

laid by Senator Macdonald, on May 19th. It will be a fine edifice, and a valuable addition to the Methodist churches in the city. There are four churches now in course of erection in Toronto, which is a proof of the vitality of Methodism.

In St. John, New Brunswick, there has been a gracious revival, extending over seven weeks, and upwards of 300 conversions are reported. In Portland, also, there have been numerous conversions. *Glad Tidings* now has a circulation of 2,000, and is published fortnightly. The periodical is doing much good, and circulates not only in the Maritime Provinces, but also in Ontario and the North-West, and even in Japan.

The brethren in Newfoundland Conference have taken steps toward the formation of a theological union, and their laudable project will probably be consummated at the ensuing Conference.

In the Methodist Sunday-schools of Montreal there are 4,010 scholars and 422 teachers, being an increase of 587 scholars and forty teachers during the year. The increase is the result of three things: 1. Better music, many of the schools having organized a Sunday-school orchestra. 2. Better teaching, to retain older scholars there must be the real Bible study. 3. Personal visitation on the part of officers, teachers and others; regular house-to-house work. Would not similar efforts in other places secure like results?

The labours of the evangelists in all the Conferences are successful. Rev. Messrs. Winter and Homer have probably the hardest field in Montreal Conference. In addition to those mentioned in our last, we now have Revs. Messrs. D. O. Crossley and Dewey also engaged in evangelistic work. These brethren have been at Norwood, at Aurora and other places in Ontario, and hundreds have professed to find the Saviour. Our readers will be gratified to learn that, as one result of Messrs. Crossley and Hunter's labours at Belleville, one gentleman doing a wholesale business of \$6,000

a year in cigars, has taken them off his shelves and peddling waggon, and abandoned the lucrative trade. Another, who had just commenced business, burnt over \$30 worth of playing cards.

#### RECENT DEATHS.

The sudden death of Archbishop Lynch in Toronto was a cause of great regret. Though a man of strong convictions, he was generally courteous to opponents. He was generous to a fault, and always kept himself poor. It is said that his possessions consisted of a gold watch and one suit of clothes, and he desired his successor in office to send £50 to his poor sister in Ireland.

The sad news has reached London that Bishop Parker and the Rev. Joseph Blackburn died on the 26th of March of sickness in the Unyoro country, to the south-east of the Albert Nyanza. Bishop Parker was the successor of the lamented Bishop Huntingdon who was cruelly murdered by command of the King of Uganda.

The Rev. John Hughes, Methodist minister, Ballybrittas, Portarlington, Ireland, died in the eighty-fifth year of his age and fifty-third of his ministry. He was an able preacher, a profound metaphysician, and an acute controversialist.

The Methodist New Connexion has lost a venerable minister in the death of the Rev. George Hallatt, who for fifty-seven years stood high in the ranks. His death took place at Stockport, in his seventy-eighth year.

Our own Church has been called to mourn the death of a probationer of great promise, Rev. W. T. Norman, who died at Greenwood in April. He was only a few days sick. The present writer knew him well when he was a Sunday-school scholar. His aged parents and family have the sympathy of those who knew him.