

John Wilson, Professor Emeritus of Victoria University, passed away from life. He will be remembered with deep feeling by hundreds of old Victorians as the kindly, modest, accomplished scholar that he was. Many of our ministers received their first insight into the original tongues of the Old and New Testament from his instruction. Through the infirmities of age he was some years ago superannuated from active work, but he still took a deep interest in the growth of the institution to which he had given the best energies of his life. Peace to the memory of honest, upright and lovable Dr. John Wilson.

One of our younger ministers, the Rev. T. A. Elliott, of Umatilla, Manitoba, died on August 22nd, at the Methodist parsonage at Dauphin, of typhoid fever. He had only been in the country for a short time. He was a young man of earnest piety and of much promise. He was a brother of the Rev. J. G. Elliott, now stationed at Reston, Manitoba.

A few days later, on August 27th, the Rev. Duncan George Harrison, brother of W. D. Harrison, of Bridgenorth, died at Nicholls Hospital, Peterboro'. He was an accomplished student at Victoria, where he took the prize in sacred oratory in April last. It is sad to think of these young brethren called so early from the service to which they had consecrated their lives.

Early in September the late Timothy Nattrass, a superannuated minister of the London Conference, passed from labour to reward. Brother Nattrass began his ministry in 1853. For the last twenty-three years he had lived in the city of London. He was a modest, unassuming brother, who was greatly beloved by all who knew him.

Rev. Dr. Asbury Lowrey died at his home in Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., August 5th. The immediate cause of his demise was the severe shock of a fall by which he sustained a fracture of the hip. As writer, preacher and editor, he gave his later years to the advocacy of the doctrine of holiness, in which he was a firm believer.

ITEMS.

Dr. H. L. Lunn has for the present retired from active and regular participation in the Christian work carried on at the Regent Street Polytechnic, in order to assist Rev. Hugh Price Hughes in the work of the West London Mission during Mr. Hughes' presidency.

Principal John Caird, of the University

of Glasgow, who died recently, was for many years one of the most noted preachers and most influential men in Scotland. His brother, Prof. Edward Caird, is Master of Balliol College, Oxford, since the death of Dr. Jowett. Dr. Caird came into special public notice through a sermon preached before Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in 1855, on "The Religion of Common Life." This was translated into many languages, and in the opinion of Dean Stanley was the greatest single sermon of the century. From 1862 until a few weeks since, he was connected with the Glasgow University, first occupying the chair of divinity and afterwards as principal of the college.—*Independent*.

The centenary of Methodism in the Bahamas is to be celebrated this year. The Missionary Committee of the English Wesleyan Church cannot send an official deputation, but the chairman of the Bahamas District had approached Dr. Stephenson with a view to securing his presence at the celebration.

There has been a greater increase in the number of converts in China during the last eight years than during the preceding eighty years.

The Church Missionary Society is most prayerfully watching the signs of the times with reference to opening a new mission in the Khartoum region as soon as the British troops shall recapture that city. This is only the revival of a plan formed years since, when General Gordon was in command in the Soudan.

A scheme has been prepared that marks a new departure in the policy of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, and makes it possible for the Missionary Committee to appoint laymen to educational, medical or evangelistic work in the foreign field. As the law stands at present no man can be sent out by the committee for such work unless he be an ordained minister or on probation for ordination.

The London, Eng., *Methodist Recorder* notes with great satisfaction, as well it may, that at its final meeting for the year the Missionary Committee of the Wesleyan Methodist Church asked for the appointment of sixteen additional missionaries. It says: "No such step in advance has been taken, within our memory, by the Wesleyan Missionary Society." The growing receipts of the Society which make this increase of workers possible are partly the result of improved financial conditions, but more, perhaps, of enlarging interest in the missionary enterprise.