

Methodist Chat.

THE Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society has 265 mission stations and 2,355 preaching places. Its income is \$28,000 more than two years ago.

In declining an invitation from the New York Conference to be present at its one hundredth annual session, Governor Roosevelt replied: "The Methodists are my kind. I owe them a good deal."

The New York *Christian Advocate* thinks that "A more doleful drag can hardly be imagined than the attempt to raise twenty million dollars unless there is a radical improvement in the religious spirit of the (Methodist Episcopal) denomination."

BISHOP HENDRIX, in a lecture, is reported to have said: "Methodism to-day preaches the Gospel in more tongues than was spoken in the whole Roman Empire in her proudest days; and her children, taken together in all lands, outnumber the entire hosts of Christianity at the end of the first two centuries."

THE Australasian Wesleyan General Secretary of Missions, in order to revive and intensify

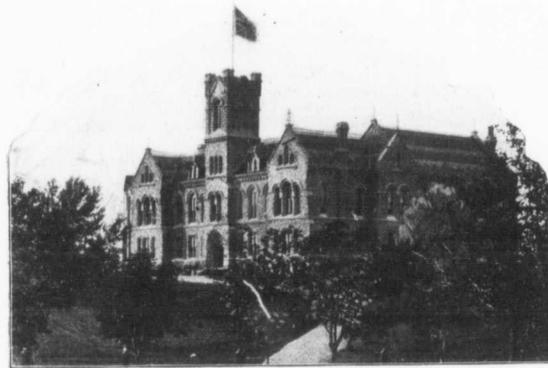
Our Letter Box.

A READER in Nova Scotia writes, calling attention to an item in the ERA of last month in which John Wesley's Bible was said to have been printed in 1855. He imagines that this was a first of April hoax. Not so, dear brother! It was simply a typographical error. This is an illustration of the perversity of the type. It should have read 1855.

MR. J. W. W. STEWART, for some time President of Grace Church League, Winnipeg, has removed to Vancouver to take charge of the business of the Imperial Life Assurance Company. In a note recently received from Mr. Stewart, he says:

"I am delighted with the ERA. It is a most valuable paper at double the price, and fills a long felt want for a distinctively young people's paper. If you will forward me a bundle of anniversary numbers not to exceed say \$1.00 worth I shall guarantee some subscriptions for you."

When Mr. Stewart says that he is going to send some subscriptions we look upon it as about the same thing as if the money were in our hands.



QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON, ONT.

sify enthusiasm for the work under his charge, has projected an excursion of visitation to the principal stations where it is carried on. He has arranged to charter a vessel which, if 100 passengers are secured, will in June and July next make a voyage of 6,120 miles, visiting points, twenty of which are named, in Australia, New Guinea, and New Britain, the New Hebrides.

TOWARD the Twentieth Century fund of the English Wesleyan Church, \$3,000,000 is now in sight. As evidence of the interest taken in the movement by other than members of the Wesleyan Church, one of the partners in a well-known London drapery establishment has given \$2,500 for himself and \$2,500 for his wife. The leaders in the movement are sanguine as to the 1,000,000 guineas being raised, and it is an open secret that should any unforeseen difficulty arise, the wealthy laymen of the Church will make up the deficiency.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, Kingston, is an institution in which the citizens of all denominations take great pride. Through the courtesy of the *British Whig* we are pleased to publish a very good picture of the building.

A CORRESPONDENT secretary writes: "We find your suggested missionary programmes in the ERA very helpful to us, and I can assure you our young people are delighted with your paper."

We cannot begin to print all the complimentary things that are said about our paper, but here are a few words that come from far. Rev. A. D. Morton, President of the Nova Scotia Conference, writes:

"Allow me to congratulate you on the general and special excellence of the CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA, the latest born of our Methodist journals. I confess that I was unfavorable to the publication of another church organ, but the ERA seems to have found a sphere of its own, and promises to be a most popular paper, especially helpful to the organization whose servant it is."

The League at Spencerville, Montreal Conference, having subscribed for twenty-nine copies of the CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA, we have asked Dr. S. E. McLean to let us know how it was done so that others might take a leaf out of their book. The Doctor sends the following letter:

"Would say in reply to your letter, asking our method of procuring subscribers to the

EPWORTH ERA, at a meeting of our cabinet we concluded that the money in our treasury, obtained by a musical and literary social, might be used for a literary and spiritual help to our Leaguers. To accomplish this, with the consent of the League, we decided to place a paper in each home represented in the League, and it is understood the members from these homes will contribute at least five cents to our monthly collection. We are well pleased with the paper, and consider it a splendid investment."

REV. J. E. HOLMES, of Mount Brydges, sends the following note:

"I see you want suggestions as to how the League can help the pastor. In the special services just closed here a month ago, conducted by Evangelists Moall and Brownlow, of Toronto, over one hundred souls were won for Christ and the Church. I found my League Presidents a wonderful help to me in seeking out convicted ones, pointing many to the Saviour, and keeping a record of names of converts. If the League don't help the pastor there's something wrong—in the pastor."

Prominent People.

THE memorial to Lord Tennyson in Haslemere church is to take the form of a window, after a design by the late Sir Edward Burne-Jones, one of the last of a series illustrating the story of the Holy Grail, representing the vision which came to Sir Galahad in the little chapel. The window will cost about £100.

Now that the life of Rudyard Kipling will be spared, the *Presbyterian* hopes that he will come out of his trying ordeal with a rich Christian experience, and give the world the benefit of it in the future products of his pen. And it adds: "There is no discounting his genius. Some of his verses possess abiding merit. He has succeeded in striking a popular chord, and in securing a recognized literary standing both in Europe and America. With a larger future before him, even better work is yet to be expected."

REV. DR. STEEL, in the *Rambler*, thus contrasts two great New York preachers, Dr. Cuyler and Dr. Parkhurst: "Both are Presbyterian preachers; but how different! Parkhurst wore a gown; Cuyler ordinary dress. Parkhurst made few gestures; Cuyler gesticulated freely, one might almost say fiercely, for he used both hands as if they were swords, smiting and thrusting, and with clenched fist striking the pulpit like a sledge-hammer. Parkhurst read his sermon; Cuyler spoke without notes. Parkhurst's sermon that ought to be done for the young boys and girls at an hour, and everybody leaning to catch the final syllable. Parkhurst was calm and lucid; Cuyler fiery and vehement. Parkhurst was a gentle breeze; Cuyler a cyclone. Parkhurst was a moral lecturer; Cuyler an evangelical preacher."

DR. GUNSAULS, in the six years of his service at Plymouth Church, Chicago, raised something over \$6,000,000 for institutions which he chose to aid or found. One Sunday he set forth in his best manner the things that ought to be done for the young boys and girls of our generation. When he was through, Philip D. Armour came forward and said: "Do you believe in those ideas you just now expressed?" "I certainly do," said Dr. Gunsauls. "And you'd carry them out if you had the means?" "Most assuredly." "Well then," said Mr. Armour, "if you will give me five years of your time, I will give you the money." The result was that Armour Institute has Dr. Gunsauls as its president, where 1,200 young men and women are taught the most important industrial branches. The Sabbath address is to go down in history under the title of the "\$2,800,000 sermon."