

embraced the faith of the Gospel, and are now members of the Methodist Mission church. Some others are members of other churches.

The French Protestants, with a population of 700,000 souls, contribute 1,000,000 francs a year for domestic and foreign missions, sustaining missionaries in the South of Africa, in Senegal, and in Tahiti.

Bishop Peck has pledged his whole estate for Syracuse University, and has his life insured for an amount sufficient to complete the endowment of a professorship in that institution.

A missionary, after thirty years' service in India, in building churches and school-houses, largely with his own hands, complains, that on returning to America he finds churches in large cities which cost \$200,000 and \$500,000, and a secretary of his own foreign board receiving a salary of \$5,000 a year, when the oldest mission in India "is really dying out for the lack of men and means."

THE DEATH ROLL.

The Rev. Joseph P. Thompson, D.D., recently died at Berlin, by apoplexy. For many years he was minister in the city of New York, and has spent several years in the Foreign Mission field. He was also an author of great ability.

Professor J. P. Lacroix, of Ohio University, died a few days ago, just as he was returning home from a foreign trip. He was a frequent contributor to periodicals of the Church.

Daniel Drew, the founder of Drew

University, died very suddenly from heart disease. His property once was estimated at millions, but reverses came, and he died comparatively poor. Latterly he was reported to be a very devoted Christian, and often regretted that he had not paid the various endowments which he promised, instead of merely paying the interest, before the crash came which swept his money away. Vanity of vanities!

Rev. W. McCullough recently passed to his reward. He had been a Methodist minister 39 years, and was at one time Chairman of a District. May we be ready when the summons reaches us.

Rev. G. H. Bryant, one of the junior ministers in the Newfoundland Conference, has been called to his reward in heaven. He came from Cornwall, England, about six years ago, and has laboured very earnestly as a missionary ever since, and now, alas! he has died at his post, leaving a widow and five small children to mourn his loss in a land of strangers.

Another of our brethren, comparatively young, the Rev. W. Irwin, died at his residence at Markdale on the ninth of September. For the last eight years of his life, on account of ill health, he has been laid aside from the active work.

Rev. A. Topp, D.D., the beloved pastor of Knox Church, Toronto, died suddenly at the house of a sick friend whom he was visiting, October 4th. He was a faithful servant of his beloved Master, and a genial friend.

BOOK NOTICES.

Studies in Theism. By BORDEN P. BOWNE. 12mo., pp. 444. New York: Phillips and Hunt, and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

The first review in the first number of this MAGAZINE five years ago, was one of Prof. Bowne's admirable book on "The Philosophy of Her-

bert Spencer." We commended the vigour, the philosophical acumen, the clear insight which were manifested by that book, and the distinguished graces of its literary style. The same characteristics mark the book now before us. There is, however, or there seems to us to be, in this later work, a stronger beat of