

natives. There are domestic missions among the Indians, Welsh, French, Germans, Scandinavians, Bohemians, Japanese, Chinese, and Spaniards, as well as among the English-speaking population.

Bishop Taylor has returned from Africa to attend the General Conference in New York, and reports thirty-six stations started, and that out of 140 missionaries only six men and six women have died. The missions are self-supporting.

A mission has been established among the Japanese on the Sandwich Islands. There is a colony of Japanese of about 5,000 without idol, temple or priest. Three converted Japanese recently sailed from San Francisco, to labour on this new mission.

The Rev. Thomas Harrison has been conducting very successful meetings in Jane Street and Central Churches, New York City. There have been more than 1,000 conversions.

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Mr. M. R. Tuttle writes from Azabu, Tokio, Japan: A few Sundays ago three or four of our students were baptized; among them was young Prince Moir, who goes soon to England to remain ten years. Yesterday thirty-two were baptized, students of the girls' and boys' schools. There was a love-feast and the sacrament; at the latter about 160 participated, principally the scholars, but some adults. It was a very joyous season. In the evening we had a missionary meeting, at which thirty-eight yen was collected.

A farewell service for the Rev. John Weir, on the eve of his departure to Japan, was held in the Robie Street Church, Halifax, April 30th.

Miss Lewis, of Truro, Nova Scotia Conference, has been accepted to labour in Japan, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society.

#### RECENT DEATHS.

The Rev. Benjamin Hellier, Governor of the Wesleyan College, Headingly, was called to his heavenly

home since our last issue. He was greatly beloved by hundreds of young men who had been under his care. For thirty-six years he had been connected with the theological institutions, which gave him great influence among the rising ministry. His object always seemed to be to send forth earnest, soul-saving Methodist preachers.

The Rev. John Harvard, also belonging to the parent body, has finished his course. He was the son of the late Rev. William Harvard, one of the noble young men who was associated with Dr. Coke on his mission to India, and was also at one time President of the Canada Conference. Mr. Harvard entered the ministry in 1841. For four years he was Governor of Wesley College, Sheffield.

The Rev. Edward Rust, Primitive Methodist in England, has entered into rest. He was in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and the forty-seventh of his ministry.

The Rev. James Porter, D.D., died in Brooklyn, N.Y., in April, when he had just reached the eightieth year of his age, fifty-eight of which have been spent in the ministry. He soon reached a prominent place among his brethren. He was a member of every General Conference from 1844 to 1872, and at one time was one of the agents in the Book Concern, New York.

Professor William F. Sherwin, one of the sweet singers in Israel, has gone to join the heavenly choir, who are ceaselessly employed in singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. He died at Boston, Massachusetts, April 14th, aged sixty-two. He was a famous Sunday-school worker, and for many years was the chief musical director of the Chautauqua Sunday-school Assembly; lately he was also professor in the New England Conservatory of Music. He was well known to thousands in Canada, as he has often been a visitor to the Dominion in connection with the Sunday-school gatherings. He was an interesting companion, and was a true Christian gentleman.