

evolent boards will be appointed, and editors of the various *Advocates*, for almost every large Methodist center in the land has its Methodist paper known as *The Advocate*. A two-thirds vote is required to elect these various church officers.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is a great church, wielding a mighty influence, not only in the United States but in many parts of the world, through its great and successful missionary undertakings. We trust the Conference may be one of marked spiritual influence and power, and that the divine direction may be clearly manifest in all the conclusions reached.

A GREAT REVIVAL.

The revival in Pittsburg, Penn., at the beginning of the year—now that its results have been looked at calmly and summed up—is believed to have been a very remarkable work of grace. The *Free Baptist* says the consensus of opinion seems to be that it was one of the most notable revivals of modern times, and it was essentially a modern revival. That it is possible to have such a revival has been abundantly proven, where intelligence is displayed in the work. There were three things attempted—the awakening of interest among Christians, the enlistment of personal workers under competent leadership and the systematic harvesting of results. All three of these attempts were eminently successful. With two or three exceptions, all denominations of evangelical Christians united heartily in the movement and the meetings were crowded from the first. A large number of lay-workers were secured for special work; the finances were looked after entirely by business men, leaving the clergy free for their spiritual work; and a united church at work for souls was the spectacle that commanded the respect and enlisted the interest of the whole city. Over 6,000 confessed Christ in the meetings and at least 5,000 new members added to the churches is the confident expectation of the leaders. The conduct of the meetings was modern in its breadth of unity, its systematic and intelligent co-operation and use of the mails, press, and other modern means of interest. It was at the same time a revival based wholly on the preaching of the plain Gospel and the Cross of Christ. Given wise adaptation of methods to modern times and reliance on the power of the Gospel of Christ to change men and revivals are as possible as ever.

PERSISTENT RESISTANCE.

The quiet war against the obnoxious School Act in England continues and increases in intensity. The Passive Resistance Movement will not cease till the law is either repealed or modified. Arrayed against the act is the best intelligence and judgment of the Non-conformist churches, and not a few members of the Established Church see and declare its injustice. And what wonder, for it is a most unjust and obnoxious enactment. To put it briefly, it provides that all the public schools supported by public funds shall be controlled by the Established Church, and

that all the teachers shall be approved by the church authorities, and the doctrines of the Church of England be taught. One-half of the church going population of England are Non-conformists or Independents, and by this act the education of their children is placed in the hands of the Established Church. A great many Resistantists have had their property seized and sold to defray their taxes for the support of the public schools, which they refused to pay, and some have been cast into prison. It is a most partial act, subversive of the principle of religious liberty. It will be either repealed or essentially modified soon.

A VOICE FROM THE BORDER LAND.

Rev. S. D. Ervine is remembered in this province as an earnest and successful Baptist minister. Three or four years ago, his health failing, he went to California in the hope of prolonging his life. He is now nearing the crossing. In a letter of recent date, in the *Messenger and Visitor*, he says his "earthly career is nearly at an end." In what is probably his last message to his brethren in his native land he tells them of his strong hope of eternal life, and his continued interest in the kingdom of Christ on earth. Among other things, he says:

I am rejoiced to note that efforts are being renewed to bring about organic union between the two Baptist bodies of Christians in the provinces. I believe such union will greatly aid in building up the cause of Christ in many neglected sections of the country, remove hindrances to answers to prayers, and the fulfilment of the great commission, and add greatly to the glory of God in the salvation of souls. May God speed the day when it shall be honorably brought about is my earnest prayer.

News of the Churches.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION.—Special meetings have been in progress for two weeks, the pastor, Rev. J. B. Dagger, being assisted by Rev. A. D. Paul. A good interest has been awakened, and much good is being done. Last Sunday nine were baptized.

MARYSVILLE.—The last time I wrote to the *INTELLIGENCER* I remarked that I was praying that the next letter might have in it tidings of revival in our church. God has answered that prayer. For six weeks special effort has been put forth for the quickening of the church generally, for the reclaiming of backsliders, and the salvation of sinners, all of which have been happily accomplished through Christ, to whom we give all the glory. For four Sabbaths in succession we have had baptism at the close of the afternoon service, and thirteen in all have united with the church. Many others are almost persuaded, and have manifested a desire to become Christians. My prayer is that they may be fully persuaded, and that they might accept that abundant life that Christ offers without money and without price. We purpose beginning our new church as soon as weather permits. Our congregations are very large and we are encouraged as we labor to-

gether with Christ. On Sabbath afternoon, April 24th, we had a memorial service in memory of our late Bro. Parsons. This being his first and last pastorate, there are many here who have dear and sacred memories of him. He has finished his course, but his works abide. H. H. FERGUSON.

MILLVILLE, YORK Co.—The special meetings at Millville are closed for the present. We had to end the work, perhaps a week or ten days sooner than it should have ended. Getting a work of grace started in Millville was a tedious experience. Among the people generally the cause of religion was very low. The Reformed Baptist brethren generally attended all the meetings and rendered good assistance, especially in the singing. I could not well remain long away from other parts of my pastorate, though the people are patient and thoughtful in this regard, yet I felt I must return to my work elsewhere. Then, too, Bro. Paul was called to Fredericton Junction for special work. Therefore the special work at Millville must end for the present. It was a blessed work of grace, and must last and linger long in the memory of the people. Bro. Paul's preaching attracted large audiences of attentive, thoughtful listeners. His honest, chaste preaching will not soon be forgotten. Five persons were baptized, four of whom with six others were added to the church. We shall, in a short time, add altogether between 20 and 30 to the church. A large active C. E. Society was organized. It is working well. We are looking for blessed fruits from this society. Then, too, work on the new church building will start in a few days. The committee want to get the house ready for dedication in September next. The H. M. executive have arranged for Bro. Paul to unite with us in special meetings in Southampton soon. Indeed, we are making all preparation for a good work of grace here. Souls are ready and anxiously waiting for salvation; God is ready, the people are waiting, we can't be denied. J. J. BARNES.

MINISTERS.—The St. John ministers' meeting (Baptist and Free Baptist) adopted the following resolution the day before Bro. Long started on his western visit:

Whereas, Our brother, Rev. D. Long, Secretary of the Baptist ministers' Conference of this city, purposes visiting for a season the provinces of the West; Therefore resolved, That our Conference place on record the esteem in which Brother Long is held by us, and that we commend him to our brethren in the West as a Christian man we have proved loyal and true to the cause of Christ—a faithful minister of the gospel, loved and trusted by his brethren of the ministry of the Baptist and Free Baptists of St. John.

Bro. Long's congregation presented him with a well filled purse on the eve of his departure.

Rev. Dr. McLeod preached in the Victoria St., St. John, church last Sunday. At the evening service the Lord's Supper was administered, Rev. W. E. McIntyre (Baptist) assisting in the service.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. C. Goodspeed, D. D., of McMaster University, Toronto, is to preach the baccalaureate sermon at the closing of Acadia University, Sunday, 29th inst.

—The Presbyterian College, Halifax, held its closing exercises Wednesday. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Rev. F.A. Carr, Campbellton; Rev. E. D. Miller, Yarmouth; Rev. E. Smith, Musquodoboit; Rev. Thos. Cumming, Scotsburn, Pictou county; Rev. R. T. Somerville, of Glasgow.

—Rev. Dr. Pollock has resigned the Principalship of the Presbyterian College, Halifax. Dr. Falconer, one of the professors, is likely to succeed to the principalship.

—The St. John Presbyterian church, Dr. Fotheringham pastor, is to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary next week, beginning Sunday.

—Rev. J. F. Floyd, the new pastor of the Coburg St. Christian Church, St. John, entered upon his work last Sunday.

CANADA'S POSSIBILITIES.

In Manitoba, Assiniboia, Saskatchewan and Alberta there are 171,000,000 acres on which wheat may be grown.

Were one-fourth of this land under crop with wheat annually, the total crop would be 812,000,000 bushels, or four times the annual requirements of Great Britain for wheat and flour, or 140 millions more wheat than was produced in the United States in 1902.

Anyone doubting these figures should read an article entitled, "Wheat Growing in Canada," by William Saunders, Director Dominion Experimental Farms, in the April *Canadian Magazine*. It will surprise those who have never investigated the subject, and disposes, once for all, of the doubt as to Canada's ability to supply the British Islands with the food she requires.

A GOOD WISH.—Thus writes a kind reader: "Hope you may live long to spread abroad the good reading which the valuable *INTELLIGENCER* contains from week to week, and that the paper may find its way into every Free Baptist home."

Marriages.

BOONE-TITUS.—At the residence of Hugh C. Titus, Marysville, on Thursday evening, Apr. 28th, by the Rev. H. H. Ferguson, Frank L. Boone, of St. Marys to Lillian B. Titus, of Marysville.

MOLLENS-WILSON.—At Mr. Early Harmer's, April 28th, by Rev. W. H. Perry, W. H. Molles and Mary M. Wilson, both of Upper Coverdale, Albert Co.

Deaths.

DENSMORE.—At Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, N. B., on the 14th of April, Vera D., beloved daughter of Havelock and Ada Densmore, of Fredericton Junction. That much sympathy is felt for them in their bereavement was evidenced by the large gathering of people attending the funeral. The services were conducted by the writer on Sunday afternoon, April 17th, at their home and at the Fredericton Junction Free Baptist Church. G. W. FORBES.

McKEEL.—At Brown's Flats, Kings Co., April 21, 1904, Mr. David McKee, in the 82nd year of his age, leaving three sons and three daughters, with a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. He professed religion a number of years ago and united with the Free Baptist church where he remained until his death. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Brown's Flats. Sermon by the writer. JOHN A. ROBERTSON.

GIBBS.—At the residence of her brother, Charles Gibbs, St. John, on the 20th April, Miss Sarah Gibbs aged 87 years. For 39 years sister Gibbs was a sufferer from rheumatism, and for 22 years had not been able to work. The last two years of her life were spent in bed. She was remarkably patient. She had read the Old Testament through 123 times, and the New Testament 183 times. She was most kindly cared for by her brother and the family through her long illness.