

in addition to the Secretaries and local assistance, should bring up the required amount of \$250,000, every cent of which will be needed.

Some friends are devising liberal things. One in Newfoundland has sent the first subscription towards a printing press for China Mission. Another in Toronto sent \$100 for drugs for the same mission.

Reports of the annual meetings of some of the Branches of the Woman's Missionary Society are published in the November number of the *Outlook*, and contain gratifying accounts of the progress of the work. We were particularly pleased with the literature department. Spread sound missionary literature, and the results will be gratifying. The visit of Miss Preston, on furlough from Japan, will doubtless give a great impetus to the Woman's department of missions.

We find that the statement in last number as to the origin of the first Epworth League in Canada was not strictly accurate. We understand that two Leagues were formed the same week in Barrie, in August, 1889. One of these was organized on Monday and one on Friday. The Rev. Dr. German had the honour of establishing the first of these, and Rev. R. N. Burns, B. A., the second. It is to the credit of this plucky little town that it inaugurated this great movement in this country.

#### PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

Scotter circuit has sent more than twenty men into the ministry, and several of them attained high connexional positions.

Rev. J. M. Brown, late of Cornwall, has sailed as a missionary to West Africa, and Rev. G. H. Butt has gone to the South Africa Mission.

The Van Mission has been a grand success, and has accomplished much good.

It is believed that there are 600,000 hearers, besides members of the Church. There are fifteen lay preachers to every minister. The Book Room publishes seven magazines. The net profits of the Book Room were last year 12½ per cent.

A new church for Fernando Po is being constructed in London.

#### ITEMS.

The life and work of the late Bishop Crowther, the first African Bishop of the Church of England, are to be commemorated by the erection of a "Crowther Memorial Church."

Exeter Hall, London, some time ago was crowded to bid farewell to 105 missionaries who, under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society, were going to West Africa, Eastern Equatorial Africa, Egypt, Persia, Bengal, North-west Provinces of India, West India, South India, Ceylon, Mauritius, South China, Japan, and New Zealand.

Mr. Burt, M.P., who was once a coal miner, states that in the heyday of prosperity the miner's wages averaged 47s. 6d. a week. An exceptionally good man, however, working under exceptionally favourable circumstances, would earn in 1873 from 15s. to 20s. a day. Nowadays miners earn only from 30s. to 35s. per week at their peculiarly laborious and uncongenial occupation. The men have greatly improved in their tastes and ideas in recent years. Cock-fighting and pugilism are no more, and football is very popular among them. They mix more with other classes than formerly, and they have plenty of good reading-rooms and libraries for their use. Many even go in for gardening, and compete for prizes among themselves at flower shows.

A new missionary ship, to be called "John Williams," is about completed. The cost will be \$85,000.

The Indian government in Burmah has prohibited the possession or use of opium in Lower Burmah, thus depriving itself voluntarily of a large income. It has always been prohibited in Upper Burmah.

Damascus, one of the oldest cities in existence, a place of 200,000 inhabitants, has not a single hospital for the sick. Does not this show that the Mohammedan religion, which the people profess, has little