

The Hon. John Bright, who has just gone to his reward, wrote some time ago to General Clinton B. Fish, and said: "There is nothing that is going to give such stability to this Government as the religious instruction of our children in the Protestant Sunday-schools of the realm, and I have read all about them in your country, and your people are going to be safe if you only stand by your Sunday-school men, and train up your children in the way of the Lord.

The Pope is reported to be uneasy about the anti-Jesuit agitation in Canada. It is said that he fears that if a bitter feeling should arise it might cause serious complications.

Dr. Lavartha, of Chicago, is at work in England and the United States organizing a movement for the settlement of Palestine; and a scheme for the development of the great Euphrates valley, which is capable of sustaining one million people, and of being the centre of the world's activities.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

The annual meeting of the Publishing House was held in May. The total business from all departments is \$300,644.20. The profits \$56,334.66; of which \$12,500 was appropriated to the Conference claimants—superannuates.

The income of the Woman's Missionary Society during the past year amounted to \$70,000. Ten additional missionaries have been accepted, and assigned to various parts of the mission field.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

A bazaar was lately held at Halifax, when the magnificent sum of \$6,511 was announced as the result of four days' sale.

A fortnight's mission was recently held in one of the London churches, one principle feature of which was the singing and speaking of Mrs. Dawson, an evangelist. A band of music missioned the streets every night and also played several pieces in the church. Much good was done.

The Evangelistic Union in Leeds and Halifax districts have held a successful convention at Bradford. The services were held morning, afternoon and evening. The evening service was crowded. A great impetus was given to the work of personal holiness.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

While these notes are in course of preparation, the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, General Missionary Secretary, is on his way to Japan, and will doubtless form a Canada Methodist Conference before he returns.

The Japan District Meeting was held in March, sixteen unordained preachers, fifteen ordained ministers and thirteen laymen, making forty-five in all, were present. Three were admitted on trial for the ministry. There are also thirteen evangelists employed, and ten young men were admitted into the theological school. The membership has increased three hundred and thirty-one, giving a total of one thousand six hundred. The financial exhibit was eighty per cent. in advance of the previous year. Three Methodist Episcopal ministers were present as fraternal delegates.

A new church was dedicated at Shitaya by Dr. Macdonald, Dr. Eby preached the sermon. Several Japanese and foreign pastors took part.

A journal states that a course of lectures was recently delivered before the students and Faculty of the Imperial University, by different persons, among others our own missionary, Dr. Eby, who is thus described: "Dr. Eby enjoys the distinction of having by invitation delivered a course of lectures on 'Right Basis of Ethics.' He is recognized as a man of broad learning and thorough Japanese scholarship."

Mr. Tom Chew is a native of China, but was converted to God in British Columbia, under the Rev. C. Watson. Mr. Chew is studying hard, and intends to devote himself to missionary work in China. He is now being cared for by some ladies in connection with the Metropolitan