

couraging success. The result of the Sabbath services where the collections are in aid of the Educational Fund are especially gratifying, as for the most part, the amount received is greatly in excess of former years. Some of the districts, too, have assumed more than their assessment on behalf of the Federation scheme.

A most important movement has been inaugurated in connection with the Book and Publishing House, Toronto. The Establishment has long been too small for the wants of the Church, though every inch of space has been utilised, and no increase of ground can be secured. The house and lot are therefore to be sold, and good old Richmond Street Church, which has been such a grand revival centre, has been purchased and is to be converted into such a Book and Publishing House as is required. There will also be rooms provided for the use of the Missionary Society, the Superannuation Fund, and other institutions of the Church, so that the old church with which is connected so many hallowed reminiscences will henceforth be known as a Central Methodist House for the whole Connexion. There will, no doubt be rooms to spare, which can be rented for office purposes, so that the expense of purchasing and making needful alterations will not be a heavy burden, as there will be no difficulty in raising money for the undertaking at a small rate of interest. We regard the movement as an epoch in the history of Canadian Methodism.

THE DEATH ROLL.

The Rev. W. English, of the Montreal Conference, died at Granby, February 1st. He was only ill four days. His last sermon was preached January 8th, from the text, "He which testifieth these things, saith, surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so come Lord Jesus." Rev. xxii. 20. Brother English was a native of England, and commenced his ministry in Western Africa, whence he removed to the West Indies, where he laboured seventeen years. He was transferred to Canada in 1857. In 1879 he be-

came a superannuate, having been in the active work forty years. In his retirement he preached frequently. He was a man of blameless reputation and, in some of his circuits he was favoured with great revivals.

The Rev. George Bowen died at Bombay, India. For forty years he laboured zealously in various departments of missionary toil. Sometimes he laboured without any salary, and sustained himself by giving private tuition. He was abundant in labours and was a most accomplished and intellectual man, who had travelled extensively in Europe and knew the French, German, Spanish, and other European languages, in addition to Hindustani and Marathi, and yet lived most abstemiously amongst the most degraded heathen. For several years he was editor of the *Bombay Guardian*, which exerted great influence among English-speaking people in India. He was also Presiding Elder in South India Conference, and on two occasions he was elected President in the absence of a Bishop. One who knew him well says, "All India will mourn at the death of George Bowen."

The Rev. Theophilus Howe, a missionary in the Newfoundland Conference, died on the fourth of February last. He was stationed at Indian Island, where he was greatly beloved. It was only recently that he came from England to labour in the missionary field, but his work has suddenly terminated, and he has entered into rest. Mr. Howe was nephew of the Rev. B. Gregory, D.D.

Miss Barrett, for many years a teacher among the Indians in the North-West, departed this life early in February last. She was a "heroic missionary," having performed much labour and endured great sacrifice for many years. She was the first teacher at Fort Macleod, and also taught at Morley and Whitefish Lake. Her remains are interred near those of the sainted martyr, George Macdougall.