

Philadelphia, U.S., in 1880. When will the Methodists throughout the world hold such a Council?

We regret that a few ministers and others, who refused to join the Presbyterian union in Canada, have entered an action against the Church for the recovery of \$700,000, Temporalities Fund, to which they conceive they are entitled, and so, thereby, vexatious litigation will trouble those who have endeavoured to promote the unification of the Church.

#### METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

The income of the Missionary Society has not been equal to the wants of the Church, so that no further aggressive movements can be made. The tide of emigration conveys several hundreds during the season to Manitoba, for whom provision should be made. The Methodist Church occupied the Northwest when there were few but Indians in that distant land. Ground long occupied should be held, and inroads should be made on the heathendom beyond. In the missionary districts of the Toronto Conference alone, this significant phrase is found nine times in the published Minutes, "One wanted," which means that this additional number of places could be occupied if means were forthcoming to supply them. Surely when the finger of God points to places of usefulness, His people are bound to make provision for their occupancy.

The President of the Toronto Conference and the Clerical Missionary Treasurer have visited Manitoba and held an ordination service at Winnipeg, at which three candidates were fully set apart to the ministry by the imposition of hands.

We are glad to learn that the camp-meeting at Lachute, Montreal Conference, was a season of great spiritual power, when several professed to be made new creatures in Christ Jesus. We hope to give an

account of the camp-meeting at Grimsby in our next.

We are sorry to record that the poor Oka Indians have been the objects of a further persecution, and several of them were imprisoned, but, on being brought up for trial, no bill was found against them; and now their lawyer has entered an action for the recovery of damages for false imprisonment. There seems to be some indication of appearance that the Dominion Government will take steps to settle the grievances of these long-injured people, whose sufferings, during the last few years, has been a sad stain upon our boasted civilization.

By the dreadful catastrophe which has befallen the city of St. John, New Brunswick, the Methodists of that city were great sufferers. Three of their churches were destroyed in the conflagration which swept over so large a part of the city. Families which were wealthy a few hours before are now compelled to depend, for some time, on charity. The Montreal Conference was in session when the news flashed over the wires as to what had befallen our brethren, and, in a little time, \$306 were collected and sent to the relief of the sufferers. Large sums have been collected for the general fund, but several years will elapse before the people can be in such a condition of comfort as they were prior to the fire. We are especially sorry to learn that some of our superannuated ministers and widows have lost their all. The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, to which St. John belongs, have appointed deputations to visit England, the United States, and the Western portions of Canada, to obtain relief for the sufferers. We trust that wherever they go they will meet the kindly greeting which the circumstances of the case so imperatively demand. Now is the time for us to prove our Connexional sympathy. The Presbytery of Toronto have appointed a day for collections