

coloured people in Richmond, Va., which have an aggregate membership of twelve thousand seven hundred and forty-three. One of these churches, the first African, reports three thousand two hundred and seventy members, another reports two thousand four hundred. Two others report over one thousand five hundred members each. About one-half of the adult coloured population of the city "belong to the Church."

Within the past two years over fifty ladies have gone from Toronto and neighbouring towns to foreign mission fields. Others have since been sent, one of whom was Miss Crosswaite, of Agnes Street Methodist Church, Toronto, who, with a young lady from Hamilton, went to China. The present writer witnessed their departure from the Union Station, where a memorable religious service was held. It was a season never to be forgotten by those who were present.

The young people of Cowansville Congregational Church, Que., presented the Rev. Wilberforce Lee with \$58 towards purchasing an organ to take with him to Africa. This is only one out of many tokens of appreciation made by this Church to their late pastor.

There are two thousand Icelanders in the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and a Presbyterian mission has been formed under the care of a converted Icclander. An Icelandic hymn-book has been printed, and there are two Icelandic newspapers.

A colporteur in the Algoma District reports that during the past year he distributed one thousand Scriptures and Scriptural books, printed in fourteen languages, and fifty religious services were held.

Zion Church, Toronto, which has long been without a pastor, has at last been supplied by the Rev. Mr. Sandwell from England.

The World's Sunday-school Convention will assemble in London early in July. It is expected that six hundred and fifty delegates will be sent from America, several of whom will be from Canada.

It is said that there are some fifty thousand persons who were formerly

Free Thinkers, that are now under the influence of the McAll Mission in France.

RECENT DEATHS.

Rev. Marmaduke Miller, long the foremost minister of the United Methodist Free Church in England, has finished his course. He was an earnest advocate for the unification of Methodism. A few years ago he refused the offer of a pastorate which promised a salary \$5,000, though he was not receiving a quarter of this amount.

Father Damien, widely known as the leper priest of Molokai, died at Kalawa, Hawaii, April 10. For the last sixteen years his labours were confined to the leper settlement of Molokai, where he contracted the dread disease which cost him his life.

Miss Whateley, daughter of the well-known Archbishop of Dublin, was a successful missionary in Egypt more than thirty years. She was a lady of great culture, but laboured solely for others. Her mission was carried on at her own expense. She established schools, a hospital, a Bible Mission and itinerancy among the villages on the banks of the Nile.

The Methodist Church in Newfoundland has lost a valuable member in the death of the Hon. Charles R. Ayre. He was a native of Exeter, England, but about half a century ago he left his native land, and became a successful merchant in his adopted country. He was formerly a member of the Legislative Assembly, and at the time of his death was a member of the Legislative Council in the colony. For nearly half a century he was a member of the Methodist Church, in which he occupied important offices. He loved the Church of his choice, and liberally sustained all its interests. His last act was to found a Methodist Orphanage. He was beloved by all classes. His funeral was an imposing one; such as was seldom, if ever before, seen in Newfoundland.