

RELIGIOUS.

METHODIST.

Bishop Carman, General Superintendent, has been engaged this month in addressing missionary and educational meetings in the Methodist churches of the Province.

It has been finally decided that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States shall be held in New York, commencing May 1st.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has built more than 4,000 places of worship in the Southern States since the war. These represent a membership of 400,000.

There are five branches of Methodism in England. The indications are that they are drawing nearer to each other, and that union may reasonably be looked for in a few years. Such a union would effect a remarkable saving of men and means.

Previous to last year there were forty ministers in the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference whose salaries did not exceed \$450. The effort already made to supplement these salaries had increased the amount received by them to \$511.

PRESBYTERIAN.

A special effort is being made in the direction of church extension in New York. At a meeting lately held, presided over by Dr John Hall, \$60,000 were subscribed. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 yearly.

Rev. D. M. Gordon was inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's church on Tuesday evening by the Presbytery of Halifax. A reception to the new pastor was held last evening in the basement, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Suitable addresses were delivered by a number of the ministers of the city.

Miss Helen J. Chalmers, a daughter of the famous Dr. Chalmers, died lately in Edinburgh.

Principal Grant, of Queen's College, Kingston, has not fully recovered from his illness.

During the past five years the Presbyterian Church increased in Manitoba 104 per cent. An effort is being made to raise throughout Canada a special fund of \$25,000 to carry on the work.

Rev. Mr. Pitblado, of Winnipeg, has received a call from a Presbyterian church in San Francisco. The stipend offered is \$5,000.

The appeal for the sum of £10,000, which has for its object to put the Foreign Mission fund of the Established Church of Scotland in a healthy condition, is proceeding satisfactorily.

The last issue of the Presbyterian *Review* of Toronto comes to us in holiday dress, and presents a fine appearance. It is one of the best of our religious exchanges.

The Joint Committee appointed by the last General Assemblies of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches, met in Louisville some days ago, for the purpose of taking steps looking to a union of these bodies.

Rev. W. R. Cruickshank, of St. Matthew's church, Montreal, has declined the call extended to him by St. Andrew's church, Perth, Ont., one of the largest and most desirable charges in Canada.

BAPTIST.

On the 14th instant the Rev. J. H. Jenner was ordained and inducted into the pastorate of the Baptist church at Brookfield, Queens Co.

Rev. J. A. Ford, late of Milton, Yarmouth, will in a few days take charge of the Baptist church at Fairville, N. B.

Five Baptist churches are in course of erection in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The New York Baptist City Mission has seventeen mission churches in a German population of 300,000, there are five Baptist churches, with a total membership of about 800.

Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, a son of the famous London preacher, is pastor of a Baptist church at Auckland, New Zealand, which has a membership of 745. The Sunday schools connected with the church have a membership of over 800.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Christmas in the churches was well observed, and well attended. The festival never loses its charm, nor its power.

Cheering accounts come from President Brock, of King's College, as to the way in which he has been received in the United States, where he is endeavoring to collect money towards the King's College Endowment Fund. His way has been smoothed for him, and much valuable assistance furnished by Rev. Dr. Winslow, of Boston, who, with President Barnard, of Columbia (formerly King's) College, New York, received the degree of D. C. L. at the Excelsior in June last.

A paper has been published by Rev. E. M. Saunders, in answer to Canon Brock's sermon on "Infant Baptism," containing a quotation from Hippolytus, a Bishop of Italy, which, if substantiated, is a serious blow to those who think that the practice was universally prevalent in the third century. Perhaps Dr. Saunders will give chapter and verse in the original. It is now thought by some that the English prelates will hardly care to commend a gentleman for the Bishopric of Nova Scotia, since the Synod cannot give a guarantee of his election.

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