

the new spirit of fraternal unity in the Protestant Churches, and give it practical expression. Such federations in the United States have proved greatly helpful. In one case one of the Churches provided funds for the erection of a building in a needy neighbourhood, which should be under the charge of another of the federated Churches—a fine example of Christian unity and fraternity.

A marked recognition of the growth of Methodism is the prominence it is receiving in journals of the Old World and the New. The British Monthly has a special supplement illustrated with many portraits and other engravings of the Wesleys, and scenes connected with their labours. When this great paper wished to procure the best portraits of John, Charles and Susannah Wesley, it sent to Toronto for photos of the splendid portraits painted by our own J. W. L. Forster, the property of the Toronto Methodist Social Union, now in Victoria University. These are finely printed in large size in sepia colours, mounted on dark mats suitable for framing. It is a marked tribute to Mr. Forster's admirable art and something to be proud of that Canadian Methodism possesses the finest group of Wesleyan pictures in existence.

THE RETIRING PRINCIPAL OF MONTREAL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

We all regret very much that Canada is to lose the services of the Rev. Dr. Maggs, the distinguished principal of Montreal Theological College. We are glad that we have had the benefit of them so long. He has given a distinct impulse to theological studies in this Dominion. His visits throughout the country, his ministrations in our cities, and especially his addresses before our colleges, have been an inspiration. His accurate scholarship, his large and sane outlook, his spiritual uplift, have been an unspeakable blessing. His influence will long be felt and his memory be kindly cherished when he himself shall have returned to his own land. We are persuaded, too, that he will carry to that land kindest memories of the land of his, for us, all too brief sojourn, and thus be another living link between the parent Methodism, "the mother of us all," and her loving daughter in Canada.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

We are glad to learn from a letter from the Rev. John Lawrence, of Rama, of an instance of an even earlier membership of a Quarterly Board than that of Mr. Jack Hunt in the city of Mexico, mentioned in the March number of the magazine. Mr. Hunt's appointment took place when he was not quite seventeen. Mr. Lawrence states that his son, the Rev. Levi L. Lawrence, now on the Laurel Circuit, when only fifteen years and one month old, was appointed a member of the Quarterly Board and Recording Steward on the Alderville Mission, Bay of Quinte Conference. This, we imagine, beats the record. Mr. L. L. Lawrence was also appointed secretary of the laymen's electoral section of the District Meeting before he reached the age of eighteen, and was repeatedly re-appointed to the same office. Well may Brother Lawrence describe himself as the grateful father of such a son. God bless the boys. The time was when the younger members of our Church were kept in the background and in a mild way "sat on." The Epworth League has changed all that. We put them forward, place responsibility upon them, train them for usefulness, and develop them in Christian manhood. "Instead of the fathers shall be the children." Again, God bless the boys.

THE REV. PRINCIPAL SHAW.

We rejoice greatly that the health of the Rev. Dr. Shaw is so greatly improved that he is enabled to resume the duties of principal which for some years he so successfully discharged. As one of the strongest sons of Canadian Methodism, we are proud of his record, and thank God for his commanding influence. No man carries greater weight in the councils of religious education, and no one is more persona grata in the relations of Methodism to the other Churches of this Dominion.

We are glad to acknowledge our indebtedness for the substance of the article on "Morocco and Its Problems" in our March number to "The Missionary Review of the World," the ablest and most comprehensive missionary periodical with which we are acquainted.