

year. Its constitution is to be on the principle of one-third ministers and two-thirds laymen.

An extensive scheme for the London area has been inaugurated, which will differ from the London Wesleyan Mission, and will comprise a series of small centres rather than a few great centralized halls.

The trustees of the Wesleyan Church, Westborough, Scarborough, Eng., recently lent their premises for a series of special meetings in aid of the reduction of the debt on the Palsgrave Primitive Methodist Church. Several sermons and lectures were delivered.

A writer in the *Christian Globe* says: "Of late years catechumen classes have been formed for the special purpose of fostering the religious life of the young. There are now 1,000 of these classes, in which 17,000 young people are gathered under fourteen years of age. The increase of these young disciples for the past year has been over 2,000. Another cheering feature is seen in the fact that over 5,000 scholars have become teachers during the last twelve months.

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Bishop Fowler has just returned from an extensive tour in China, India, and Europe. The Bishop thinks that China will repay America for its exclusion enactment and violation of treaties. He fears that some of the best blood of America will be shed. Bishop Fowler was greatly pleased with the progress of missions in India. He also spent much time in Italy, where he thinks Methodism "needs aid by instruction and example in order to prosecute successfully the work it is fitted to do." He further says that the condition of Italy is bad, financially, politically, and spiritually, and that the development and instruction of the latent moral sense of the nation must be done by the spirit or sons of Wesley.

In the list of Annual Conferences forty were announced to be held in September and twenty in October, and in one of the issues of the New

York *Advocate* during the summer, 152 camp-meetings were advertised to be held.

A writer in the New York *Advocate* has an article of interest, in which he urges the establishment of a great Methodist University in Washington city, to counteract the influence of the Roman Church at the national capital.

The *Indian Mission*, published in Calcutta, is printing and circulating weekly 10,000 short sermons. It is proposed, as means accumulate, to put these sermons in five different languages every week; thus securing an immense native congregation, and bringing them in contact with the pure word of God.

A corner-stone of a church was recently laid in the city of Nagoya, Japan, in the presence of 300 persons. It is the first Christian edifice built in this city of 200,000 inhabitants.

The Crouse College for the education of women in connection with the Syracuse University has been dedicated. It is said to be the finest college building in existence. The late John Crouse provided for the funds of the college about two years ago, and his son has faithfully carried out the wishes of his late father, by giving a further sum of money for furnishing the building and putting the grounds in order. What a fitting memorial to father and son.

The Rev. Dr. Moore has been elected editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, in place of the Rev. Dr. Bayliss, deceased.

It is estimated that there are now 2,154,237 communicants in this Church, showing a net gain of 60,000 during the last year.

A Chinese Christian named Ah Qui, described as an eloquent and effective speaker, has appeared as an evangelist in the streets of San Francisco.

Many of our readers will remember the Rev. Francis Berry, formerly a Methodist minister in Canada, now a member of Detroit Conference; one of his sons, Rev. E. A. Berry, has been appointed Superintendent of the mechanical department of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga. An elder