

life blood tingling through every department of the Church's operations. The very consecration of a million dollars upon the altar of God, the bringing in of the tithes and offerings will surely open the windows of heaven for the out-pouring of such a blessing that there will not be room enough to contain it.

It is not designed nor desired that this shall be the gift of a few rich men, but the offering of a million faithful hearts. Such an offering will indeed be twice blessed, blessing him that gives as well as the great interests that are helped thereby. It will be a means of grace and a rich spiritual blessing and benediction to all who, according to their ability, shall consecrate the whole of their substance by the bestowment of a generous portion of it to the service of Almighty God. "The liberal man deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand."

*Anglo-Saxons Solid.*—In several of the Conferences strong resolutions of appreciation of the growing *rapprochement* of the Anglo-Saxon and Anglo-Celtic peoples throughout the world were passed with much enthusiasm. It is a striking coincidence that the National Hymns of Great Britain and the United States: "God Save our Gracious Queen," and "My Country 'tis of Thee,"—are sung to the same air. Right loyally did those Conferences join, in a consciousness of the higher Christian unity, in singing those hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

We have not yet received the full statistics of our Church progress. It will take our indefatigable General Conference Statistician, Rev. Dr. Cornish, some weeks to tabulate these. We have every reason to believe that substantial progress is being made in every department of our Church work.

#### REV. WILLIAM BIRKS.

The death of this beloved brother will be learned with great regret by the wide circle of friends on his varied fields of toil. He was suddenly called from labour to reward on June 2nd. Brother Birks came to Canada from Staffordshire, England, in 1855, and entered the ministry of the Methodist New Connexion Church. Among his fields of labour were Goderich, Owen Sound, Arthur, Mount Forest, Milton, North Augusta, Ingersoll, Talbotville, Brownsville, and other circuits of which we have not now the record. He was for eight or ten years chairman of his district, and for over a score of

years was a highly esteemed member of the London Conference. On receiving a superannuated relation three years ago he removed to this city and identified himself heartily so far as health would permit with church life and church work. Brother Birks left to mourn his loss a widow and four sons. The latter are Rev. A. K. Birks, B.A., of Waterloo Street church, Stratford; W. J. Birks, organist of St. James' Methodist church, Montreal; T. W. Birks and D. D. Birks, of British Columbia.

#### REV. JAMES H. KENNEDY.

This beloved brother passed away from time at his home in St. Catharines, April 18th. Surrounded by love, obedience, troops of friends, he passed the two years of retirement since his superannuation. Brother Kennedy was born in Carlton County, Ontario, in 1832. He received a business training in Montreal. He was early converted to God, and entered Albert College, Belleville, and spent some years in the teaching profession. In 1867 he entered the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he labored till the recent Union, chiefly in the Western part of Ontario. His ministry was one of great power, especially as an evangelist and camp-meeting preacher. Failing health compelled his superannuation in 1896, when he removed to St. Catharines and united with the Welland Avenue church, where his name is still as ointment poured forth.

#### REV. DR. DURYEA.

By the death of the Rev. Dr. Duryea, one of the most prominent men in the ministry of the United States has passed away. He began his life work in the Dutch Reformed Church, and afterwards preached for some years in the Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Brooklyn, Boston and Omaha, and again in Brooklyn. We had the honour of his personal acquaintance, and found him a man of singular integrity, manliness and Christian culture—a good man, who loved God and wrought righteousness.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

The General Conference of this body was a very successful assembly. Two new bishops have been elected. Indeed, three received the adequate number of votes to place them in that office, the Rev. Dr. Hoss, of the *Nashville Christian Advocate* being the third on the list. But as the General Conference decided that