

to the kind invitation, and were addressed by Sir Francis and several ministers. Sir Francis wishes to enlist the services of the young men in the extension of Methodism in London. It must have been exceedingly gratifying to this distinguished gentleman to behold such an army of young men who testified their attachment to the institutions of the Church of their fathers.

#### METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

The visit of the Revs. John A. Williams, D.D., and Davidson McDonald, M.D., to the Maritime Provinces, on behalf of the Missionary Society, was a source of enjoyment to the people and of great benefit to the Society. The deputies, we doubt not, were pleased with their intercourse with 'the wise men of the east.'

The Newfoundland Conference has established a mission among the people of the Labrador coast, who are comparatively destitute of religious privileges. The Sunday-school of St. John's have guaranteed three hundred dollars a year towards its support.

Rev. C. M. Tate, Chilliwack, British Columbia, writes respecting a tour he has recently made among the Indians on the coast. At Nanaimo, "the graveyard is being filled very fast by those who are being swept away by drunkenness and disease. The great need of the mission there is a school. The children are growing up in a state worse than heathenism, with all the vices of the white man and Indian combined to ruin the body and destroy the soul."

He says that the camp-meeting at Chilliwack was very successful, especially among the Indians. There were conversions among all the leading nations in British Columbia, and several from Alaska.

A missionary writes from the Indian mission at Cape Croker, that several Roman Catholics have united with the Methodist Church.

The Protestant chief is a Methodist local preacher. Bro. Glazier has formed a temperance lodge, which is

doing much good among the Indians. He writes very encouragingly respecting the Bible class, which he holds for the young people of both sexes.

The poor Indians at Oka, though still the objects of persecution from their oppressors, hold fast their profession. A series of extra meetings was recently held among them, which was attended by Mr. Laforte, the Indian preacher at Hogansbury, New York. Mr. Laforte said he never witnessed before such a time of God's power.

The Hon. Algernon Heber Perry has addressed a very affecting letter to the father of the late Rev. E. W. Skinner, whose sudden death by the explosion of his gun caused a feeling of sympathy in the hearts of thousands. The hon. gentleman had been on a hunting tour, when he found the dead body of the missionary, which he conveyed to Fort Carlton, where it was decently interred after the inquest. Mr. Burns, of Toronto, a former schoolfellow of Mr. Skinner, who was attached to a surveying party, rode fifty miles on horseback to attend the funeral.

Respecting the missions among the French, one missionary writes, "Any mission among the Roman Catholics is naturally arduous and trying, but during my eight years' experience in this work that on this mission (Hull) is the most so of any that I have known. I am thankful for two converts from Popery since Conference." He writes encouragingly respecting the effects of circulating the Scriptures, and knows of some who are weary of Romanism, but are held back by fear of their bigoted and intolerant neighbours.

All the missionaries bestow considerable attention on the young, and are hopeful that the seed sown in the youthful hearts will be found after many days. The brethren on the French missions have many discouragements, but they now and then meet with evidences that their labours are not in vain. In their visits among the *habitans*, they find some who are like Nicodemus--secret disciples.