

rendered by the Cathedral Vested Choir, and the Bishop of Springfield delivered a most flattering and eloquent address reviewing the life of Bishop Tuttle. The Bishop also received numerous letters of congratulation from other members of the Episcopate.

WESLEYAN ADVANCE.—Mr. A. T. Walker in an address at the opening of a meeting at Headingley, England, is reported to have made the following remarks: "Time was when the introduction of an organ or the singing of an anthem or even of the 'Amen,' were regarded in certain Methodist circles as dangerous innovations. The cry at once was that Methodism was bound for Rome (laughter). With the development of science, art and education, however, the manner in which these changes were regarded, was changed. An anthem was no longer regarded as dangerous nor an organ as the mechanism of the Evil one. In the old days chapels were built more like barns than places of worship, but fortunately such a state of things had with the times changed. Considering the whole matter if but assured that they held the faith delivered to the saints, let them discountenance no means likely to raise humanity and promote the true interests of religion." Upon which wise remarks *The Church Review* comments thus: "There is much virtue in an 'if'; if they held the faith once for all delivered to the saints they would never have separated from that portion of the Catholic Church to which it was delivered."

THE CENSUS BULLETIN, No. 9.

We have received from the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa the above Bulletin, which contains an analysis of the Census returns of 1891 as to the strength and growth of the various religious orders in the Dominion. The figures, assuming them to be correct, of which we are by no means satisfied, afford cause for careful thought and serious enquiry in the part of members of The Church of England.

As might have been expected from the consolidation of the various branches of the Methodist body which took place a few years ago, and that in the statements prepared at Ottawa, the several bodies calling themselves Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists have been put under one head—there being *three* branches of the Baptists and four of the Methodists in the full compilation—the *Methodists* head the list of the Protestant bodies in the Dominion with an assessed membership of 847,469. The *Presbyterians* come second with 755,199; and the *Church of England* third with 644,106.

It is noteworthy that the stronghold of Methodism and of Presbyterianism alike is to be found in the Province of Ontario; and that in fact their excess in numbers in the whole Dominion over The Church is *entirely* in the care of Methodists and largely in the care of the Presbyterians joined in that Province thus:

Church of England.....	385,999
Presbyterians.....	453,140
Methodists.....	653,942

In only one other Province, viz. that of Prince Edward Island, does the Methodist exceed in

numbers The Church of England; whilst in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Manitoba the Presbyterians surpass both. The returns are as follows:

	Church of England	Methodists	Presbyterians
New Brunswick.....	43,095	35,504	40,639
Nova Scotia.....	64,410	54,195	108,952
Prince Edward Island	6,646	13,599	33,972
Quebec.....	75,338	39,517	52,601
Manitoba.....	30,852	28,437	39,001
The Territories.....	14,166	7,980	12,507
British Columbia.....	23,600	14,298	15,281

The large excess in the numbers of the adherents of the Church of England in the Province of Quebec is also noteworthy.

Looking at the strength of these three leading bodies in the chief cities of the Dominion, this Bulletin shows that in St. John (N.B.), Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto, London, Winnipeg, Victoria, New Westminster and Vancouver, The Church of England far exceeds in number the other two, and in some instances exceeds both combined, the figures for Montreal and Toronto being respectively:

	Montreal	Toronto
Church of England.....	19,684	40,684
Methodists.....	6,803	32,505
Presbyterians.....	14,853	27,449

The Bulletin shows the total increase in the population of Canada during the ten years to have been (leaving out the unorganized regions in the north and north-west) 475,701, of whom 124,488 were Methodists, 70,034 Presbyterians and 66,692 Church of England. The proportion of each to the whole population was in 1881 and 1891 respectively as follows:

	1881	1891
Church of England.....	13.35	13.41
Methodists.....	17.11	17.05
Presbyterians.....	15.61	15.73

It is unsatisfactory to find that in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, the Church has according to the census decreased in number since 1881; in the former by 4,151; and in the latter by 559. We do not think that entire confidence is to be placed in the Census returns; but it is doubtful whether this deficiency can be accounted for on the ground of error. There may be special causes operating to reduce the numbers of church adherents in these two Provinces; but we would be glad to have the figures tested by comparison with the statistics furnished to the Synod. Perhaps some of our friends in the Diocese of Fredericton and of Nova Scotia would *pro bono* undertake the comparison and furnish us with the result.

Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

At the Board of Management held in Toronto, on April 27th, ult., the following Resolutions of condolence were adopted:

1. Before proceeding to business at this meeting, following so speedily on the lamented removal of the Bishop of Quebec, the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, feels called upon to take notice of the sad event which has deprived the Church of England in Canada, of one of her most gifted and most faithful chief pastors.

For twenty-nine years the Right Rev. J. W.

Williams, D. D., has been the successful and well-beloved Bishop of his diocese, and will long be remembered as a true Father in God, and a faithful servant of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To the late eminent Prelate, as a member of this Society the General Board is deeply indebted for the constant benefit of his matured wisdom and sound advice, as well as the interest ever taken in its proceedings. Most respectfully the Board would express its true and affectionate Christian sympathy with the bereaved widow, herself an earnest and devoted friend of the Church's Missionary work, and the other members of the late Bishop's family; and would humbly pray that the God of all consolation may support them in the irreparable loss they have sustained, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Williams.

That this Board would respectfully beg to express to the Diocese of Quebec, bereaved of its devoted and well-beloved Bishop, who has so worthily presided over it for twenty-nine years, the sense of the grievous loss sustained by the diocese and the whole Church of England in Canada, and that a copy of the above be forwarded to the Secretary of the Synod of Quebec.

2. That the Board deplores the loss of a valuable member of this body, R. T. Clinch, Esq., a respected representative of the Diocese of Fredericton. Mr. Clinch was for many years a delegate to the Provincial Synod, and ever took an active interest in the Church Missionary work. The Board wishes to place on record their sense of the worthy example set by this excellent layman, and their condolence with the bereaved family, to whom a copy of this resolution is directed to be forwarded.

It was also resolved:—

(a) That the Secretary do write to the Bishop of New Westminster enquiring whether he can devote, say two months next winter, to the instruction of congregations in Eastern Canada, in the extent and needs of the Church's work in his diocese, and that the Secretary do assure him of a hearty welcome if he can acquiesce in the conditions required by the Board, that the aim of the Bishop shall be confined to the deepening and quickening of a missionary spirit among the congregations, and that the collections at all the meetings attended by the Bishop shall be given to the funds of the Board, who will be responsible for his travelling expenses.

That the following clergy be appointed to act in each diocese on behalf of the Board in making the necessary arrangements for the Bishop's entertainment in each congregation, and to furnish him through the General Secretary, with the day and hour and place of each appointment made for him, and with definite information as to the means of travelling from place to place: Rev. A. J. Balfour, Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Rev. A. Williams, Rev. Rural Dean Pollard, Rev. E. P. Crawford, and Rev. Canon Richardson.

(b) That in compliance with the request of the Bishop of New Westminster for help towards the stipend of a clergyman to work entirely among the Chinese in his diocese, the sum of \$250 be granted, and that his Lordship be requested to give further information on the subject for the future guidance of the Board.

(c) That this Board has read with great pleasure the reports of work among the Chinese, presented by the Bishop of Columbia, and the Rev. Mr. Lipscombe, and wishes them God speed in this important department of Evangelistic work among the heathen resident in Canada.

(d) That the Board adopt as its own, the agreement entered into by the Secretary, with the J. E. Bryant Co., in Sept., 1890, and also that a committee, consisting of the Lord Bishops of Toronto and Niagara, and the Delegates for the Diocese of Toronto, with the Treasurer and Secretary, be appointed to consider the whole position of the *Canadian Church Magazine*, and *Mission News*, with power to act according to