

lowers. From that day to the present, an unbroken succession of monks have made these wilds their home, their only companions the wild birds that fly about the ravine. The place must be seen to be realized; no pen can give an impression of its weirdness, of the awful ravine over which it hangs, or of the solitude which surrounds its terraced walls. The evening was rapidly gathering as we wound down from the convent to our camp in the valley of the Kidron, and right glad were we, after the novel experiences of the day, to see the white tents pitched ready for our reception, and to partake of the excellent dinner that our cooks had provided for us.

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### Centennial Notes.

"Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation."

—Joel 1:3.

We hope that a great deal of attention will be given to the prize competition announced in another column for the best essay on the influence of Methodism. The Rev. Dr. Potts, writes: "I fear the young people of Canadian Methodism do not know as much of the life and work of John Wesley as they should, nor of the position, extent and influence of their own Church. I write, indulging the hope that you will call the attention of Sunday-school superintendents and Epworth League officers to the im-

portant duty of making suitable arrangements to honor the event, and to impress the youth of our Church with the importance of studying the life of Wesley and the history of Methodism."

It is highly important that all young Methodists should know as much as possible about their own Church and the Church of their fathers. It has a history of remarkable progress and heroic memories of which its sons and daughters may deservedly feel proud. We are endeavoring at this Centennial time, in our various publications, to give special prominence to matters of Centennial importance. Thus, we have two special Centennial numbers of *Pleasant Hours*, four of *Onward*, sent post-free for 10 cents, and three of the *Methodist Magazine*, sent post-free for 50 cents. These, with the Centennial Volume, post-free, \$1.25, specially prepared by order of the General Conference, will be a mine of information on the hundred years of Methodism in this land and of Methodism in general, from which our young people and teachers may learn the chief facts of their own Church and the Church of their fathers. There are many lives of John Wesley advertised by the Book Steward, but the cheapest of them all is Ward & Locke's three-cent life of John Wesley, by post four cents. The Editor counts himself happy to have secured the friendly and sympathetic greetings of so many distinguished leaders of thought in other Churches as appear in the Symposium on Methodism in the March and April numbers of the *Methodist Magazine*.

Prof. Goldwin Smith writes:

"Methodism was born, not like the Reformation Churches, of controversy and ecclesiastical conflict, but of spiritual resurrection. It was in its origin not a revolt or a secession, but a revival. It was a revolt only against the scepticism, deadness and vice of the eighteenth century and against the torpor and corruption of the State Church."

The Hon. O. Mowat, Premier of the Province of Ontario, writes:

"I do not know that I could express to you my appreciation more strongly than by saying I wish a union were practicable and at hand between the Methodists and Presbyterians (as has occasionally been suggested of late) by which these great branches of the Church of Christ should form one ecclesiastical body, on the basis of mutual toleration and forbearance in regard to the doctrinal matters now in difference between them."

Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley, C.B., K.C.M.G., Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, writes:

"The spiritual results, great as they certainly have been, cannot be stated, but may be estimated in part by the visible results referred to. The Methodist Church has, in every respect, been one of the most successful in Canada."