

pointed to consider the proposal relative to the erection of houses of rest for ministers. A fund has been formed, which the Conference has designated "The Garrett Ministers' Rest Fund," and he hopes to raise fifty thousand dollars, which will be so administered that poorer ministers especially may be aided in seeking a little temporary relief from circuit labour.

The meeting held for the recognition of returned missionaries was not the least interesting that was held in connection with the Conference. There were brethren present who had been in the field of conflict in South Africa, Western Africa, India, and the West Indies, all of whom related what they had seen of the power of the Gospel in the parts where they had been permitted to labour. One told of a revival where one hundred and fifteen persons had found peace in twenty-four hours. In three months he had received fifteen hundred into the fold of Christ, and one Sabbath he baptized one hundred and eighty adults before breakfast. During the last four years he had laboured at Port Elizabeth, where the native society of fifty members had contributed two thousand two hundred dollars. The average class and ticket contribution was nearly seven dollars per member.

The famine in India had left many children destitute; more than two millions of people had perished. The Wesleyan missionaries have gathered hundreds of the children into orphanages, who will thus be trained in Christian principles.

The Foreign Missions have always been regarded as the glory of Meth-

odism, but the work has become so extended that the income fails to meet the expenditure, and new inviting fields remain unoccupied. Dr. Punshon said one of two things must be done,—there must be an increase of income, or retrenchment must of necessity commence. Rev. John Walton, who was formerly a missionary in India, goes to South Africa as General Superintendent, and Rev. Marmaduke Osborn, one of the Missionary Secretaries, is to visit the West Indies. One gentleman, who had spent several years in Africa, urged very earnestly that a mission should be commenced forthwith in the recently acquired Province of Transvaal, and offered to give one thousand pounds towards it. Another gentleman offered a thousand pounds towards a mission in Central Africa, and yet another had offered a contribution towards a mission in Cyprus. The result of the conversation, no doubt, will be that a more systematic arrangement will be adopted in the collecting of funds, so as to secure a permanent enlarged income.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Only a few days after the Rev. Peter E. Horton died so suddenly in the Wesleyan Conference, Mr. Edward Allen, a member of the Mixed Conference, expired in the midst of the business that was then being transacted. Since the Annual Conferences were held in Canada, Rev. C. Vandusen, W. Philp, A. Hurlburt, G. Barrett, and S. Waldron, have all departed this life, some of them somewhat suddenly, but their work was done, and they have now entered the joy of their Lord.

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