RELIGIOUS.

METHODIST.

The Methodists of the United States contributed for missions up to lune 30th, \$505,059.22. It is expected that at the end of the year \$1,000, 000 will have been collected.

The General Conference could not have made a better selection than the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Potts as Secretary of Education. He is one of the most eloquent preachers in the Methodist pulpit, and possess great influence. It will not be his fault should federation with Toronto University not prove a success.

Last year 10,000 converts of the Wesleyan Missions in Sierra Leone and the Gold Coast of Africa raised a jubilee fund of \$75,000.

According to reports presented at the late General Conference, the membership of the Methodist Church of Canada is 167,479, ministers and probationers, 1,616. The number of Sunday-schools is 2675, with an allendance of 191,185.

BAPTIST.

A tabernacle capable of scating two thousand persons has just been completed in Auckland. The Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, son of the great preacher, is the pastor.

The Baptist Ministers' Aid Society, representing the States of Michigan, Indianna, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, has been presented with a building worth \$40,000 at Fenton, Mich., to be used as a home for aged and destitute ministers.

The English Baptist Missionary Society is occupying new territory in Madampore, a large town in the centre of the district, is now occu-India. pied.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The Bishop of the Diocese is now in Chicago, awaiting the session of the General Convention of the Church in the United States, to which he is a delegate. His Lordship will afterward visit Bishop Perry in Davenport, lowa, and will return to Halifax about the middle of October.

The 26th Congress of the English Church will be held early in October at Wakefield, Yorkshire. This city is the proposed centre of a new Bishopic in course of endowment. The Bishop of Ripon will preside.

The City of Ripon has just celebrated its roooth anniversary, and the

celebration has been partly civil, partly ecclesiastical. The great Archbishop Wilfied made Ripon, and is still held to be its patron Saint. The Archbishop of York preached at the service in the Cathedral.

It reems likely that one of the ways of marking the Qeeen's Jubilce will be the erection of a "Church House" in London, to include Convocation Halls, Club for Clergy, Reading Room, Library, and Room for Publishers and Ecclesiastical Art Furnishers. Such a memorial, would form an invaluable addition to the machinery of the Church, gathering into one centre many of her activities now scattered abroad.

PRESBYTERIAN.

On the 7th instant the Presbyterian Synod of the Maritime Provinces will meet in Truro.

The tenth annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society is at present in

session at Pictou.

The Women's Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church was organized in 1878, and that year it collected something over \$5000. The report for last year shows that 175 teachers were employed by

the Committee, and \$128,523.36 collected.

There are connected with the Presbyterian Church of the United States two Presbyteries occupying the territory covered by New York city, viz, the Presbytery of New York, and the Presbytery of Westchester. In the former there are forty-three churches, with 19,227 communicants; and in the latter, so far as within the city limits, five churches, with 596 communicants. Including the chapels there are sixty-three places of worship. The contributions of the Presbytery of New York last year amounted to \$754,552 84, an average per communicant of nearly \$40. The number of communicants is 19,823. Besides these churches there are eleven churches connected with the Reformed (Dutch), the Reformed Presbyterian, the United Presbyterian, and the Welsh Calvinistic, all of the Presbyterian faith

CATHOLIC.

His Eminence Cardinal Jacobini, the Papal Secretary of State, is seriously ill.

The Rev. E. V. Boursaud, S. J., president of Boston College, whose illness we noticed a short time ago, is recovering.

It is officially announced that the name of the diocese of Arichat has been changed to Antigonish.

Rev. Fathers Gillis, of Antigonish, and Grant, of Iona, C. B, are on a

visit to Boston.

It is said that the Pope will assign Jesuits to the Episcopal Sees in the East Indies, created under the Concordat with Portugal, in reward for the efforts of the Jesuits on behalf of Christianity in the East Indies.

Professor William Scherer, of the University of Vienna, the eminent

historian and philologist, is dead.

The National Council of the Church in Scotland—the first held for 327 years—sat during the latter part of August at Lort Augustus, Inverness. There are now in Scotland two archbishops and four bishops. Established 1863.

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