

which the Provincial Government contributed \$500. Dr. Bolton has been in charge from the commencement. He is ably assisted by his wife and two nurses, Misses Spence and Lawrence, who are supported by the Woman's Missionary Society. The labour which the whole staff perform involves much self-sacrifice. During the six years that Dr. Bolton has been in charge, he has attended 35,000 cases. In 1895 he 'travelled by steam, sail and scull, over British Columbia waters, on purely medical mission work, an aggregate of 3,630 miles.'

Our readers will be glad to learn that the missionaries in China have returned to their missions, and that the Government has paid the money agreed upon for the destruction of church property.

The ministerial students attending Victoria University hold themselves in readiness to attend missionary meetings and assist in mission work generally. Their course is highly commendable.

Several of our churches have abolished tea-meetings from their anniversary programmes, but take thank-offerings instead. That at Bowmanville amounted to \$953.

Rev. Dr. Chambers, of McCaul Street church, reports 150 converts as the result of three weeks' evangelistic services, in which he has been ably assisted by the Misses Hall, of Guelph.

At the Berkeley Street church, the pastor, Rev. J. Odery, assisted by Mr. J. M. Whyte, has just concluded two weeks of special evangelistic services with many conversions.

#### RECENT DEATHS.

Dr. Peter Bayne, of Scotland, is now numbered with those who have gone before. He was a Christian author of great ability, and was the successor of Hugh Miller to the editorial chair of the *Witness*. He was a constant contributor to the periodical press. Probably his biographies of Hugh Miller and Martin Luther were his best known works.

Rev. Bryan Roe, Wesleyan missionary in West Africa, recently died at his post. His death adds another name to the long list of those who have succumbed to the deadly climate of that country, which has long been known as the "white-man's grave."

Rev. Samuel Fear, of Hamilton Conference, Methodist Church, died at Elora, March 23rd. He was in the 94th year of his age and the 54th year of his ministry. Owing to his advanced age and

extreme deafness, he took a superannuated relation seventeen years ago. His labours commenced in the county of Peel, which was truly a "bush" portion of the Province. Guelph, Goderich and Owen Sound were some of the places where he laboured. He was always regarded as a man of more than ordinary piety. How rapidly the Methodist fathers are passing away.

One of the most popular pastors in Canada was the late Rev. Dr. Carson, of Detroit. He was stationed in Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton and elsewhere. A few years ago he transferred his allegiance to the Presbyterian Church, in Detroit city, and held a front rank in ability and usefulness. His promising career was cut short by typhoid fever, and his death took place on April 7th. Eight gentlemen from Detroit accompanied his remains to Toronto, and the Rev. Drs. Potts, Dewart, Briggs, Burns (of Hamilton), and the Rev. J. Allen, took part in the obsequies at the cemetery.

We regret to learn of the death, by paralysis, of the Rev. James Graham, an honoured minister of the Methodist Church. Brother Graham was one of the strongly-marked personalities of his Conference. He was born in the North of Ireland, and came to this country at about sixteen years of age. He always retained his Celtic fire and fervour. He was an able minister of the New Testament and laboured abundantly in leading circuits both in Quebec and Ontario. He was for a time Assistant Editor of the *Christian Guardian*, was President of the London Conference in 1888, and a member of all the General Conferences of the Methodist Church. He was the son-in-law of the late Dr. Jeffers. His son, the Rev. John Graham, maintains the succession in the Methodist ministry.

The Rev. J. H. Robinson, a veteran minister of the late New Connexion Church, passed away, full of years and honours. He died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. William Saunders, Ottawa, April 13th. He was a man of remarkable force of character and of great pulpit and administrative ability. He was for many years Superintendent of Missions of the New Connexion Church and editor of its organ, the *Evangelical Witness*, now consolidated with the *Christian Guardian*. A full memoir of this distinguished man, with portrait, will appear in the June number of this magazine.