

and holy man. Egerton Ryerson, a Canadian, has been distinguished in the same section of Methodism as a defender of the Church's rights and a promoter of education, connexional and provincial. Enoch Wood, an Englishman, came in with the second union, and has stood thirty-two years connected with the management of the Missions of the same body, distinguished for wisdom and sagacity. John Reynolds, a native of Ireland, brought up in Canada, who took Nathan Bangs' place in 1806 when removed to Montreal, was the first bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada. Peter Jones and John Sunday were distinguished Indian preachers in the central body. J. H. Robinson, English, was a leading mind in the New Connexion, and Humphrey Pickard the same in Eastern Wesleyan Methodism. The exhausting of our space forbids the mention of more.

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## OVER THE RIVER.

BY N. A. W. PRIEST.

OVER the river they beckon to me—

Loved ones who've crossed to the further side ;  
The gleam of their snowy robes I see,  
But their voices are drowned in the rushing tide.  
For none return from those quiet shores

Who cross with the boatman cold and pale ;  
We hear the dip of the golden oars,  
And catch a gleam of the snowy sail :  
We only know that their barks no more  
May sail with us o'er life's stormy sea ;  
Yet somewhere, I know, on the unseen shore,  
They watch, and beckon, and wait for me.

And I sit and think, when the sunset's gold  
Is flushing river, and hill, and shore,  
I shall one day stand by the water cold,  
And list for sound of the boatman's oar :  
I shall watch for a gleam of the flapping sail ;  
I shall hear the boat as it gains the strand ;  
I shall pass from sight, with the boatman pale,  
To the better shore of the spirit-land ;  
I shall know the loved who have gone before,  
And joyfully sweet will the meeting be  
When over the river, the peaceful river,  
The Angel of Death shall carry me.