

presided at a Conference in Illinois, and then returned to his home in Nashville, where he had not been for more than a month.

The following statistics respecting the increase in the various Methodist bodies in England, shows how that Methodism still retains a foremost place among the churches of the land:—Wesleyan Methodist, 12,674; Primitive Methodist 5,978; Bible Christians, 2,000; Methodist Free Church, 1,203; Methodist New Connexion, 861; Total, 22,713.

If the different Methodist bodies in Germany could be united they would show something like the following aggregate:—Travelling preachers, 174; Members and Probationers, 2,057.

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs. Amanda Smith, the well-known coloured evangelist, is reported as diligently labouring among the Liberian Colonists, and lamenting a lack of temperance and religious publications to aid her in her work. Liberia presents usually the most dreary report at the annual meetings of the General Missionary Committee. If Mrs. Smith can stir up some life in that country that shall show itself in aggressive Christian work she will accomplish a much-to-be-desired result.

A society, composed principally of ladies of the aristocracy, has been formed in St. Petersburg, for the purpose of distributing religious and moral tracts.

Three Bengali Christian women have made a preaching tour on the banks of the Ganges, on behalf of their heathen sisters who gather in large numbers there. Sometimes as many as one hundred women listened to the Gospel of purification, not through the waters of the Ganges, but by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

There is published in Calcutta a small monthly magazine called the *Kristyia Mohati*; or, *Christian Woman*. The writers are all native converted Christian women.

Think of a Woman's Christian

Convention held in Persia, on the plain of Oroomiah, and of native women preparing and reading essays on faith and the training of children! The heart of the missionary is greatly encouraged at the manner in which they conducted themselves. Eight villages were represented, and they organized a Society, and some of the women were appointed to visit the different villages, so that the hope is expressed that the whole plain of Barandoog may be Christianized through these women.

The Wesleyan Ladies' Missionary Committee is vigorously canvassing the principal towns of England, for the purpose of securing aid for the more effectual promotion of female education among heathen nations and tribes. It is especially true in Eastern countries that the ordinary missionary work trains boys and informs men, and then leaves them without the prospect of wives like-minded and fitted for the altered circumstances. The latter work, women only can do. Hence the formation of the Ladies' Committee.

The Montreal Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society subscribes \$100 per annum to the French Institute, gives \$50 per annum for the French parsonage furniture, maintains a very efficient Bible woman, and helps in reducing the debt on the First French Methodist Church.

Well might Dr. Johnson say, "I stand amazed before the revelations of the last decade, as to how women may help Christ's kingdom to come. What unused and unguessed resources have been lying hid, which this woman's work for woman has called out of their secret places and sent on missionary errands around the world! It is the dawn of a new day, and there scarcely has been a brighter since the angels made Judean air thick with melody at the birth of Jesus. It looks, after all, as if a strategic point in the warfare for this world's supremacy were the heart of a woman. That won and the family is won. And when up goes the family, down goes heathenism."