

Raikes originated his noble scheme of Sunday instruction in Gloucester, England, and eight years before the first school in America on Mr. Raikes' plan was established in the city of New York."

It is intended to make the Sunday-school rooms in Wesley Monumental Church, a *monument*, commemorative of the above stated facts, which are taken from Mr. Wesley's own journal, and thus help to secure to him the honour he deserves, of being the originator, in modern times, of the Sunday-school system. "We would be glad," writes the Rev. M. A. Wynn, M.A., the pastor of the church, "to have each Methodist Sunday-school give something to aid in this good work. There is in the building a Memorial Room, where will be placed books, pictures, relics, etc., of Wesley and Methodism; and a large memorial book in which will be inscribed the name and residence of each donor. We greatly desire to have our Canadian brethren represented in the monumental edifice, and when the dedication services occur we hope to have some of your representative men present. We are now putting on the roof, and the

brick-work is almost complete. The building is 126 feet long, 70 feet wide, on thirteen feet basement all above ground. It will cost between sixty and seventy thousand dollars, according to the style of finish we may be able to put upon the interior. And yet, when done it will be more commodious, comfortable, and beautiful than most churches costing three or even four times as much.

"We intend to have as many of the windows as possible Memorial Windows. The lower windows are valued at \$1000 each, and those in the main audience room at \$2,000, and the large front window at \$5,000. Any individual, church, or conference giving either of these sums, will have a window inscribed to them as they may elect. I hope Canada will have one or more. Dr. W. M. Punshon, of England, has written me a most Christian and brotherly letter, approving and commending it in the highest terms."

Any contributions to this laudable object sent to the Rev. A. M. Wynn, M.A., Pastor, Wesley Church, Savannah, Georgia, will be thankfully received and suitably acknowledged.

BOOK NOTICES.

Bible Lands; their Modern Customs and Manners illustrative of Scripture. By the REV. HENRY J. VAN-LENNEP, D.D. 8vo. pp. 832, with maps and woodcuts. Harper & Brothers, New York; Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax, Price \$5.

MANY Canadians will remember Dr. Van-Lennep as the courteous *cicerone* of the Palestine Park, at Chautauqua, and many more will remember with pleasure his lectures

in Canada on the Lands and Customs of the Bible. Himself an Oriental-born, we think, in Damascus—and having spent almost a life-time in the East, the Doctor is unusually well qualified to present us with full details of life in Bible Lands. A knowledge of these customs throws a flood of light on Holy Scripture and is often the only key which can unlock the secret of many important texts. This work is admirably classified for reference. It gives a full account of the physical geography