

was reported. Three new churches have been built during the year, five school-houses, and five parsonages. Some other churches are in course of erection, one of which is a magnificent one, built by Mr. Jas. Carlisle, as a memorial of his only son. Great attention is paid by the Conference to the subject of education. The proprietary school at Dublin and the college at Belfast are liberally sustained, and are both doing a good work. Extensive preparations were made for open air services on the Sabbath, but the heavy rains prevented their being held.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION CONFERENCE.

This Conference was held at Dudley, which is a strong place of the Connexion. Great efforts are being made to increase the number of missionaries in China. One gentleman advocated that as Australia was now so well supplied by other Churches, the New Connexion should withdraw from that field and spend their resources on China. A college is about to be erected at Tientsin for the training of native preachers. More than \$15,000 have been contributed towards this object. The New Connexion, in proportion to their numbers, raise a large sum of money for Connexional purposes. They sustain a college at Sheffield for the education of their ministers.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

This Conference was held in Leicester, which is a town of great celebrity. It is not far from Lutterworth, where the famous Wickliffe lived and laboured. Cardinal Wolsey found a resting place here when Henry VIII. and the nobles discarded him. John Howe and other persons of celebrity hail from this place, which now contains more than 100,000 inhabitants. The Baptists are a strong denomination, and for many years the famous Robert Hall was the pastor of its principal church.

From an early day the Primitives have had a good position in the town, and the first magazine that the denomination ever issued was published in this place. As the Primitives in England have had an unusually prosperous year, there being an increase of about 5,000 members, the Conference was one of great interest. Rev. R. Smith was elected President. Eight ministers had died during the year; twenty others were compelled, through physical infirmities, to become superannuated; but forty-five young men were received on trial for the ministry. Some of the funds had a very large increase, especially the Missionary fund. The Book Room exhibited a very gratifying state of prosperity, the net profits for the year being no less than \$17,000, which were divided between Superannuation, Missionary, Theological, and Metropolitan Chapel funds. The first named received the largest share, viz., \$12,250. The Primitives in England have always been considered poor, but many of the people have now become wealthy and large sums are given for Connexional purposes. A Jubilee school for the education of boys, and a theological institution for the training of young men for the ministry have been in existence a few years and are both doing well. A school for girls is also about to be established near London; so that it is clear the Primitives are endeavouring to take their proper position in the work of education.

THE CONFERENCES IN CANADA.

We referred in our last number to the Conferences of the Episcopal Methodist and Primitive Methodist Churches. The six Annual Conferences of the Methodist Church were all held in the month of June. Considerable anxiety had been felt relative to the readjustment of the circuits, lest there should be an overplus of ministers in some of the western Conferences; but this matter was accomplished without any insuper-