

Conference town, when a boy eight or nine years of age.

Bazaars are still very numerous held in England. One was recently held at Plymouth, and at the four days' sale the receipts were \$2,215. On the day of the opening the Rev and Mrs. Dymond landed from China, and their hearty welcome was one of the chief incidents of the day.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Bishop Hurst's son, Carl Baily, has been appointed consul at Vienna, Austria.

Dr. Crook's "Life of Bishop Simpson" has been translated into Japanese, and will be published as soon as the means are forthcoming to defray the expense.

On May 23rd the twenty-fifth anniversary of Bishop Andrews' election to the Board of Bishops was celebrated. The Bishop quoted some remarkable figures showing the progress of the Methodist Episcopal Church during the past quarter of a century. In 1872, there were about 9,000 effective ministers, now there are more than 14,000. In 1872 there were about 1,400,000 church members and probationers, now there are 2,800,000. The number of churches has increased from 13,000 to 26,000. The Bishop was made the recipient of \$2,500.

Bishop Merrill, at Chicago, was presented with a magnificent silver cup in remembrance of the twenty-five years he has served the Church as a bishop.

The Church Extension and Missionary Society Anniversary was lately held in the Metropolitan church, New York, from which we gather the following facts. The income for the year was \$39,542. The General Missionary Society made a grant of \$6,000 for work among foreigners; the offerings from the people amounted to \$30,000; there are twenty-one churches and missions under the care of the Board. The Society holds property worth \$650,000, included in which are fourteen churches and a plot on which a church is soon to be erected. The progress in thirty-seven years has been great.

Rev. Dr. Nast, the founder of German Methodism, is ninety years old.

#### RECENT DEATHS.

Rev. George Turner, Wesleyan minister, died May 16th, 1897. He was a

native of Yorkshire and was born in 1816. In early life he became a subject of saving grace, and soon afterwards was called by the Church to labour as a local preacher. In 1840 he entered the itinerancy, and for forty years he laboured successfully in several important circuits and gave full proof of his ministry. His colleagues esteemed him, and the people ever regarded him, as a man of God. He was especially kind to the poor. Besides being a useful minister, he was also an author who wielded a ready pen. He retired from the active duties of the ministry about seventeen years ago, but was esteemed to the last as a saint indeed.

Dr. F. L. Lees, who for more than half a century was one of the temperance champions of England, recently died at Leeds. His works are standards in temperance literature throughout the world. He was more than eighty years of age when the Master called him hence.

Rev. Dr. McKee, of Dublin, Ireland, was called to his reward at the age of seventy-three. He was one of the leaders in Irish Methodism, and was not only distinguished for pulpit ability, but, was a man of affairs, more particularly in educational affairs.

Rev. James Greener, Bay of Quinte Conference, who commenced his ministry in 1843, died at Lindsay during the past month. For more than twenty years he was a superannuate, being compelled to retire by reason of failing eyesight. During the time that he was in "the active work," he was faithful in all matters pertaining to his circuits. He was a thorough Connexional man, and was generally esteemed by those who knew him best. It was the writer's privilege to know him intimately, and always found him to be a true man. We never knew him to be guilty of doing a "shabby thing."

Rev. John Hodgson died in the Lord as these notes were being prepared for the press. He entered the ministry in 1850, and for several years performed hard work on rough circuits. For some time before the end came he lived mostly in retirement and suffered much affliction, but he has now entered into rest.

Hope, like the gleaming taper's light,  
Adorns and cheers our way ;

And still, as darker grows the night,  
Emits a brighter ray.

—Goldsmith.