

Rev. J. F. Porter, who laboured a few years in Canada has been stationed thirteen years as Superintendent of the North Bow Mission, and was stationed by the late Conference to Stepney Tabernacle, London.

The General Committee, after careful consideration, have come to the conclusion that no better test of membership can be adopted than attendance at class.

Rev. Joseph Wood, M.A., of the Connexional Theological Institution, Manchester, has received the degree of D.D., from the Wesleyan College, Montreal. He well deserves the honour.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

As was intimated in our last, the Conference of this branch of Methodism met at Dewsbury. Rev. James Le Huray, a native of Guernsey, was elected President, and Rev. S. Walker, Secretary.

The Missionary Anniversary was successful. During the past year there have been numerous additions on the Home Missions in Ireland and in China. The income has increased.

The Sunday-school report stated an increase of 498 scholars. In fourteen years the scholars have increased 15,550. Three probationers were ordained to the full work of the ministry.

An increase of six ministers was reported, and forty-nine members, but 3,481 had been lost by deaths and other causes. One young minister, Rev. J. K. Robson, goes to China at his own expense. All the funds of the Conference reported an increase of income, but some of them very small. An increase of missionary income is necessary.

Six members of Conference were appointed to attend the Ecumenical Conference, among whom is the Connexional Editor, Rev. Dr. Watts.

Resolutions were adopted in favor of establishing the order of deaconesses, denominational extension in London, and condemnation of the practice of reading sermons.

The students at college, though

only few, less than a dozen, have filled 522 preaching appointments, including some taken on vacation.

The Book Room report was well received. The profits were larger than last year.

The debate on union with the Methodist Free Church was lengthy, and was characterized as one of great ability. The Conference was crowded during the entire debate. Dr. Watts', Dr. Stacey's and the Rev. J. Medcraft's speeches were the ablest that were made.

Several annual meetings of the districts have been held, in most of which strong resolutions were adopted condemnatory of the compensation clauses of the Governmental License Bill. Similar resolutions were adopted at the district meetings of other branches of the Methodist Church, so that all the Methodist bodies are of one mind on this question.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The Girl's College at Edgehill, Bideford, sent up eleven candidates for the recent musical examination of Trinity College, and all passed. Of these, nine were pianoforte candidates and two violin candidates.

The District meeting was held at Swingfield, near Canterbury. The reports showed an increase of 120 members. Much had been done towards increasing the church property, the Sunday-schools were in a prosperous condition, and the receipts in aid of the circuit and mission funds were higher than in any previous year.

The Bible Christian missionaries in China are greatly encouraged with their success. Having acquired a knowledge of the language, they are now regularly preaching in several places in the province of Yunnan, and the hearts of the people are becoming affected by the great truths of the Gospel.

A mission has been opened at Ilfracombe with very encouraging prospects.

Favourable reports have been received from China. The brethren there are now able to preach in the language of the people, and have