

are Wesleyans. There are 900 churches, 1,236 chapels, 55 native ministers, 1,785 local preachers, 26,880 communicants, and 40,661 children in the Sabbath-schools. The Roman Catholics, who have been in the islands since 1846, claim a large portion of the balance.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The great event of September is holding the General Conference. Rev. John McDougall, accompanied by three Indian chiefs, is visiting Ontario. The chiefs are delighted with their visit. Several public meetings have been held on their behalf. They were all loyal to the Government during the late rebellion. They visited Ottawa, where they presented a petition to the Indian Department asking for more liberal aid on behalf of their industrial schools.

The labours of Dr. Eby on behalf of Japan are bearing fruit. The Rev. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., and wife, Rev. J. W. Saunby, and Miss Wintemute, have been designated to the Methodist Mission in that place. A farewell service was held in Queen's Avenue Church, London, in which Dr. Williams, General Superintendent, and several other ministers took part. In response to an appeal from Dr. Eby the congregation gave over \$100 as a special donation to the work in Japan.

The Rev. A. E. Green, of Naas River Mission, B.C., has been visiting England and has returned. Friends in London presented him with musical instruments for a brass band on his mission. Those who know the love of Indians for music may be sure that the red-men will be delighted with these instruments.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Dr. George A. Norris, of Omemeë, died in August after a few days' severe illness. He was the eldest son of the late Rev. James Norris, and received such an education as Canada furnished forty years ago. He became a medical student under the late Dr. Rolph at Victoria Uni-

versity. He occupied some of the most important positions in the gift of his fellow-citizens. He was a member of two General Conferences, and often served on the General Missionary Board. He was a true friend, a good counsellor, and a devoted Christian.

Rev. George C. Haddock, pastor of the first Methodist Church in Sioux City, Iowa, U.S., met with his death by assassination as he was returning home one evening in August. He was a prominent prohibitionist, and was most active in enforcing the liquor laws. It is universally believed that his murder was 'accomplished by the liquor dealers. The Governor of the State has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of the murderers.

John Dougall, late of Montreal, has finished his course very suddenly in New York. His life would be a fine study for the young men of Canada. In early manhood he left his native land—Scotland—and came to this country, and by industry, frugality and hard work he became one of the best known men in the Dominion, for whose welfare he was in labours more abundant for more than half a century. He was one of the temperance pioneers, and will be best known as the founder of the *Montreal Witness*, which has always been true to temperance and the Protestant religion. When advancing years might have reminded him that he should rest, he went to New York and established the *Witness* in that city. He was an indefatigable man, and was unceasing in his efforts to do good. The writer of these notes saw him last at the Temperance Centennial at Philadelphia, and of the hundreds present on that grand occasion none were more interested than this venerable man. He was 78 years of age, and had long been a member of the Congregational Church, but his great soul grasped Christians of all denominations, and was always ready to join hands with all who would stand forth in defence of truth and righteousness.