

The Educational Fund needs better support. Ten young men requested to be sent to college, but the state of the Fund would only permit two to be sent.

A consensus of opinion seems to prevail in the Conference that there ought to be a Superintendent of Missions appointed. The General Board is requested to appoint such an officer.

The prohibition question is exciting much attention in the island. The tobacco question also is prominent. Hon. J. J. Regerson said that \$250,000 is spent yearly in Newfoundland on tobacco.

The Missionary, Educational, and Sustentation Funds report a slight increase of income, but there is a decrease in the membership of 77.

The Conference unanimously requested Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, to attend the next Conference.

WESLEYAN METHODIST.

Rev. B. Gregory, D.D., who has been twenty-five years editor of the *MAGAZINE*, has retired from the position. He has nobly sustained himself as an able exponent of Methodism. Rev. W. L. Watkinson, a man of great versatility, is successor to Dr. Gregory. Great expectations are formed respecting him.

The Irish Conference reports an increase of 426 members. This is gratifying, seeing that the losses sustained by emigration have been great.

At the Methodist Conference in France it was stated that of 37,000,000 of population in the country, more than 36,000,000 are Roman Catholics. The Conference reports a small increase of members.

The Conference which is in session at Cardiff as these notes are being prepared is likely to be of unusual interest. The plan contains 860 services, which are to be held in 38 circuits. About 100 services will be in Welsh. Rev. J. H. Pope was elected president.

There will be six public examinations of candidates for ordination, of whom there are 57.

At a late Sunday School Anniversary in one of the London churches it was said that of those who formerly composed one of the classes five were now members of the House of Commons.

It is proposed to select a number of lay evangelists who shall itinerate in the villages of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.

There is now no doubt but that at least fifty-seven of the brave men who perished in the unfortunate war-ship *Victoria* were Wesleyans.

A real Pentecost has been enjoyed in South Africa under the labours of Thomas Cook, evangelist. Hundreds of persons professed conversion. In some of the congregations which he addressed there were judges of the high court, State attorneys, inspectors of education, members of Parliament, and representatives of all conditions of life.

Rev. W. Burgess, of Secunderabad, writes, "We have planted the Gospel in sixteen new villages during the year."

Australia does well for its worn-out ministers, giving from \$500 to \$1,000, according to their term of service.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

The late Conference appointed Rev. W. J. Townsend, D.D., editor of the large *Magazine*, and Rev. G. S. Hornby editor of the small *Magazine*.

After making up the losses of 3,203 members by removals, etc., there is a net increase of 421.

It is proposed to celebrate the centenary of the Connexion in 1896. One gentleman gave \$1,500 at the Conference Missionary Meeting for the hospital in China, but withheld his name.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

A new Orphan Home is contemplated to be erected in the Midland or Northern counties.

It is proposed to arrange for the unification of several connexional funds, under the head of United Connexional Fund, which will require an annual income of \$60,000.