

its funds are maintained in a munificent manner, and vigorous efforts are made for extension, both at Home and in Australia and China. The mission in the latter has been one of the most successful in the Empire. To the Extension Fund \$30,000 had been contributed during the past year. The Book-Room reported net profits to be \$1,400. Dr. Ward acts in the joint capacity of Editor and Book-Steward.

Dr. Ward had visited Australia during the year, and on presenting a report of his visit some were in favour of relinquishing the mission, but he recommended its continuance and the Conference appointed additional ministers to proceed thither. A second Medical Missionary was also appointed to China.

The Conference is on terms of great cordiality with the other branches of Methodism and indeed with all evangelical denominations. Several fraternal letters were received, to which answers were sent by the Conference.

#### WESLEYAN METHODIST.

A great revival has taken place at Portsmouth, England, in connection with the services led by the Rev. Thos. Cook, District Missionary. Those who never entered God's house, as well as the unsaved frequenters of it, were awakened and saved. A public-house and music-hall keeper, with his wife, found Christ. Within a week they had left the house, and both were in the class meeting, happy in the love of God. Drunkards, wrestling with their foe as in a death struggle, on their knees before God gave up drink and sought the Saviour. The child of eight and the old man of seventy-seven were kneeling at the Cross near each other. To use the expression of a sailor of the Royal Navy, "Hundreds wept their way to Calvary."

In the Cathedral City of Rouen, the Wesleys have rented a house in the principal street, near the Cathedral, and have an earnest young minister and a zealous evangelist at work. They only need the

necessary funds to make their work at Rouen a real success.

The income of the Foreign Missionary Society has been equal to the outlay, but this has only been secured by the most rigid economy, and if all the claims from abroad had been responded to, \$100,000 more would have been required.

The demands from Australia for ministers continue to be very pressing. Last year twelve young men were sent from England who had completed their studies at the Theological Institutions, and now the Conference in New South Wales is calling for thirteen more volunteers from the Parent Society. England can raise more men for the ministry than she can employ: it is well that there are colonies which can find fields of labour for the surplus.

It is believed that the increase of the membership in English Methodism will be considerable. The Primitive Methodists have a net increase of 4,500.

The Primitive Methodist Conference was held at South Shields. The denomination has always been characterized by a deep spirit of earnestness and has been prominent in evangelical labours. The net increase of members is 5,151, and of Sabbath-school scholars 6,350; 28,291 scholars are reported meeting in class. Five ministers had died during the year; twenty-eight had finished their probation and were received into full connection. Pressing appeals were made for young ministers to offer themselves for Mission work in the Colonies of the Southern world. The Conference looks well after the youth, and Sunday-school work, in connection with which a vigorous Band of Hope has been organized. A year ago both the Theological Institutions were closed. It was resolved at the late Conference that the one in Sunderland should be sold, and the one in Manchester should be re-opened with ten students.

The net profits of the Book-Room was nearly \$20,000, most of which was given to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.