

missionaries, ninety-three native assistant preachers, ten native pastors, and one hundred and fifty preaching places. In addition to the distinctively religious work, a large number of secular schools are carried on by Christian teachers.

Rev. Dr. N. J. Tucker, the pastor of Madison Square Presbyterian Church, New York, left the church and a salary of \$10,000 to assume the professorship of Sacred Rhetoric at Andover Theological Seminary, at a salary of \$3,000. Put these items to the credit side of the ministry who are so often charged with being "mercenary," and always listening to the "loudest call."

Ex-Congressman Horace Bemis, of Hornellsville, N.Y., at a public meeting recently, said:—"I have been counsel in twelve murder cases; in every case rum was at the bottom of the crime. I bought supper for a man to-night who was worth \$50,000 eight years ago. His wife was a judge's daughter. She is in a pauper asylum for the insane to-day. Every dollar of the \$50,000 went for rum.

A young Creek Indian, who was converted at the University of Wooster, took the first Latin prize, a gold medal, for best scholarship during the senior preparatory year, and for best examination for en-

trance to the freshman class at the late commencement. There were sixty students in the class.

A Methodist missionary in China has prepared a Chinese Sunday-school hymn and tune book. It is printed in Foochow.

#### THE DEATH-ROLL.

The Rev. John Bedford, one of the Ex-Presidents of the English Conference, finished his course on the 20th of November, in the 70th year of his age and the 49th of his ministry. For about a quarter of a century he was identified with Methodism in Manchester, where he was a tower of strength. His services on behalf of chapel funds were herculean. His knowledge of ecclesiastical law made him a strong man in Conference and Connexional Committees.

Rev. R. G. Cather, LL.D., of the Irish Conference, and for many years the indefatigable labourer in the Systematic Beneficence Society, has also left the church militant.

The Rev. B. N. Haworth, a hard-working circuit minister, died at his post in Liverpool. He was a fellow-labourer with the writer of these notes more than thirty years ago, when he was instant in season and out of season.

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## BOOK NOTICES.

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*The Illustrated History of Methodism in Great Britain and America, from the Days of the Wesleys to the Present Time.* By REV. W. H. DANIELS, A.M. 8vo, pp 784. Methodist Book Concern, New York; Wm. Briggs, Toronto; and Humphrey Pickard, Halifax, N.S. Sold only by subscription. Price \$3.

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