

Columbia, in response to an appeal from the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Starr, \$4,250 were placed on the plate toward liquidating the debt on the church.

A church was dedicated at Columbus, Ontario, and in response to an appeal of the Rev. Dr. Stone, "the Ives of Canada," \$400 more than the required amount of the debt was subscribed.

Still another, Rev. J. Philp, of St. Paul's, Brampton, Ontario, appealed one Sabbath to his people to reduce the debt on the church, which exceeded \$20,000, when, to the delight of all, \$14,000 in cash was laid on the plates at the Sabbath services.

ITEMS.

Rev. James Currie, Canadian Congregational Missionary in Africa will soon be joined by a student from the College in Montreal.

A movement toward Church Union in mission fields is being made in China as well as in Japan. A Conference toward this end will be held in Shanghai in 1890.

About sixty missionaries belonging to various denominations recently landed at Shanghai, to labour at various points in China.

Tidings were recently received that Great Britain had formally annexed the Cook or Hervey group of islands in the South Pacific, with the glad consent of the natives. Here John Williams, the martyr of Erromanga, laboured more than sixty years ago. The people are industrious and happy, and are now thoroughly christianised. They have adopted the European dress, live in well-furnished stone houses, and many of them have attained a high state of civilization.

The Salvation Army by its Self-denial Fund, hoped four months ago to raise \$25,000; but \$40,000 has been raised in England alone. To this \$20,000 has been added by outside friends and \$10,000 is expected from abroad. A total of \$70,000 is a respectable sum, which will pay off old scores, and leave the Army at liberty to prosecute new mission work.

At the jubilee of the Rev. Dr. Bonar, Glasgow, he was presented with a silver salver and 4,000 sovereigns. He also received an illuminated address.

RECENT DEATHS.

The Rev. W. D. Brown, Montreal Conference died December 6th, in the 80th year of his age. The present writer knew him more than forty years. Few men were better read in Biblical and Theological literature. We have often heard him described as "The Cyclopædia." His last illness was short, and his death was triumphant.

The Venerable Dr. O'Meara, of the Episcopal Church, died suddenly at Port Hope, December 17th. He performed his duties in church the day preceding and was about to take the train to Toronto, but instead of proceeding on his journey, the Master called him to his heavenly home. A few months ago he celebrated the jubilee of his ministry. He was formerly an Indian missionary, and was well acquainted with the Aborigines of Canada. The Board of Wycliffe College have resolved to establish a chair bearing his name.

The Rev. W. B. Luddington, with his heroic wife, spent three brief terms in Western Africa. They both suffered severely from the African fever, and were compelled to return to England early in 1888, and now they have both finished their course, as they died within a few weeks of each other. He was only forty-five years of age.

There has recently been called away from us an elect lady, known and loved by many throughout Canadian Methodism, the wife of the venerable Dr. Rose, and the mother of Judge and Rev. S. P. Rose. Like a ripe sheaf she was garnered home. After a long and useful life, surrounded by loving friends, she sweetly "fell asleep." Dr. Rose will have in his loneliness the sympathy and prayers of very many to whom his long-continued work of faith and labour of love is known.