Australian Presbyterian, all these missions are heartily supporting the project of the coming conference.

A NEW CHINA APPEARING.

How changed is the Flowery Kingdom from a few months since! In more than one city, missionaries are embarrassed by the abundance of gifts bestowed. In some cases non-Christian Chinese have put into their hands enough funds to build complete churches, hospitals and schools. In Canton, for example, one Chinese woman has contributed \$3,500 to add a children's ward to the woman's hospital in that place. Mr. Li, a merchant of Ningpo, has presented the Presbyterian Board with \$30,000 for a high-grade boys' school.—Ex.

THE LEPERS OF INDIA.

Mr. John Jackson, F.R.G.S., Secretary of the Mission to Lepers in India and the East, is about to make a tour through the United States and Canada in the interests of that Mission. Mr. Jackson has just completed a journey of 7,000 miles through the leper settlements of India. There are in India 500,000 lepers, who lead the life of solitary outcasts. Many of these unfortunates live in wretched huts utterly neglected.

In a remote corner of the Himalayas, Mr. Jackson found Miss Mary Reed presiding over a fine institution for lepers. Miss Reed, it will be remembered, is the only living missionary who has contracted leprosy in the course of ordinary missionary work.

Lepers are very grateful for all that is done in their behalf. The hope which Christianity holds out to them is in such striking contrast with the teaching of the Hindu doctrine that leprosy is a judgment from God, that they willingly accept the new faith.