

to deliver the Yale lectures on "Preaching," writes as follows: "Among the Methodists we found a happy absence of such exciting controversies as are agitating the Congregationalists and Presbyterians; but there is plenty of excitement of another kind. The Methodists form the largest Protestant body in the United States, and their bounds are rapidly expanding. Theirs is the pioneer Church, which welcomes the emigrant to the wilderness and struggles with the rude populations of nascent states. But, indeed, it now includes all classes of the population."

Rev. J. O. Peck, D.D., one of the Missionary Secretaries, has been writing a series of interesting letters respecting his visits to some of the frontier Conferences, in which he testifies that there are many mission heroes. Dr. Rader, the superintendent of Wyoming Mission, has charge of territory 95,000 square miles, or 500 square miles more than the States of New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut combined. In one year to perform his duties he travelled 13,500 miles by rail, 1,300 by stage, 1,060 by his own team, and went on foot 350 miles. During twenty-seven nights he slept on the ground and cooked his own food by the way.

One minister's field is 150 miles from a railroad, and the same distance from his nearest brother pastor. Another pastor, coming to the mission, swam one river and waded another, drying his clothes as he went on his happy way. Another young hero had a circuit as large as the State of Connecticut, with thirteen appointments. There is a presiding elder's district in Mexico where there are eighteen missionaries, all Indians. Most of the forty-seven distinct aboriginal languages are spoken.

RECENT DEATHS.

Rev. D. P. Kidder, D.D., LL.D., who was Professor of Theology at Evanston. After being in the pastorate he became Professor at Drew University. He was formerly

missionary at Brazil, and finally Secretary of Education. He died at his home in Evanston in July. He served the Methodist Church faithfully, and died greatly beloved.

Rev. Robert Bailie, of Montreal Conference, was drowned in August, while bathing. He was only thirty-two years of age, and came from Ireland four years ago. He was greatly esteemed by those who knew him best. His sun went down while it was yet day.

Rev. Hiram Williams, superannuated minister in Bay of Quinte Conference, died at Belleville, August 4th. The writer feels very sorry that he has no particulars respecting our beloved brother. He travelled several years in the Methodist Episcopal Church before the union of 1884.

Rev. Erastus Hurlburt was the last of four brothers, all of whom were honoured ministers in Methodism. Sylvester, Thomas and Asahel all preceded Erastus to the better world, and now he has joined them in their eternal home. Like Sylvester and Thomas, Erastus laboured several years among the Indians; but since 1879 he sustained a superannuated relation.

Rev. Alfred J. Barltrop entered the Methodist New Connexion ministry in 1873, and laboured in Waterford and Cavan. He spent three years in the Wesleyan College, Montreal, after which he went to Manitoba, where he laboured a few years; but his health failed. He went to New York State, and joined one of the M. E. Conferences. Here he laboured until he was called to his eternal home in August.

Rev. George Johnson, one of the veterans of Methodism in the Maritime Conferences, finished his course in the eighty-third year of his age. He was one of the pioneers of the East, where his name is as ointment that is poured forth. For several years he was superannuated, but he never ceased to take great interest in everything connected with Methodism.