

whom are native Japanese, and one is a native Indian in Vancouver's Island. One brother has agreed to attend College specially with a view to go as a missionary to Japan.

The Union debate was exceedingly able, many of the leading men of the Conference on both sides taking part. At about 1 o'clock on Thursday morning, June 21st, Dr. Sutherland's resolution accepting the Basis was carried, by a vote of 137 to 37. This makes the vote in the three Western Conferences as follows:—

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Some entertain great fears about the surplus of ministers which is certain to be consequent on the unification of Methodism, but, to the writer, this fear is groundless for two reasons. 1. Several brethren for various causes have intimated their design not to join the United Church, so that the number of ministers will not be so great as at first appears. 2. Some of the Conferences are greatly in need of additional labourers. In the Toronto and Montreal Conferences alone, there are 48 men wanted to supply places. 3. The demands from Manitoba and British Columbia will require a very large reinforcement. It will certainly be something very peculiar if Methodism in Canada cannot find a place for every man, and every man a place.

The Congregational Year Book of the United States recently published, states that 1,198 of its pastors are unemployed, and 1,023 churches are without a pastor. This is a state of affairs that never exists in Methodism.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has lost one of its Bishops, the Rev. Jesse T. Peck, D.D. He was a grand man. He was elected Bishop in 1872, since which time he has been abundant in labours. As an author he is known as an extensive writer in the Church periodicals, and a few volumes which will serve to keep his memory green; probably "The True

Woman" and "The Central Idea of Christianity" are best known. He was an earnest evangelist, and laboured much in special services. A short time before he died he bequeathed all his property to Syracuse University. His death was triumphant, just such as might be expected of such a noble Christian warrior.

The profits of the Book Concern at New York for the past year were \$63,063, and of the Western Book Concern at Cincinnati, \$38,987; total, \$102,050.

The Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church South is getting rapidly freed from its indebtedness. The amount of business for the past year exceeded \$216,974. The debt has been reduced since 1878 from \$350,000 to \$186,000 besides having added \$15,000 worth of new machinery and largely increasing its stock.

MAY MEETINGS IN LONDON.

These grand annual gatherings do not decline either in interest or in number. A portion of April, the whole of May, and several days in June are thus occupied. They number more than 250, and of these, the Earl of Shaftesbury presided at 25. This venerable nobleman, though more than eighty years of age, has been the most prominent chairman in Exeter Hall for over forty years.

The Salvation Army took its place this year among the anniversary meetings, and actually raised \$55,000 at the meeting.

The Baptists had nearly a week of anniversary meetings; on some days two were held. The Missionary Society has an increase of \$40,000, the total income being more than \$300,000. What a contrast from the time when Andrew Fuller went up to London in 1795, to collect money to send William Carey to India, and after making every effort he only got \$320.

The Church of England Missionary Society has the largest income, which amounts to \$1,126,155, being \$50,000 in excess of last year.

The Bible Society reached \$1,053,000, being an increase of more than \$50,000; 96,917,629 copies of the