

was their leader. Fifty years after the organization of this society, in a Sermon on Heb. v. 4, Mr. Wesley said: "Did we ever appoint you to administer the Sacraments, to exercise the Priestly Office? Such a design never entered our mind. * * and in doing it you renounce the first principle of Methodism, which was wholly to preach the Gospel. * * It does by no means follow that ye are commissioned to baptize or to administer the Lord's Supper. Ye never dreamed of this ten or twenty years after ye began to preach. Ye knew 'no man taketh this honor into himself but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.' O contain yourselves within your bounds! Be content with preaching the Gospel." Thus it can be seen that Mr. Wesley himself never regarded the Methodist Society as a Church, nor Methodist Preachers as Clergymen.

NOTES.

Some subscriptions for 1897 still remain unpaid. We therefore request all, who are behind hand, to give their attention to this matter and to send them in at once. The present also is the right time for remitting Renewals for the New Year, and consequently we hope that those, who have not yet paid their subscriptions for this year, will do so as soon as possible.

Our subscribers in England should remit their subscriptions (eighteen pence per annum) to Mrs. Furnivall, Wykeham, Shaa Road, Acton, W., who has most kindly consented to receive and forward them to the Editor.

The Sub-Librarian of the Quebec Clerical Library begs to acknowledge the receipt of a little book, entitled "The Bible and the Child," presented by G. W. Parmelee, Esq., of Quebec.

The Christmas Day collection in aid of the poor in the Cathedral amounted to \$257, which shews a large improvement upon the amount given in 1896.

We are glad to hear that the Reverend I. M. Thompson, Rector of Levis, has received a very handsome New Year's gift, from his two congregations of New Liverpool and Levis amounting altogether to \$102.50.

The Reverend E. J. Etherington, it is pleasing to note, has also been the recipient of a most useful and lovely present from the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Church, Quebec, consisting of a solid silver Communion Service, accompanied by a very happily worded Address.

On Sunday, December 26th (S. Stephen's Day), there was a united Sunday School Service at S. Matthew's Church, Quebec, in connection with the Ministering Children's League. Most of the City Clergy were present, and the Reverend T. H. Lloyd addressed a large congregation of children and their friends.

In this issue of the DIOCESAN GAZETTE we are giving our readers for the first time a STORY, which we hope they will find interesting. In the future we expect to be always able to print, in addition, Pictures to illustrate the stories.

DISTRICT NEWS.

NEW CARLISLE.

The Reverend E. B. Husband, reports:—

On Thanksgiving Day, there was Service here at 10 o'clock, with Holy Communion. A very fair congregation attended, and the Service was bright and hearty.

In Paspebiac, the Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday morning, but, owing to the very inclement weather, very few were present.

A very successful Concert took place in the Church Hall on November 11th, and great praise is due to all who kindly took part. The sum of \$12.00 was realized, which, except for a few dollars' expenses, will go towards the debt on painting the Rectory.

STANSTEAD AND BEEBE PLAIN.

The Annual Meeting of Christ Church Chapter of S. Andrew's Brotherhood was held on S. Andrew's Day. There was an early Celebration of the Holy Communion at 6 a.m., at which six members of the