

has issued a manifesto, which is most remarkable. He "abolishes the idolatrous and other superstitions observed at marriages and births; directs young people to attend daily services at the Church; commands the Sabbath to be kept, requiring the presence of old and young alike on that holy day; orders an appointed officer to conduct the religious services and preach a sermon; and he authoritatively appoints that the holy books of the Old and New Testaments be made the text-book for instructing the Chinese youth of the whole empire." The Rev. T. B. Freeman, of the Gold Coast, on a late, long tour held a missionary meeting at Abbeokuta, and the givers came freely to the communion-rail to announce their subscriptions. At Lagos another meeting was held—the Consul in the chair, and the King a speaker: "Collection on the spot £65." The Rev. R. Knight, of New Brunswick, writes cheerfully, of an increase of preaching places, classes, and conversions on his District; and the Rev. E. Botterell, of Newfoundland, thankfully reports about one hundred and fifty conversions on the Bonavista Circuit,—God having much owned the zeal of a "respectable fisherman," converted last year. "The Missionary Meetings were very excellent."

THE REV. DR. BEECHAM'S VISIT.

It is exceedingly gratifying to state that the Rev. JOHN BEECHAM, D.D., Senior General Secretary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, informed the President of our Conference some time ago, it was his intention to visit British North America this spring, and that he hoped to have the pleasure of being present at the next Conference in Canada. The important business which brings the venerable Secretary to the new world is the formation of a Wesleyan Conference for the British Colonies on the Atlantic. A cordial welcome awaits him from those Colonies, and from the Conference in Canada; his presence and counsels will be very highly appreciated; and our fervent prayer is, that the Divine Being may graciously preserve him in health during his entire journeyings, and crown his official acts with an abiding benediction. We must check our pen on the magnitude of a work which requires a visit like this, and which took a Rev. Robert Young to Australasia;—and on the family feelings which have brought fathers of the Wesleyan Connexion from time to time to this distant country;—and on the spiritual results which follow such intercourse with the revered British birth-place of the world's Wesleyan Methodism.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARENT SOCIETY.

The arrangements made this year for the Anniversary of the Parent Wesleyan Missionary Society, late in April, had evident reference as in past years, to extraordinary spiritual and benevolent effect. Sir Anthony Olyphant, C. B., late Chief Justice of Ceylon, was to take the chair in Exeter Hall. The Rev. Dr. Harris, author of the "Great Commission," was to deliver the most prominent sermon; the President of the Conference, the Rev. John Farrar, was to preach at the Centenary Hall; and among the eminent Ministers announced for the Sabbath and other religious services, and the Public