

matriculants all were successful ; of eight candidates for senior leaving, seven were successful, and of eight candidates for junior leaving seven were successful, and the eighth will, without doubt, receive his certificate, his name not appearing because of an error in the report. Over ninety per cent. of the candidates have been successful. This is certainly a phenomenal report.

The Rev. Dr. Withrow has just returned from his very successful excursion to Europe. His excursion covered the most attractive tourist routes through France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany and Belgium. On shipboard, before separating, a highly appreciative testimonial was presented to Dr. Withrow, signed by every member of his party, as well as a very handsome present in recognition of his services.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The New England Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society supports a Medical Mission in Boston at an expense of \$1,000 annually.

Bishop Fitzgerald has been elected superintendent of the Ocean Grove Camp-meeting Association, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Dr. E. H. Stokes.

Rev. H. A. Crane, D.D., representing Indian Methodism in the great Epworth League Convention recently held in Toronto, said : "Methodism of India to-day is 100,000 strong, and that from Singapore to the Himalayas the League motto, "Look up, lift up," is spoken in ten different languages.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Baldwin sailed by the steamer China for Shanghai. Dr. Baldwin as Recording Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is sent to attend and report to the Society the semi centennial celebration of the founding of the Methodist mission work in China. The celebration will be held in Foo-Chow where Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin had previously laboured in mission work. These two missionaries were joined in Chicago by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Lowry, who are returning to their work in North China, where they have spent the last thirty years in missionary labours.

The *Michigan Christian Advocate* divides \$4,000 among the superannuates of the Michigan and Detroit Conferences.

RECENT DEATHS.

Rev. John Hough, of the Hamilton Conference, was one of the veterans who did good service for the Master in the early days of Methodism. For thirty-seven years he toiled on hard fields, and was the means of turning many to righteousness. The evening of his life was spent in Guelph, where he was revered as one of "the fathers in Israel." His family who survive him have a rich treasure in the remembrance of his holy life. He entered into rest July 18th, 1897.

Rev. James Greener, another of the fathers, who gave twenty-nine years to the itinerancy, when failure of sight compelled him to retire from the active work. For about twenty-five years he sustained a superannuated relation and resided in Lindsay. He was very useful and acceptable in many ways to the church. His beloved widow survives him.

Another of the fathers passed away in the person of Rev. John Woods. He was on the superannuated list and lived in retirement at Norwich, so that he was not extensively known beyond the circle of his relatives. He was a faithful servant of the Church, and sought to the best of his ability to perform the duties of the ministry in such a manner as to merit the approval of his brethren and the smile of God. He finished his course August 14th, 1897.

Rev. Wm. Shannon, another superannuated minister in Toronto Conference, was called to his reward suddenly in August, 1897. He was about to commence a cottage prayer-meeting at Sault Ste. Marie when the summons came for him to go up higher. Bro. Shannon was in the ministry more than forty years. He was one of the best read men in Methodist theology we ever knew. It was the writer's privilege to know him intimately, and he can testify to his deep piety.

As these notes were passing through the press news reaches us of the death of the Rev. James Kines, Bay of Quinte Conference. He entered the ministry in 1863. Was president of the Montreal Conference, and pastor of some important circuits. Sherbrooke (Quebec) enjoyed his labours two terms. For some years his health had been declining, and he went to Clifton Springs hoping to recuperate, but instead he was summoned to where the inhabitants never get sick.