

of whom would reach self-support when provided with churches, schools and homes in which to do mission work. I consider that an investment of \$250,000 would establish fifty missionaries, whose work would go on and on indefinitely, until the country is saved.

Rev. W. Green writes from Mexico: "Public gambling is as common as the return of night. I saw Roman Catholic priests at the gambling tables, not taking chances on their own account, but to cover up their gambling, they place their stakes in the name of 'La Santissima Virgin' (Most Holy Virgin). I saw priests drunk in the streets and brawling like any other drunken sinners. Twenty towns I passed through had no priests, and no religious instruction of any kind.

A Deaconess Home is about to be established in Washington, as a memorial to Mrs. Lacy Webb Hayes. This will give a most powerful impetus to one of the most significant movements of the Church.

Over 2,200 Epworth Leagues have been organized in connection with this Church, besides nearly 100 in Canada. A periodical, the organ of the League is to be published at Chicago, of which the Rev. Dr. Berry, son of Rev. F. Berry, formerly a Methodist minister in Canada, has been appointed editor. We congratulate our Canadian brother, and wish him abundant success.

A gentleman, whose earthly name must remain unknown, has given, through Chaplain McCabe, \$10,000 toward the Loan Fund of the Church Extension Society. This sum will secure the erection of at least twenty good churches right away, and in five years from this time, by its aid, twenty more churches will be built.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

It is stated that only one Methodist Church in the United States raised a larger sum than McKendree Church, Nashville, Tennessee, raised last year for missions. It contributed \$6,431.91.

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The following statistics indicate the strong and influential position of Methodism in Ontario. Of the persons married, 10,057 were Methodists, 5,713 Presbyterians, 5,209 Episcopalians, and 4,033 Roman Catholics.

Rev. Messrs. Hunter and Crossley, after a successful campaign at Montreal, went to Brantford. Rev. John Kay says: "The whole city seems to be moved as seldom, if ever, before. Hundreds have been seeking the Lord, and the work is deepening and reaching far out to all classes."

Rev. D. D. Moore, A.M., of Charlottetown, has accepted a call to the foreign work in India. His removal will be a great loss to Methodism in Canada.

Rev. L. Gaetz, whose failure of health compelled him to resign his position as minister in London a few years ago, settled at Red Deer, about ninety miles from Calgary, in the North-West Territory. There is now a village of forty or fifty families, with church and school accommodation. Brother Gaetz has lately been visiting in the east, and feels assured that the future of the North-West will be glorious.

The Hon. James Angel has been elected a member of the Legislative Council. The *Methodist Monthly Greeting* says, "A more worthy man could not well be found."

Rev. Ch'an Sing Kai, native Chinese missionary in Vancouver, writes: "Since the new year we have had an average of 150 to 200 coming regularly to our Sunday services. In our prayer-meeting we have an average of 100. We had seven Chinese baptized last Sunday evening, by the Rev. E. Robson, in the Homer Street Church. New Westminster shows a good beginning, since the first of the year there are from 80 to 100 Chinese attend regularly the Friday and Sunday evening services.

The trustees of the McDougall Memorial Church, Winnipeg, want to raise \$15,000, to erect such a building as they think they need.