

in one of the colleges. Miss Hart is a young lady of talent and culture, an accomplished artist and musician, and will thus be a valuable addition to the staff of missionaries now in Japan. The family to which Miss Hart belongs has a noteworthy record in the Church. Two uncles have laboured in the ministry. About two years ago a sister entered on mission work amongst the Indians in the North-West, and a brother has just entered the ministry in the Nova Scotia Conference.

We are gratified to learn that there is an increase of missionary income for the current year amounting to \$8,000, but there has been a falling off in the amount of bequests, which reduces somewhat the total receipts. This does not discourage us, we would rather see an increase in subscriptions than in the amount of bequests, it is a more satisfactory source of income.

The Board of the Superannuation Fund has just published an exhibit of its requirements. During the past year 190 worn-out ministers, 148 widows and 106 children received aid from this fund. During the current year, the following additional claimants will need to be provided for—18 ministers, 9 widows, and 12 children, which will necessarily require an increase of income. No fund has stronger claims on the liberality of the Methodist people than the Superannuation Fund.

RECENT DEATHS.

The Rev. A. C. Chambers, who was a member of the Montreal Conference, has been called to his reward. The event occurred at the house of his brother, the Rev. A. B. Chambers, Napanee, September 16th. Brother Chambers entered the ministry in 1868, so that he had been permitted to blow the Gospel trumpet a little more than twenty years. It was the privilege of the present writer, to follow our departed brother on one circuit, where he was spoken of very kindly by many friends. We occasionally met in subsequent years, and always found him the same kind, tender-hearted brother that he was

when we first met. The last time we were privileged to meet him was shortly after the death of his beloved wife, when he was somewhat depressed on account of the bereavement. He intimated that he did not expect to live long. He survived a few years, but his health has always been somewhat delicate which unfitted him for the rugged work which often falls to the lot of the itinerant. Since May he has resided with his brother, where the best medical skill was provided for him, and everything was done for his comfort which affection could suggest, but despite of all he sunk under his affliction, and now he rests from his labours. May his bereaved ones enjoy the consolations of the Gospel which he so faithfully preached, though often in great bodily weakness.

The Rev. Dr. Burnet, a well-known Presbyterian clergyman, who laboured for many years in Hamilton, Ont., died lately at Milton. He was only sick a few days when the Master called him home.

The Rev. John Brewster was for many years a well-known Methodist minister in the Maritime Provinces of Canada. He was a man of great originality of speech, and was exceedingly popular as a preacher. Some years ago he returned to England and became connected with the Parent Body. Mr. Brewster died suddenly at the opening of the British Conference.

ITEMS.

In 1873 the Reformed Episcopalians separated from the Protestant Episcopalians. They have 106 churches, and seven bishops. Its communicants number about 10,000. They have church property worth \$2,000,000, and a theological school in Philadelphia. A lady recently gave \$10,000 a year for church extension, and a property worth \$300,000 to the seminary.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church has established a home for aged ministers. The Board of