

was greatly beloved. More than seventy ministers attended his funeral.

The Rev. George Tindal, Primitive Methodist, recently died at the great age of ninety. He was the oldest minister in the denomination. The present writer can remember hearing him preach more than sixty years ago. He was very zealous in the pulpit, and faithful in pastoral duties.

In our own Church, since the Annual Conferences adjourned, the Rev. M. Baxter, Rev. J. R. Gibson, and Rev. J. C. Osborne have gone to their reward. Bro. Baxter was a superannuated minister in the Niagara Conference, and was eighty-six years of age. His early ministry was spent in Ireland, in connection with the Rev. W. Cooke, D.D., of the Methodist New Connexion Mission. In Canada he laboured on some hard fields. He was a good man and an earnest minister.

Brother Gibson was a member of the Guelph Conference. He commenced his itinerant career in Muskoka in 1870, where he remained four years. After spending three years at Hali-burton and McKellar, he was sent to Algoma District, so that it will be seen our dear brother performed some hard ministerial labour.

Brother Osborne was a superannuated minister in the Montreal Conference. Since he retired from the active work, in 1877, he has resided mostly in Ottawa. For more than thirty years he laboured on circuits, and for eleven years he gave his services gratuitously. He was a man of great meekness, and was much beloved by those to whom he was best known.

ITEMS.

Rev. J. A. Sawyer, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, writes from Kentucky: "I have had three Baptist ministers to come around the table and help to consecrate the elements and to assist in the administra-

tion, and the members follow their leaders."

A Baptist church at Birmingham, England, has just elected a negro as its minister. Rev. P. D. Stanford was actually born a slave in Virginia, though he was liberated while yet a child during the civil war. He was converted under Mr. Moody.

Over 200 Baptist churches in New York State are pastorless.

W. Carey's sermon that led to the establishment of the Baptist Missionary Society and sent him out as its first missionary, was based on the text, Isaiah liv. 23: "Enlarge the place of thy tent," etc. Under this he made two points: 1. Expect great things of God; 2. Attempt great things for God. Where ninety years ago Carey was the only ordained Protestant missionary, are now about 7,000.

The Rev. E. Spoor, an English missionary, after about five years' labour in Brazil, says: "Brazil is fully open to the preaching of the Gospel. The first missionaries of the Baptist Missionary Society went to Brazil in 1882, since then five others have joined them in the work. We have missions established at five important centres. The Empire of Brazil comprises one-fifteenth of the land surface of the globe, and more than three-sevenths of South America. It has an area of 3,000,000 square miles and some 14,000,000 inhabitants. Millions there have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Vast provinces larger than England are yet without a single minister. The people are idolatrous, and superstitious, and very ignorant; sin and immorality abound."

The Pope has sent an autograph letter to the authorities of Laval University, Quebec, thanking them and the citizens of Quebec for expressions in favour of the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope.

There are scores of Methodist ministers in Canada who are largely deficient in their salaries, some to the extent of hundreds of dollars. One whom we know was more than \$2,000 deficient in less than twenty years, and during no year was he promised more than \$650.