

the wonders God had wrought for His Church, another was their praise of those early days—very pardonable in the dear old Christians—a feeling that the former days were better than these. Yet we think they never enjoyed a service in which the spirit and power of the Highest was more manifestly realized than this latest of their lives. No, we believe God has a band of as devoted servants in His Church to-day as He ever had, and Methodism is as well adapted for an age of wealth and culture as for any period of the history of the world.

The old order changeth giving place
to the new,
And God fulfils Himself in many ways.

Rev. E. Robson, President of the British Columbia Conference, has recently been on a tour of visitation among the missions. He sailed on the *Glad Tidings* yacht, and travelled about 1,500 miles, and was absent from home one month and two days. He held forty-three public services exclusive of those held on the steamer and in private families. The congregations varied from six to two hundred and fifty persons. Mr. Robson was greatly pleased with the progress the Indians are making in all good things. The Crosby Home is doing a grand work. Excellent churches have been erected in some places and others are in course of erection. There is great need of reinforcement of labourers.

A good work has been effected at Carlton Place; a recent Sabbath was a red-letter day, as one hundred persons were received on trial, and thirty-seven into full connexion, forty-five were received by letter, making in all 182.

A new church has been opened at Lake St. Louis. This is the pioneer church of the place, and the first, either Protestant or Catholic, ever built within the limits of the municipality. The cost is \$5,200. The opening services realised \$450. The church will seat two hundred persons.

Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, will attend the Conferences of British Columbia and Manitoba.

RECENT DEATHS.

The venerable Richard Jones, of Cobourg, has gone the way of all the earth. He was an octogenarian, and for more than sixty years was an honoured Methodist minister. He was the last survivor of nine who were admitted on trial in 1827; and of the thirty-four who composed the Conference, it is not known that one now survives. In the early years of his ministry he endured many hardships. He was the first Methodist minister who preached at Bytown, now Ottawa. He delivered his message in the street as he sat on his horse. Mr. Jones was a faithful servant of the Church. For many years he was Chairman of Districts, and was also co-Delegate and then President of Conference. As an executive officer he greatly excelled. He was on the superannuated list about twenty years.

Rev. W. B. Boyce, died at Sydney, New South Wales, aged eighty-six years. Most of his life was spent in the mission field, first as a missionary in Africa, where he wrote a grammar of the Kafir language. He was next a missionary in Australia, when he was twice President of the Australian Conference. For eighteen years he was Secretary of the Parent Society, during which he visited Canada, and was President of the Wesleyan Conference in Eastern British America. He was a man of versatile talent and great industry, and was the author of the life of the Rev. W. Shaw.

Rev. B. K. Pierce, D.D., was for many years Editor of *Zion's Herald*, from which he retired a few years ago. He has filled various important positions, and for two years was a member of Massachusetts Senate. Dr. Pierce was a genial friend, a man of great industry and author of several volumes of a useful character. He was deservedly respected. For seven years he was chaplain of the House of Refuge at Randall's Island, New York, during which he often supplied pulpits in the city. He died at Newton, Mass., in the seventieth year of his age.