

one kind or another. Clerkenwell Church was about to be abandoned when Mr. Smith was sent there to labour.

The West End Mission, the scene of the Revs. Messrs. Hughes' and Pearce's labours, is increasing in popularity. A Holiness Convention was recently held, which was a season of great spiritual power. Twelve ladies reside at "Katharine Home," and they labour in the district as Bible readers and family visitors. Other ladies of culture and refinement have offered their services, and another "Home" will shortly be established, in which they will reside. Mr. Hughes contends that every circuit in Methodism should have its Bible women, to visit the sick and care especially for those of their own sex. The West End Mission, with its numerous auxiliaries, will become a great power in London Methodism. On a recent Sunday morning Mr. Hughes stated that he wanted £100 to start a Receiving House, in which poor girls and starving men might be sheltered for the night, until he could find employment for them. At the close of the service a gentleman walked into the vestry and said he would be glad to contribute the amount required, and he sent his cheque next day.

In St. George's in the East, where the Rev. Peter Thompson is labouring, there are thousands of people who never can be reached by ordinary church instrumentalities, but with men and women whose hearts are full of love to God and man, who will go amongst them and show them kindness and point them to the "sinners' Friend," many may be rescued. The Bishop of London has expressed his admiration for the self-denial and heroism which Mr. Thompson and his helpers have displayed. Such missions surely are founded with the spirit of Wesley, who desired his helpers not only to go to those who need them, but to those who need them most.

Rev. S. F. Collier who is in charge of the Central Hall, Manchester, recently administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in a police station

to fifty constables. A few years ago it is known that there were not two Christian policemen, now the majority of them are Christians. Few Sabbath services are held either in the hall or the theatre without conversions.

A new mission, known as "Wesley Hall," has been commenced in Hull. The hall was until recently a deserted chapel, but now a good congregation has been gathered.

Bristol Methodists have begun in good earnest to extend the work of God in their city and neighbourhood, by means of evangelistic services and lay agents. The Birmingham people are so pleased with the success of their mission, that they have now resolved to organize a mission work in towns and villages, which will give employment to much latent talent.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The Book Committee at its recent session appropriated \$50,000 for worn-out preachers and the widows and orphans of such as have died in the ministry, an advance of \$20,000 on last year's appropriation.

As 1889 will be the centennial of the founding of the Book Concern, it will distribute an additional \$50,000 as a jubilee thank-offering to the Lord for the blessing which He has vouchsafed for one hundred years upon the effort to spread sound knowledge by means of the press.

The net increase of the members for 1887 was over 106,000 the largest gain in the history of the denomination.

It was recommended that hereafter the missionaries of but one denomination should be sent into towns of less than 1,500 inhabitants. A committee of arbitration was provided for, by whom all questions growing out of this agreement are to be settled.

It would seem that there is great need for evangelizing instrumentalities in New England, judging from the following, which we take from a Boston journal: "Irish immigration and the exodus of native-born citizens to the suburbs have