

## ITEMS.

Rev. William Fawcett, D.D., of Chicago, recently handed a check to Dr. Potts for \$1,000, to endow a prize in Victoria College, to be known as Michael Fawcett Prize, which is to be given for the best essay on Methodism each year, and only to those students who intend entering the ministry.

China is again the scene of outrages, property belonging to the Roman Catholics and some Protestant churches have been destroyed. Mr. Argent of the *Joyful News* mission was killed.

There is a deficiency in the income of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of \$20,000, and there is a debt of \$118,700, while urgent demands are being made for more labourers. The bishops have issued an appeal for increased contributions.

The corner-stone of the Scarritt Bible Training School for missionary workers has been laid in Kansas city. Dr. Scarritt left \$25,000 in his will for this object, on condition that a similar amount should be raised by the Methodist Church in the South. Special offerings were made on Easter Sunday for this object, and the amount was obtained.

The English Wesleyan Conference is now in session, with the Rev. Dr. Stephenson in the chair. There is an increase of 612 members with 213 on trial and 1,759 in junior classes, ninety-five candidates were received for the ministry; forty-eight new places had been erected, which will give an increase of 7,000 sittings. Sanction had been given for the erection of six ministers' houses and nine schools.

Bishop Taylor writes, "Lower down the Suire River at the Jacktam mission, not yet a year old, twenty little boys and girls repeated from memory the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, etc., and sang. I gave them a talk. My interpreter was a boy eight years old, he was ready and emphatic in passing the word."

Bishop Tucker wants forty missionaries for Equatorial Africa.

## RECENT DEATHS.

Rev. Andrew Milliken, of London Conference, was called to his eternal home, June 9th. He entered the itinerant ranks in 1856 and laboured successfully on several hard fields of labour, but was not deterred from remaining the full time allotted by Conference. For a few years he was superannuated, during which time he was greatly afflicted, but he endured as seeing Him who is invisible, and now he has entered the joy of his Lord.

Rev. W. Pollard, died soon after the close of the British Columbia Conference. He was well known both in Ontario and Quebec, where he travelled several years in important circuits, and filled responsible offices. If he had survived another year he would have celebrated his jubilee. In 1871 he responded to the call of the Church and went to British Columbia, where he was abundant in labours until 1878, when the state of his health compelled him to ask for superannuation, henceforth he was in age and feebleness extreme, until the Master said, "It is enough, come up higher."

Rev. Joseph Wesley McCallum died in Toronto, June 29. He had suffered severely some time before his death, but no murmur escaped his lips. Brother McCallum commenced his itinerant career in 1841 and laboured faithfully for more than forty years, during which he was instrumental in accomplishing much good. He was greatly esteemed for his urbanity, and always ready to render assistance when able.

Rev. Luther O. Rice entered the Methodist ministry in 1840, and for more than thirty years he did much severe labour in country circuits. He was strong physically and could endure any amount of reasonable toil. In 1875 he took a superannuated relation, and after a few years went to the United States and spent the evening of his life with his children. He occasionally laboured in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was greatly beloved. He died in the State of Indiana in June last.