

clothing for the soldiers during the war. At one time the government owed him eight millions of dollars, which he was desirous to obtain. Two gentlemen agreed to accompany him to Washington and to aid him in pressing his claim. On the day appointed his friends failed to meet him, and he went to Washington alone and obtained a cheque for the amount. As he was leaving the city he met his belated friends and returned home. He remembered that the Methodists wanted \$25,000 to erect the Institute already named, and as he had saved this amount, which he was to give his friends if he succeeded, which happily he did without their aid, he gave the money to the Church, and the institute stands a memorial to his liberality.

Mr. Samuel Scott, of White Plains, New York, has bequeathed \$1,000 to the Superannuation Fund of the Methodist Conference, Ireland, and a similar amount to a similar fund of the M. E. Church, New York Conference.

The Poles are increasing in Buffalo at the rate of 10,000 a year, and until recently there was no Methodist mission among them.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

This Church has four great mission stations, China, Japan, Mexico and Brazil. About a half a century ago, in 1848, it sent for the first time heralds of the cross to China. The Board has there now twenty-eight missionaries, and the Woman's Missionary Society has eighteen, besides the native helpers.

The Japan mission has been opened only ten years and has there thirty-five missionaries.

Brazil was opened as a mission-field in 1874, and now has twenty-two missionaries, and the Woman's Missionary Society eleven.

The total is in those mission-fields: men, 105; women, 40.

The Church gained nearly 50,000 members in 1896.

When Bishop Early asked Henry Clay how the Churches were prospering in Kentucky, he replied, "They were all, whip and spur, trying to keep up with the Methodists."

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH.

During the month of January a series of missionary services were held in Toronto, which were of a most unusual character. On Sabbath, 17th, seventy-six

preparatory sermons were preached. Most of the churches were crowded to their utmost capacity. In addition to the pastors of the churches, the missionary secretaries, the Book-Steward, and the Editor of the *Christian Guardian*, a number of distinguished laymen, and the following returned missionaries, Revs. G. Young, D.D., E. R. Young and W. W. Colpitts, Rev. Dr. Hart and Mrs. Wellington White, from China, together with the following distinguished strangers: Rev. A. B. Leonard, Senior Missionary Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church; J. E. Williams, D.D., from Buffalo, and Bishop Galloway, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, occupied the pulpits.

On Monday two public meetings were held in the Metropolitan church, one in connection with the Woman's Missionary Society, at which Mrs. Willmott presided; the other was under the auspices of the Epworth Leagues, when the Hon. Senator Cox occupied the chair. Mrs. White and Mrs. Bishop were the speakers at the first meeting, and Rev. A. C. Crews, Dr. Carman, Dr. Henderson and Dr. Williams addressed the evening meeting.

On Tuesday morning a Missionary Breakfast was held in the Metropolitan church, at which Hon. J. C. Aikins presided. After the repast numerous impromptu speeches were delivered. In the evening there was a grand missionary rally in Massey Hall, when not less than 5,000 persons were present. J. J. MacLaren, Q.C., presided, and Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Leonard and Bishop Galloway addressed the meeting. It is doubtful whether any who were present ever attended such an enthusiastic missionary meeting in their lives. To see 5,000 persons present at a missionary meeting might be regarded as something new under the sun.

The Rev. Dr. Hart, superintendent of the mission in China, who has been twelve months on furlough, took leave of Canada at the missionary meeting, and said he would convey the greetings of 5,000 Methodists to the missionaries in China, whom he would expect to see in about three months hence.

This series of meetings, it is hoped, will give a great impetus to the cause, and will cause the friends generally to thank God and take courage. It will be the month of May before the financial returns can be completed. It may be of interest to our readers to know that the income of the Missionary Society in Toronto Conference is \$34,475.41, and about