

they feel as if it were useless to struggle longer, and would gladly lay down, if possible, the life that is so hard to endure even though conscious that this feeling may be cowardly. It is the peace and happiness of another better life, which they crave in exchange for this. Yet to each and all of these tired ones, there is a message given, holding a promise rich and free, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." One translation renders it, "I will refresh you." Rest and refreshment—how full of joyful meaning those words are. As when a weary traveler sets himself awhile beside some shady wayside spring, and drinks of the cool water, and bathes his hot brow, until rested and refreshed, he is ready to start on his journey again with renewed strength. Christ is the fountain of living water. All who come to him may receive it without measure, as much as they are able to receive. Freely given, "without money and without price." Nor does he keep to himself alone the generous office of ministering to weary ones. He bids his disciples follow his example, and says, "Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones, a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, he shall in no wise lose his reward." How many there are, both among the high and the lowly, who are winning rich reward of this kind, though often unconscious of what they have done or to whom. I read not long ago an obituary notice of one of our old sisters, who lead a humble Christian life, which she considered of little worth yet endeavored to use every opportunity or ability she had in cheering and helping others; she did a vast amount of good in this way. She has gone to enjoy that home prepared for the children of God, but left behind a glorious example for the young sisters to follow. Should not such commendation encourage and stimulate each one of us to make every effort possible for good? Perhaps this sister's heart was often tired, and her steps faltered on the way, and her eyes grew dim at times, gazing up the long vistas that stretch between her and the sweet land of promise and reward. Such persons can usually draw nearer, and find their way more surely to the hearts of those who are passing through trial, and in so doing they grow stronger, and in a measure forget

their own sorrow. They who have not suffered themselves cannot feel the true sympathy with the sorrowful, which is learned by going through the deep waters of affliction, no matter how kindly their thoughts for them may be. That beautiful song, God knows, written by P. P. Bliss just before his death, always comforts me. Yes he knows all our petty trials, cares and vexations, and if we always lift our hearts to him in every trial, how ever small, he is ever ready to listen and comfort, and we can say not our will but thine be done.

A SISTER.

Salem, Or., Oct. 17, 1883.

Report from Kansas.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN.,

Oct. 1, 1883.

Bro. Floyd:

Last week I assisted J. H. Bauserman in a meeting ten miles from this city, which resulted in 11 additions. I go to-day to attend our State meeting at Ottawa. We expect a grand meeting.

F. M. RAINS.

Current Religious News.

It is proposed, in connection with the coming centennial celebration of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal church, to endow a university at Albion, Mich., with \$1,000,000, and for this purpose an association is to be formed called the Ashbury Centenary Association. Bishop Harris has subscribed \$100 and Mrs. Helen M. Fiske, of Albion, will give \$1,000 as the first benefactor.

In the Episcopal General Convention the Rev. Dr. Thrall offered a resolution that the words "Protestant Episcopal" be dropped from the Book of Common Prayer, and from the constitution of the church. A proposition to the same effect was made more than forty years ago by a Brooklyn divine, but it found no favor. The spirit of the Reformation is too strong to justify any attempt to unprotestanize the Episcopal church, and we are prepared to see the proposal rejected.

The four great Bible Societies of this country and Great Britain issued last year 4,986,284 copies of the Scriptures.

The Presbyterian Church in Queensland is endeavoring to secure a reinforcement of ministers from the mother country. They

offer great inducements to such as will go out there.

The Week of Prayer for 1884, according to the recommendation of the Committee of the Evangelical Alliance, will be from January 6 to January 15.

The name of the united church in Canada is to be simply—"The Methodist church," and it certainly has the merit of good-sense, distinctness and brevity, no mean virtues as things go nowadays. Drs. Rice and Carman have been appointed superintendents, and Rev. J. G. Autliffe has been elected secretary. The disciplinary clause requiring young ministers to consult their spiritual fathers as well as the father of the intended bride before marrying has been eliminated.

D. P. Ward, statistical secretary of the Dakota Sunday-school Association, reports from 464 schools, with 20,579 members, an increase of nearly double last year. Four missionaries of the American Sunday-school Union have been at work in Southern Dakota during the past year. Twenty-one counties have Sunday-school organizations.

Rev. Joseph Marsh, of Sandwich, Mass., now eighty-seven years old, has been preaching sixty-five years. He was the first Methodist Episcopal pastor in Cambridge, Mass., and one of the earliest regularly stationed preachers of that denomination in Newark, N. J. He has lately been revisiting and preaching in his old churches, and so well preserved are all his faculties that he has been able to preach at some of them three sermons in one day. To the conference, the New England Southern, also belongs Rev. Frederick Upham, D. D., aged eighty-four. He has served his church as an effective pastor for sixty-two consecutive years, probably the longest unbroken term of ministerial service on record in that denomination.

The last Assembly constituted a Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies. Its rules provide that any new institution seeking aid, either must be in organic connection with the Presbyterian church, or must by perpetual-charter provision have two-thirds of its Board of control members of said church. Applications for aid must be endorsed by Presbytery or Synod. The Board is pressed at once with

applications—many, varied and urgent. The Collegiate Institute at Salt Lake City calls for two or three thousand dollars with which to enlarge its work and increase its appliances. The new institution at Deer Lodge, Montana, is in receipt of a splendid property on certain conditions, and those conditions, involving several thousand dollars, must be met now or the property forfeited. Kansas, Washington, New Mexico, Nebraska, Dakota, Texas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Illinois, and many other localities cry aloud for aid in behalf of new, or already organized colleges and academies. Remittances may be sent to Charles M. Charnley, treasurer, 241 South Water street, Chicago, Ill.

The Christian Advocate estimates the Methodist population (not church membership) throughout the world at about twenty millions. The lay members of all the Methodist bodies, missions included, it places at 4,986,746, with 32,200 itinerant ministers, and 88,993 local preachers.

The second biennial conference of American Church Workers among the Deaf will open at Philadelphia on Oct. 13. A number of papers bearing on the religious welfare of deaf mutes will be read. On Sunday, the 14th, Bishop Stevens will ordain a deaf mute to the priesthood; the first, it is said, ever ordained in the Protestant Episcopal church.

The missionary's life is not one of all thorns. It has its romances, and is not without roses. Such at least was our thought as we read the announcement sent us of the marriage at Canton, China, on July 26, by Rev. Dr. Hopper, of Rev. Albert A. Fulton, to Miss Florence Wishard, daughter of Rev. S. W. Wishard, of Chicago. We heartily wish them every blessing attainable in this life.

The Mount Herman School for boys, at Gill, Mass., was opened by Mr. Moody just previous to his departure for Europe. These schools have been erected without any trumpet-blowing or newspaper notoriety. They cost, including land, \$200,000. Several individuals gave \$5,000 each for the new buildings for the boys, and it was proposed at first to name each after the donor; but Mr. Moody did not approve of it, as is shown by the following characteristic note: "Bro-