

brethren in the United States throughout their day of sore trial. The ordeal through which their church and nation have just passed, in consequence of the slaveholder's insurrection and the assassination of President Lincoln, has been one of fire and blood, accompanied with weeping, lamentation and woe. But as the slave power is now broken, and the Southern rebellion suppressed, we trust that the sun of peace, prosperity and liberty will ere long shine with greater effulgence than ever upon the churches of the neighboring country, and that the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States will be able, in the South as in the North, to fulfil her great and glorious mission among the teeming multitudes of people from all nations, who are now dwelling, or may yet seek a home in the American republic.

CENTENARY OF AMERICAN METHODISM.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the centenary of American Methodism, beg leave to report,—That your Committee have been informed that the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada has been invited, through its delegates attending the General Conference of the M. E. Church in the United States, assembled at Philadelphia, to unite with the parent body in some suitable manner to celebrate the one hundredth year of Methodism on this continent, and we think it a proper period for thanksgiving to Almighty God, and a desirable time to raise funds for replenishing the Treasury of the Church of Christ.

Your Committee do not, however, deem it necessary in this brief report to give the history of the commencement of Methodism in New York, but simply to state that the church in the neighboring country has arranged to celebrate the centenary of American Methodism, in the month of October, 1866, by holding religious service in all their places of worship, and taking up collections, subscriptions and donations, these to be applied as the donors may request. As the legitimate branch of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, your committee recommend that our body co-operate with the parent connexion in the aforesaid celebration.

As it will be too late to make suitable preparations after the meeting of our next General Conference, your Committee suggest the following plan :

1. Each preacher having charge of a Circuit, Station or Mission shall call a public meeting of all the members on his charge, as soon as the 14th of June next, and said meeting of each charge shall be solicited to choose two of its number—one a local preacher, or official, if possible, and the other a private member—who, with the preacher in charge, shall attend the District Association for the