

The Young Women's Christian Association, which provides a comfortable Christian home for young women engaged in business, also supplies a place of resort for strangers coming to town, and promotes the religious and mental welfare of all concerned, has 400 girls connected with it, all of whom are carefully trained in all that ministers to their social and religious welfare.

Cleveland Hall some time ago was added to the stations of the Western Central Mission. In three years a society of nearly 300 has been gathered. A network of social and evangelistic agencies is steadily enclosing the locality, which is the refuge to which exiled anarchists and dynamiters resort. It is under close police supervision. The hall was formerly the home of the secularists, and more recently a dancing-saloon.

The historic theatre of Sadler's Wells is the latest accession to the Central Mission. The outlook is most gratifying.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

A great loss has been sustained in the death of Mr. Robinson Ferens, J. P., Durham. The present writer knew him well. We were born within a few miles of each other, and for some time attended the same school. His business career was very successful. He laboured earnestly for the extension of the denomination. In making his will he did not forget the Church. He bequeathed \$250 a year for fourteen years to the church in which he worshipped, and \$4,000, in equal sums, to the Chinese Mission, the Paternal, Beneficent, and College Funds. Mr. Ferens is the fourth member of the *Guardian* representatives who have died since Conference.

Mr. Whitworth, of London, bequeathed \$2,500 to the missions, a similar amount to London Third Circuit, besides cancelling all debts owing to him by two other churches.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

The "Thorne Memorial Chapel" at Barnstaple has been re-opened.

The cost of the improvements was \$7,500, towards which \$4,000 was contributed.

A public meeting was recently held at Bristol to raise \$5,000 to extinguish a church debt, and \$1,375 was received.

The Annual Missionary Meeting held in Exeter Hall is reported as the most successful ever held. The mission-band at Yunnan, Western China, is to be strengthened by the addition of two missionaries. A medical student who soon expects to take his degree will also be sent to China, where he will commence a medical mission.

A college has been commenced at Adelaide, South Australia, in honour of Rev. James Wray, the first missionary sent thither—father of Chief Justice Wray. At the first term "every desk and bed were taken." The professors are all graduates of English seats of learning.

The Bowron House, Pimlico, the Free Methodist Sisters' Home, held its first anniversary in May. There are five Sisters in residence. Mrs. Lee, the organizing secretary of the Free Methodist Women's Union, also resides there. Among those who addressed the meeting was Mrs. Sheldon Amos, who stated that that was the first time she had been asked to speak on a Methodist platform, although she was of a fifth generation of Methodists, her father's great-uncle having been commissioned by the then Conference to convey to Dinah Morris the fact that her name was no longer to appear on the plan; and, curiously, Sister Mary related how that, a few weeks ago, she and another Sister were conducting services in the north of England, but their names were not allowed on the plan.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

It is proposed to unite several of the connexional funds, and to levy a certain annual sum to be raised by each circuit for a general fund, out of which the college, the superannuated ministers' fund, the expenses of Conference and other connexional claims will be met.