

throne, the disaffected lieutenants, the bold and clever plotters, the injured people."

Victoria College is to be congratulated on the appointment of the Rev. George Blewett, B.A., Ph.D., of Wesley College, Winnipeg, to the chair of Ethics and Apologetics, made vacant by the lamented death of Dr. Badgley. Dr. Blewett won distinction during his arts course at Victoria and Toronto University, where he carried off the Governor-General's gold medal. He did post-graduate work at both Harvard and Oxford, and in one of the German universities. Dr. Blewett has achieved distinction at Wesley College, Winnipeg, whose regret at his removal is tempered by an appreciation of his promotion, for such it is, to a professoriate in his Alma Mater.

DEATH OF THE REV. DR. WILLOUGHBY.

"Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." A chariot of fire and horses thereof waited for the prophet Elijah. And in the death of our beloved brother, the Rev. Dr. Willoughby, one is strongly reminded of the departure of those servants of God in other days. To preach one last strong sermon, to give one last call to personal work, and then, with a congregation singing, "Give me the wings of faith to rise"—to depart thus—to lay down one's armor and be called suddenly from the eyes of a worshipping people to the feet of a worshipped Lord, it is a call that does not often come to a servant of God.

The Rev. Nicholas Willoughby, M.A., D.D., was ordained in 1860, and throughout his long and useful ministry his name has left its impress in many places in the history of our Church. His death came as a shock to the many who loved him. Dr. Willoughby was a chairman of district for many years, and a delegate to every General Conference since union up to the year 1898. In 1901, owing to an almost complete loss of eyesight, he superannuated. But even in the shadows that shortened life's afternoon, he still

was enabled to do much earnest and fruit-rewarded work.

DEATH OF THE REV. JESSE S. GILBERT.

In the death, some weeks ago, of the Rev. Jesse S. Gilbert, M.A., Ph.D., the Methodist Episcopal Church loses a spirit of unusual sweetness, as well as one of her ablest men. Dr. Gilbert has a number of times contributed to this magazine, and we have many times enjoyed sweet fellowship and pleasant correspondence with him. Dr. Gilbert was well known, not only as a strong evangelical preacher, but as a popular and versatile lecturer, both in the field of the temperance reform and of intellectual and social life; he was also a prolific writer. His shortness of stature and boyish physique were responsible for his bearing throughout his ministry the title of the "Boy Preacher," serving under it some of the most important charges of the Conference. The last year of his life he was a Conference evangelist and an indefatigable worker in spite of his delicate health and the remonstrances of his friends. In spite of a nervous trouble that afflicted his closing years, his joyous temperament made life sunny to those around him. It was fitting that at the close of the Sabbath day such a spirit should pass out from the quiet of eventide to a place in the gloryland.

An appropriate tribute at the funeral service was the presence of about thirty ministers of different denominations.

The death of the Rev. Dr. Cunningham Geikie removes a Christian scholar who ranked with the late Dean Farrar as the successful author of a popular *Life of Christ* and of books illustrating the Word of God. He had reached the venerable age of eighty-one and has interest with us in Canada as having lived in this country from 1848 to 1860. Most of this time he lived in Toronto. He received his D.D. in Queen's University, Kingston, and was a brother of Dr. Walter Geikie, Dean of the Medical Faculty, Trinity College, Toronto.

Chill airs and wintry winds! my ear
Has grown familiar with your song;

I hear it in the opening year,
I listen, and it cheers me long.
—*Longfellow.*