

The Conference which followed his death was necessarily a critical one. It will always be associated with the triumphant success of the Twentieth Century Fund, with a new impetus to open-air preaching, with the inauguration of a great fund which will do for Belfast what the Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund has done for London, and with a renewed determination to carry the Gospel with more tenderness and courage than ever to the Roman Catholic population of Ireland.

We are very thankful to note the increasing determination of the Irish Methodist Conference to adopt the Forward Movement in all its developments in town and country alike, and to address themselves with unprecedented energy and enthusiasm to the evangelization of the whole of Ireland.

With the Bible in its hand and the Gospel of love in its mouth, it must preach alike to Protestant and to Romanist. A prominent layman who, until he was twenty-four years of age, was himself a Romanist, informed the Conference that until he had reached that age he had never once read the great words, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"! In passionate terms he pleaded that the Bible and especially the New Testament, should be yet more freely circulated among his Roman Catholic fellow-countrymen. He spoke of them with the deepest love, declaring at the same time that 75 per cent. of them never saw the Bible. In one way this is a hopeful fact.

PAN-METHODISM.

The Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, at the Irish Conference, made the significant statement: "The ultimate goal of Methodism should be one Methodist Church for each country in the world, and a united Conference every ten years to keep them together. Protestants suffered greatly from religious divisions. The time had come when they should present a united front for civil and religious liberty, for the glories of Protestantism, and for evangelical truth. During the last six years a wonderful movement had taken place amongst all the Protestant Churches of England towards union—a movement so sweeping that twenty years ago nobody outside a lunatic asylum could have anticipated its occurrence inside a century. They had prepared a new Catechism; and their responsible theologians had actually agreed to every question and

every answer unanimously. No result like that had ever been accomplished since the sixteenth century. There was an external unity amongst Roman Catholics, but that was all. The really Protestant Churches of Great Britain were more absolutely united together in genuine union than their Roman Catholic brethren, and for this reason, that they were not one in the Pope, but one in Jesus Christ. The Methodists were the most numerous church body in the British Empire—an Empire that he was assured was yet destined to play an important part in the world's history. They were the largest Protestant Church in the world, and therefore they had special responsibilities and special privileges, and he thought it was their highest duty to keep in close touch with one another, and to cultivate the most friendly relations.

RETIREMENT OF REV. DR. MILLIGAN.

After twenty-five years' service, the Rev. Dr. Milligan, who has been the leader of the educational interests of Methodism in Newfoundland, has felt it necessary to retire from that onerous position. He received a most kind and cordial complimentary resolution from the Conference. Dr. Milligan has rendered a service of inestimable value to Methodism in that country. The Rev. L. Curtis, B.A., was recommended as his successor, and the Rev. W. T. D. Dunn becomes editor-in-chief of the *Monthly Greeting*. The Conference cordially gave its loyal support to the Twentieth Century Fund movement, and our liberal-minded friends in Britain's oldest colony may be depended on to do their whole duty in this matter.

"WHAT SHADOWS ARE WE!"

Seldom has Canada been bereaved of so many of her public men in so short a time as within the last few weeks. Senator Sanford, the Hon. Mr. Ives, the Hon. Mr. Geoffrion, and Sir James Edgar, Speaker of the House of Commons, have all been summoned within a month from time to eternity. Well did Sir Wilfrid Laurier say that we have been living in the shadow of death. Mr. Foster emphasized the salutary lesson that in all our little differences we are members of one common human family, bound over a very short road for the unseen world. This, he added, ought to temper the heat of party strife and the impetuosity of party debate. Well may we use the language of Burke, uttered at a time of great national bereavement, "What shadows we are, and what shadows we pursue!"