

WESLEYAN METHODIST.

There is a monolith at Bau, Fiji, which has a history grisly as that of "Moloch, horrid king." It stood in front of the chief temple, Vata, in Tawaki, which, on high foundation, towered loftiest above the many temples of Bau. To this were dragged the corpses destined for a cannibal orgie. These were trailed in their gore along the dusty soil, and dashed against this stone. By the consent and with the co-operation of the chiefs, this weird relic of the past has been uprooted from the spot which it had occupied from the misty past, and was borne into the great Bau Church, and set up there. Here it was hollowed out, so that it is an admirable font, but with such associations as few Christian fonts possess.

Of the \$176,700 raised last year for the Home Mission and Contingent Fund, for the support and spread of the Gospel in Great Britain and Ireland, the children raised \$31,460.

An important meeting was recently held in City Road Chapel, London, to inaugurate the London Wesleyan Mission. The Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund, which was commenced in 1861, has been the means of building, at a cost of \$3,000,000, sixty-five chapels—each of which seat one thousand persons. In the Wesleyan places of worship in London there are now one hundred and fifteen thousand sittings, and one hundred and fifteen ministers employed in pastoral work. It is intended to raise a fund of \$250,000 to support the Mission; more than \$40,000 was subscribed at the meeting. The Mission will be similar to that in Liverpool under the superintendence of the Rev. Charles Garrett.

The Special Committee on the office of Chairmen of Districts recently met in Centenary Hall, and recommended that in future such ministers shall be separated from circuit work in a few Districts as an experiment; a committee to meet early at the next Conference to decide how such Chairmen shall be supported; also, where a Chairman

has charge of a large District an assistant shall be granted him.

The Committee of the Allan Library and the Trustees of City Road Chapel have agreed to build a house near the chapel, where the library of 30,000 volumes is to be kept. It is said "that many of these volumes are priceless, and most of them exquisitely bound in vellum, calf, or morocco."

A Home for Methodist Young Men is about to be established in London. It will be built by a Company with funds amounting to \$25,000. The object is to save young men to Methodism who go to the metropolis from the country.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The membership in Great Britain has increased thirty thousand during the last ten years, and its chapel property has doubled in value within the same period.

The Missionary Fund is in debt more than \$25,000. It is proposed to liquidate it by a large pro-rata tax on the circuits; one gentleman has promised \$5,000 towards the amount.

ITEMS.

The Rev. Prof. Shaw, of the Wesleyan College, Montreal, after preaching in the St. Gabriel Presbyterian Church, on the 1st ult., expressed very kind feelings towards this church so near the completion of one hundred years in its history, remarking that it was very becoming in Methodists to have especial regard for it, as in it there was held, in 1819, the first Methodist missionary meeting in Canada. The Methodist Church in Montreal, built in 1808, which is still standing on St. Sulpice St., in the rear of the Parish Church of Notre Dame, was considered too small, and the authorities of the old Kirk of Scotland very kindly lent their church for this important occasion. This meeting was held in connection with the Wesleyan Missionary Society of England, and was five years anterior to the organization of the M. E. Missionary Society of Upper Canada. He expressed the hope that this might ever serve as a