

Britain. It is designed to replace the seven wooden pillars which supported the gallery by as many marble ones, and it is hoped that one of these will be contributed by each of the following sections: United States—North and South, Canada, South Africa, Australian, West Indian and Irish Methodist Churches. Each of the pillars will cost \$500. Dr. Potts, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, will receive the contributions of Canada. The Mother Church has a right to expect that the Methodist Churches throughout the world will respond to the request now made, and prove that Methodism everywhere holds in reverence the memory of John Wesley.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The magnitude of the missionary operations of this Church is little understood. The Secretaries are appealing for a million and a quarter for missions by collections only! At home there are 3,325 missionaries and 3,645 helpers, total 6,970; German, Norwegian and Danish, Welsh, Scandinavian, French, Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Bohemian, Hungarian, Italian, and English-speaking missions in fifty-seven Conferences; \$486,699.45 was the total expenditure for these during the year. The foreign fields are: Africa, South America, China, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, India, Malaysia, Bulgaria, Italy, Mexico, Japan, Korea. Expended during the year on these, \$607,031.77. Working force, 3,313.

The late Freedmen's Aid Society Report contains several interesting incidents. In the sixteen Southern States there are forty literary institutions, in which there are 8,000 young and women and property valued at \$1,500,000; 125 physicians have been sent out. In this section of the Union there are thirty-two Conferences.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

The General Mission report has the following summary: 85 chapels and 31 English missionaries, one

lady missionary and 31 native Chinese helpers; 3,526 members, 1,014 candidates for Church membership, 44 Sunday-schools, 504 teachers and 3,655 members.

The fourteenth annual report of the Chapel Committee has been issued. The Church property is valued at \$4,835,340, and the college at \$55,000, while the debts amount to \$847,330.

There are 11,328 officers and teachers in the Sunday-schools, of whom 8,914 are church members.

Rev. John Robinson has returned to his missionary work in China, where he has already laboured twelve years. He is accompanied by the Rev. J. K. Robson, who goes to China to labour five years at his own expense. Mr. F. W. Marshall will also go to China next spring as a medical missionary.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

During the past year more than \$125,000 has been raised for the erection of churches. In ten years the amount has reached \$1,305,000. The church property in Cornwall is worth \$400,000, and not less than fifty of the present ministers came from Cornish circuits.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

The mission at Fernando Po, West Africa, is progressing. The Spanish authorities are greatly interested in the welfare of the mission. Very encouraging reports have also been received from the Aliwal Mission, South Africa.

Harvest-home festivals have been numerous. In the town of Derby no less than sixteen congregations held such services, at some of which more than \$1,000 were collected. In the old Tunstall circuit there were nine festivals. The venerable Thomas Bateman, whom the present writer knew more than fifty years ago, is now ninety-two years of age, and yet he preached one Sabbath in the largest chapel in the town, with vigour, to crowded congregations.

There are now in the Connexion 4,488 chapels or churches, valued at \$16,349,545.