

Rev. Jas. A. A. Cheesman, M.A., has five sons all ministers, and they represent the following Churches: Episcopalian, Methodist Episcopal, the Congregational, and the Primitive Methodist. Is there another family so catholic?

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Woman's Missionary Society is recommended by the General Board of Missions to consider the propriety of opening a mission in Palestine and Syria, where there are good openings for the employment of medical missionaries and the establishing of one or more girls' schools.

Rev. John McDougall has been appointed correspondent from the North-West Missions with the General Board.

Two young men have offered their services as missionaries to China, and the General Board is desirous to respond to their wishes, but to do so a special appeal is being made to friends generally to provide the means. Let those to whom the Almighty has entrusted respond liberally.

Though the grants made to the Annual Conferences for Domestic Missions are larger than last year, the deficiencies in some instances at least will be very heavy. In the Nova Scotia Conference each married minister will only receive \$593 instead of \$750. This is very similar to other Conferences.

#### THE DEATH ROLL.

Rev. Dr. Cheever, a veteran Congregationalist, died in New Jersey in October, aged eighty-three. He served his generation well, both as editor and pastor. He suffered much persecution years ago for his advocacy of temperance. In 1870 he retired, and gave his residence in New York to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Shortly after the Irish Methodist Conference, the Rev. Jas. Murdock died at the age of eighty-two. He was greatly beloved as an earnest and successful minister, and was

remarkable for attention to the most minute details of circuit work. He leaves a son-in-law and a grandson in the ministry.

Rev. Dr. Rule, the oldest Wesleyan minister in England, died at the age of eighty-eight. He was the first Protestant missionary sent to Spain. He was also a missionary in Malta, at Gibraltar, and the West Indies. He was a profound scholar, was acquainted with eleven languages, and translated the Bible into the Spanish tongue. His last labours whilst in the active work were given to the British Army. The soldiers loved him and owed much to him in regard to liberty of conscience.

Two Wesleyan ministers recently died in the churches where they were worshipping.

Rev. Mr. Binns, a Superannuate, was attending divine service at Southport. In the opening prayer he was seized with a fit, and died immediately. He was eighty-two years of age.

Rev. Jas. Chalmers, M.A., while addressing a meeting of the Methodist Council of Manchester, said, "I think I have said enough," and suddenly fell. He was a saintly and devoted minister.

Our brethren in the East have been called to mourn the loss of some of their fellow-labourers. Rev. Matthew Lodge, of Moncton, has been called to his reward. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding a year ago. He leaves a son in the ministry, and one of his daughters is the wife of the Rev. Job Shenton. He was reputed as one of the greatest natural orators in Nova Scotia.

Rev. J. Embree is also numbered with the dead. He was a man greatly beloved, and laboured with great zeal to promote the interests of the Church. He was a missionary in Newfoundland, where Dr. Carman tells us that he found him in the midst of a glorious revival. He died in the triumphs of faith, and went home to join his beloved wife, who had passed on before.