

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

For fifteen years this denomination has laboured most zealously in erecting new churches in London. Fifty churches and school chapels have been built in that time, in which hundreds of souls have been converted. The said Churches provide accommodation for 15,122 adults and 5,000 children.

Three of the ministers stationed at Belfast, Ireland, were recently fined by some magistrates for "indecent behaviour," or preaching in the public streets, but an appeal was made to the Recorder, who completely quashed the previous decision, and spoke in the highest terms of such men as the accused ministers. The decision of the Recorder has given great satisfaction to those who are zealous in the defence of the right of open-air worship.

Our friends, the Primitives in Canada, recently held their Conference in Kingston, and took a step in advance respecting a minister's stay on a circuit. Some time ago, it was said, to accommodate a city Church, they extended the limit to five years, now they allow the term to be six years, where all parties are agreeable.

MAY MEETINGS.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, at its seventy-seventh anniversary, lately held in London, reported its entire receipts to be more than one million of dollars. The issues, greater than at any former year, reach 2,846,029, making a total, since the formation of the Society, of more than 91,000,000. Sixty-three colporteurs are employed in France, and 112,000 copies of the Scriptures have been circulated during the year. Austria gives painful cause of regret, making opposition in many parts to the selling of the Scriptures; but the colporteurs keep up heart and hope.

Religious Tract Society.—This Society reported that the total circulation from the home depot, including books and tracts, periodicals counted in numbers, cards, and miscellaneous issues, had reached 69,-

089,400, of which more than 25,000,000 were tracts, an increase of about 3,000,000 during the year. The issues from foreign depots were stated at 12,000,000, making a total circulation of 81,089,460, and of 2,012,047,900 since the formation of the Society. The total receipts from all sources are \$967,902.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

The annual meeting of the Board of Missions was held in May last, at Nashville, Tennessee. The Rev. Dr. Summers occupied the chair. The expansion of the foreign work in Mexico, China, and Brazil, demanded earnest and careful survey. The domestic missions are numerous, and demand more attention than they can secure. \$200,000 is asked for, or an increase of more than 50 per cent. China receives an appropriation of \$30,000, while Mexico receives \$82,500. Office and contingent expenses receive \$13,900. The balance, including \$11,575 to Indian Missions, is appropriated to the missions within the bounds of the various Conferences. The membership of the Church is now 837,831, a gain of 15,350 members. Nearly 5,000 Indians are included in the membership.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Epigmenio Monroy, a teacher and missionary in Mexico, has lately been added to the noble army of martyrs. He was seized by fourteen men, armed with swords and clubs, as he was going to an appointment. When found, he was terribly cut and bruised, having one leg broken and one arm broken in two places. His last words were: "Tell the brethren that as far as I am concerned, it is all right. I am happy." In one week another noble brother was ready to enter the breach which had, thus been made.

The Theological School at Bareilly, India, was opened in 1872. Its present graduating class numbers 13, making a total of 56 graduates in a full three years' course of study since the institution was opened.