

win the common people, and to fill our churches with eager hearers.

It would be well for us if we gave all men to understand that Methodism catalogues souls only, not descent, nor estate, nor position; that the coal-heaver is the Christian peer of the millionaire; the humblest domestic, of the stateliest mistress.

Once let this spirit animate the Church and the sneering boasts of infidelity will again be drowned in the swelling shouts of new-born souls.

The Cincinnati Social Union is working on these lines, and with great success. We had a similar meeting in the Metropolitan Church last year, when the great church was filled. Let us have more of them.

We are glad to notice that Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, those successful evangelists of our Church, are announced to begin a series of revival services at St. John's Church, South Boston, in November. The prayers of our people should go up to God that His presence may go with our brethren, that great grace may rest upon their ministrations.

We are glad to learn that the Revs. H. J. Indoe and T. P. Darby propose preparing an illustrated history of Methodism in Newfoundland from the landing of Lawrence to the Oecumenical Conference of 1901. This will be a story of heroic endurance and endeavour, and will be of great interest to all Methodists in the Dominion.

Principal Caven, of Knox College, has had the place of honour at the recent Theological Conference of the Seminaries of the United States at Princeton, N.J. His paper on "The Teaching of the Seminary in Relation to the Spiritual Life of the Student," it is said, was the best read at the Conference. It quite captured the hearts and heads, we are told, of professors and principals from many of the Theological Institutions of the United States.

The old John Street Church, New York, the first Methodist church on this continent, erected through the faith and zeal of Barbara Heck, Philip Embury, Captain Webb, and other makers of Methodism in the early time, now surrounded by the whirl and excitement of the adjacent stock, corn, oil, and cotton exchanges, recently celebrated its 131st anniversary.

## RECENT DEATHS.

The Rev. David Wilson, well known to many of our readers, recently passed from labour to reward in his eighty-fourth year. For over half a century he was a faithful minister of the New Testament. He was born in Roxborough, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1840, entering the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His field of labour was chiefly in Eastern Ontario. He served as a presiding elder and delegate to the General Conference, and for seventeen years as a superannuated minister, labouring in the Gospel as health permitted. He brought forth fruit in old age, and, surrounded by "love, obedience, troops of friends," entered joyously into rest.

One of the most indefatigable defenders of the Scriptures, the Rev. Horace L. Hastings, of Boston, has just passed away at the age of sixty-eight. He has been preaching the Gospel since he was eighteen years of age in highways and byways, by roadside and wharf, wherever opportunity offered. He has had the honour of being imprisoned for preaching on Boston Common, where Jesse Lee first unfolded the banner of Methodism in New England. His hymns have been sung around the world. For over thirty years he has been publishing a series of Anti-Infidel tracts, of which it is estimated that eight hundred tons have been distributed. Two car-loads of his tract, "Will the Old Book Stand?" were distributed by Moody during the World's Fair at Chicago. Few men have done braver service for the cause of truth than Horace L. Hastings.

In the death of Sir William Dawson Canada mourns the loss of one of her most distinguished citizens, and a great Christian scholar. His best monument is McGill University, which he helped to raise from poverty to affluence and success. A more adequate tribute to this great Canadian will be paid in our next number.

By the death of Lady Salisbury, the Prime Minister of Great Britain has lost the true helpmeet of a lifetime. She assisted him bravely in his early years of comparative poverty, and graced the years of his success as one of the wisest and most successful statesmen of Europe.