

AN INDIAN WAR.

EVERY American newspaper is full of the troubles among the Indians in Dakota and the North-west territories of the United States. Since our last issue of the CANADIAN INDIAN, the renowned Sioux Chief, Sitting Bull, has met his death, and not, it would seem, in a manner very creditable to the American Army. He had to be put out of the way and so he was put out of the way. But why need they have killed his child—a little boy of twelve years old? Since this event there have been several fights and scrimmages between the United States troops and the Indians, the most serious, perhaps, being that at Wounded Knee Creek, where about one hundred Indian warriors, entirely encircled by the troops and supposed to be without arms, turned suddenly upon their captors and, bringing out their guns from beneath their blankets, shot a number of them and then fled for their lives. So exasperated were the troops at this ‘treachery’ on the part of the Indians, that they indulged in a wholesale massacre of men, women and children. The clouds on the horizon at present look very heavy and threatening, and every day’s news seems to tell of more trouble in prospect. These Indians of the West are on the one hand goaded on to the conflict by the sense of wrongs suffered and treaties broken, and on the other hand they believe that the Indian Messiah is on the eve of coming to save them, and sweep away the white people from their country, and to restore to them their old religion, old customs, and buffalo hunting.

Up to the present there has been no serious disaffection reported among our Canadian Indians, but the Indian Agents have to be on the alert, a cordon of mounted police has been placed on the United States boundary to watch and report to headquarters should anything serious occur. It is said that the Sioux Indians at Moose Jaw and Wood Mountain, in Assiniboia, were greatly excited over the killing of ‘Sitting Bull.’

 CETENNIAL NUMBER OF “METHODIST MAGAZINE.”

ON March 2nd, the Methodists throughout the world will celebrate the centennial of the death of John Wesley, and those in Canada will also celebrate the centennial of the introduction of Methodism into this country. The *Methodist Magazine* contributes its share to this celebration by a special Centennial Number, enlarged to 112 pages, now ready, February 15. Among its articles are: “Footprints of Wesley,” by Luke Tyerman, with portrait; “Mother of the Wesleys,” by Dr. Potts, with portrait; “Wesley and Methodism,” by Dr. J. O. Clark; “Wesley as seen by his Contemporaries;” “Wesley and Literature,” by