

a thousand of his countrymen into the light, most of whom emigrated to the United States. Circumstances led Mr. Beaudry to believe that he could be more useful in the New England States on account of the settlement of so many of his countrymen there under conditions more favorable to their evangelization, and he accordingly re-united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was appointed to supervise their missions throughout New England. His home was in the vicinity of Albany, N. Y. Later an invitation reached him from Chicago, where fifty thousand French-Canadians were living without a Protestant mission, and he responded, believing that the call was from God. His subsequent success has strengthened others in the opinion, and the work, which opened full of promise, is developing a gratifying harvest.

Rev. N. H. Howard. This venerable brother died at his home in Elgin on January 8th. He was in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He had been in the active work of the ministry thirty-four years, and was superannuated twelve years ago.

Rev. James H. Geddes, another aged supernumerary minister, died at his residence on Bervie circuit on Saturday, January 3rd. Our venerable brother was in the eighty-sixth year of his age. His end was peace.

Rev. Herbert A. Baylis, one of the most promising young men in the Guelph Conference, died in the triumphs of faith at his home near Trowbridge on Sunday, December 20th, 1891, aged twenty-five years. Thus the youthful and the aged are alike cut down.

Book Notices.

Indika; The Country and the People of India and Ceylon. By JOHN F. HURST, D.D., LL.D. 8vo, pp. 794. New York: Harper & Brothers. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

About thirty years ago the Rev. Dr. Butler, the founder of American Methodist missions in London, who had passed through the horrors of the mutiny, wrote what was then probably the best book on India and mission life and work. In the present volume another distinguished Methodist divine presents what we judge to be one of the very best books extant on the same subject, bringing his book up to the present time, and illustrating it with the splendid resources of modern art. One of the difficulties of reviewing such a magnificent work is the very embarrassment of riches which it presents. Bishop Hurst has many advantages for the preparation of such a volume. He is a man of broadest culture, a veteran student of men of many races and of books

of many tongues. As a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he had the best opportunities for studying closely the inner life of India, especially of Indian missions, such as are closed to most travellers. He had also ample means for studying its public institutions, and learning what was best worth knowing in that vast and populous country. Bishop Hurst paints his picture of modern India upon the historic background of the past, and discusses with philosophic acumen the races, languages, religions and institutions of this old land, and describes with graphic pen its marvellous development in civilization. One of the most striking features in India is the government of 250,000,000 of Indians by less than 1,000 men, members of the Covenanted Service of India, the entire English population, civilians and soldiers, being only 140,000.

Egypt is the gift of the Nile, it has been said, but you could lose all Egypt in the plains which are the