

tion. The question of the future is whether the Slav or the Teuton is to control the world. Britain's unselfish policy of the "open door," her missionary zeal, and her maintenance of liberty beneath the red-cross flag, make her dominant influence a blessing to the world. Russia's selfish commercial policy, shutting out all other nations from her sphere of influence; her religious intolerance, persecuting the Finns, the Doukhobors, the Stundists, the Jews, and her bureaucratic autocracy make her the menace of civilization.

THE WESLEY BICENTENARY.

The bicentenary celebration of the birth of John Wesley, which is to be observed throughout universal Methodism, is to be made an occasion, not for the glorifying of an individual, even of one so God-honoured and influential as our venerated founder, but for the glorifying of God and the increase of the Church's spiritual life and practical service. This end it is proposed to promote by recalling to the minds of our people the great personality of Wesley, his utter devotion, his absolute unselfishness, his extraordinary industry, his wonderful life-work, and the far-reaching developments which, by God's blessing, have followed from the Wesleyan revival of the eighteenth century. The essential spirit of Methodism, and its combined and mutually interdependent co-operation Godward, and manward upreach and outreach, will be brought before public attention in the pulpit and through all the branches of the connexional press.

The main emphasis of the movement, however, will be directed to the promotion of a genuine revival of personal religion on the part of those already members of the Church, as well as of those who, while adherents of Methodism, are unhappily indifferent or undecided on the great question of their individual relationship to God in Christ. Special evangelistic services will be held with this end in view, and all over the world the Methodist people will be on their knees before God for a baptism of the Holy Ghost. In our own branch of Methodism, there will be put before our people, in addition to and as an outcome of the awakening of deeper religious life and interest, the proposition to raise the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars as a Bicentenary Fund, to be

devoted entirely to the extension of the missionary work of the Church.

The Executive decided as follows: That Sunday, June 28th, the Bicentenary of Wesley's birth, be signalized by devotional and thanksgiving services on all the circuits of the Connexion. That the month of October be taken for a revival effort for the deepening of spiritual life in the Church and the salvation of the unconverted, and that the financial effort be made on Sunday, October 25th. Thus the great connexional scheme is put before the Church. God give us grace and wisdom, every one, to aid it by our prayers, our gifts, and our personal consecration.—Guardian.

As we go to press comes the sad intelligence of the double bereavement of the Methodist Episcopal Church by the death of two of its most loved and honoured leaders, Bishop Foster and Bishop Hurst. The first of these, the St. John of Methodism, at the venerable age of eighty-three, after long lingering in the *Æulahland* of Perfect Love, entered into rest May 4th. He was a great and good man, a sage philosopher and seer, whose writings will bless the Church long after his departure.

Bishop Hurst, who died at Washington, D.C., two days after his episcopal colleague, was the inspiration of the great Methodist University at Washington, for which, chiefly through his efforts, \$3,000,000 have been already secured. He was an example of thorough-going scholarship, as shown by his "History of Rationalism" and many other books of learned research, concluding with a monumental "History of Methodism," which is laid under tribute in this memorial number.

Another of the old landmarks of Toronto has passed away in the death of the revered and honoured Emerson Coatsworth. Only five days before his death he celebrated his thirtieth anniversary as City Commissioner, and true to his purpose of working to the last, he signed the city pay-rolls on that day. He was a grand old man, revered and honoured more and more as the years passed by. Throughout his long and strenuous life of seventy-eight years he was diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. He was one of the most effective local preachers we ever knew. a