

try were accepted out of forty-three who appeared before the Board of Examiners.

The mission to Africa is isolated, and can only be sustained at great expense. Some propose to amalgamate it with some other Methodist Mission. The matter is to be considered by the Missionary Committee. Some of the Home Circuits are hard fields of labour; \$5,000 was donated by the Conference to aid the brethren who had been stationed on those fields.

Fraternal deputations of the ministers of Scarborough visited the Conference; an address was also presented from the Society of Friends. The Conference sent a fraternal message to the Methodist New Connexion Conference.

There is a strong feeling in all branches of Methodism in England in favour of union. Even in Australia the unification of the various bodies is very popular. At a recent Bible Christian Conference in South Australia, a deputation from the Wesleyan Methodist Church was addressing the Conference amid great applause, when, by a happy coincidence, deputations arrived from the Primitive Methodist and the New Connexion bodies. Amid rounds of applause, the representatives of the four Methodist Churches arranged themselves on the platform. The enthusiasm became so great that one speaker, having announced in impassioned tones that general reunion "must come," proceeded forthwith to shake hands with everybody on the platform. The effect was electrical.

A later communication states that a joint committee, representative of the Primitive Methodists, Bible Christians, and Methodist New Connexionists of South Australia, have agreed unanimously upon a basis of Union between these three Churches. The basis adopted, which is practically the Methodist New Connexion polity, will be submitted to the Quarterly Meetings, and upon their verdicts the Conferences will act.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.

This is the last Conference of the Methodist Church which we have to report. It was held at St. John's on the last week in June. General Superintendent Carman was present and preached twice on Sabbath. The Rev. Jacob Embree was elected President, and the Rev. W. Swan Secretary. The religious services, including a meeting for the promotion of holiness, were seasons of great spiritual power. The brethren in this Conference are placed in very trying circumstances, still they are very enterprising and labour zealously to spread scriptural holiness through the island. They have enlarged their Ministers' Children's Home, and erected a college building of four stories, with large halls and spacious class rooms; leaving a debt of \$15,000. The noble women of St. John's held a bazaar, which netted \$2,500, and Rev. Geo. J. Bond, ex-President, has been set apart to visit the United States and Canada to solicit subscriptions on behalf of the Educational Institution. We bespeak on his behalf a cordial reception. The increase of members in the three Maritime Conferences is 2,624. This is truly gratifying.

#### THE FRENCH CONFERENCE.

The thirty-fourth Conference of the Wesleyan Methodists in France and Switzerland was held at Lausanne. Eighteen ministers were present at the pastoral session. It was resolved to reopen the Training Institution at Nimes. Among other public meetings held, one was in aid of the temperance and blue ribbon movement, which was characterized by great enthusiasm.

The Woman's Board of Missions has appropriated more than \$66,000 for their missions in China, Brazil, Mexican Border and Indian Territory, for the current year.

There are now 2,000 auxiliaries with 47,000 members. Nine ladies have been accepted for missionary work, and will soon depart to their appointments abroad.

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