

Dundas Street church, Toronto, was next visited, and for four weeks the church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and some evenings overflow meetings were held. We believe some six hundred persons gave in their names to become Christians. After an absence of six years the brethren have gone to Belleville, where their children in Christ, as well as others, will hail them welcome.

There are about 200 sons of Methodist ministers in Toronto. Among them are the following:—One judge, 1 bishop, 2 county crown attorneys, 1 public school inspector, 1 member of parliament, 3 queen's counsellors, 4 graduates in dentistry, 12 in medicine, 40 in arts and law, 3 bankers, 5 insurance agents, 6 clergymen, 3 organists, 1 librarian, 1 government employee, and 60 students at the various educational institutions.

Mount Allison college, New Brunswick, is the first Canadian college that granted full rights to women.

The revival services in connection with the French Methodist church, Craig Street, Montreal, were productive of much good. The pastor was assisted by Captain Perraud, of the Salvation Army, and Rev. M. Galliardet.

At Dorchester Street also much good was done by the instrumentality

of Misses Birdsell and Mason. The church was crowded night after night for some weeks, and several conversions took place.

RECENT DEATHS.

Of all the books that have been published respecting the Holy Land, probably none is so well known as "The Land and the Book," by Rev. Dr. W. M. Thompson, who was a missionary in Syria and Palestine for forty years. Though published in 1859, Dr. Thompson's interesting volume is still a great favorite with Biblical students. He has now gone to the heavenly Canaan, the better country than that of which he wrote so grandly.

Rev. Elijah Jackson, Wesleyan minister, who for 31 years laboured successfully in Lancashire and Yorkshire, and one year in Kent, where he was chairman of the district. He was a man greatly beloved, who did much hard work for Methodism.

Bishop Hill and his wife, of the Church of England Missionary Society, at Lagos, Eastern Africa, have died at their post. They were seized with fever within a few hours of each other. Mrs. Hill only survived her husband eight hours. They were buried together in one grave twenty-four hours after the death of Mrs. Hill.

A NIGHT-BLOOMING CEREUS.

(Coahuilla, Mexico.)

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THE desert stoic, silent of its power,
Looms with bare cactus fronds, a thing austere;
Its blossoms dream their beauty all the year,
Both through the still heats and the sandy shower.

But once each year, and at the midnight hour,
These censer leaves shake loose their rich perfume,
And paling petals, full of golden bloom,
With majesty unfold into a flower.

Even so have hearts, with vacillation sweet,
Thrilled into momentary love, or men
Caught Truth's pale face, ere rolled the clouds between.

Even so have dark souls, murdered by defeat,
Glowed with pure prayer, who never spake again.
Flowers of the desert midnight!—Who hath seen?

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