

abreast of the demands made upon it even in Winnipeg, notwithstanding the enterprise of good people in erecting sanctuaries.

#### THE LARGE FOR THE SMALL.

One of the noticeable features of present-day Methodism in England is the substitution of large, costly and well-equipped mission buildings for the more numerous but small mission halls of a generation ago. The old idea was to have missions near the homes of all. "But," says *The Methodist Times*, "experience has taught us that it is easier to get two thousand people into a large hall than one thousand into ten small halls, though they were near the homes of the people. When the Forward Movement began, less than a generation ago, \$25,000 was considered a generous sum to spend on a Methodist place of worship. We had only a very small number which cost about \$50,000 each. I then knew of only one which cost \$100,000, and that was the gift of a wealthy family. At present we have two central halls, which cost more than \$500,000 each, and a considerable number worth from \$125,000 to \$375,000 each."

#### PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL WORK.

President James, of Northwestern University, has broad plans for the part to be played by Methodism in the education of the future. He suggests that the one hundred and forty-four Methodist educational institutions of the States be brought more directly under the supervision of the Board of Education. He further proposes that the whole territory of the church be divided into a number of university districts, each having a university that will compare with the best institutions of the kind in the land whether such be under church or state control. Further, he proposes that each university district be subdivided into college districts, each having a well-equipped college, affiliated with, or rather an integral part of, the university; and that the college districts be subdivided into academy or seminary districts with well-equipped secondary schools in affiliation with the colleges. All this does not look like leaving education to the secular world.

#### WOMEN IN THE MINISTRY.

The subject of women ministers, and what to do with them, is absorbing considerable attention in the world of to-day and in the United States world in particular. The Congregationalist and Christian World lately collected considerable data concerning the work of the women ministers of their denomination. They inquired of home missionary secretaries and superintendents concerning the value of woman's work. Only three adverse replies were received.

The Iowa superintendent writes: "They are willing to go where men will not go. In the matter of genuine missionary service they put men in the shade"; while the Oregon superintendent replies: "They do a whole lot of things that men won't do. They work harder for their money and with less fault-finding than men. They get into the hearts of their sisters when a man cannot. They handle rough boys with more tact and wisdom than most men."

Judged by the fruits of their work, the women preachers are worthy a permanent place in the ministry. In early Methodism, and in the Salvation Army they have had great success.

The Wesleyans in England report an increase of nearly six thousand members, 5,989. "This gives cause," says *the Times*, "for thankfulness, though not for any exultation." The million-pound fund has been completed.

The article by the Rev. James Allen in last number furnishes a striking argument for Methodist union. The fact that there is so much work to do and so few to do it in many parts of our country, makes more fatuous the policy of dividing and wasting our resources in such difficult territory.

The Methodist Young People's Summer-school opened its fourth session at Victoria College on July 9, under very favorable conditions. The eloquent address on "Africa," by Bishop Hartzell, cannot fail to do lasting good. Further reference to the session will be given in our next issue.

In the fifth line of second paragraph of Dr. McLaughlin's article in the June number of the Magazine, the word "seizing" should be "saying."