

in the locality, through whom 20,000 quarts of soup and upwards of two tons of bread were distributed. Cottage services have been held and much care has been bestowed upon the sick and dying. Many similar efforts for the poor are reported.

Mrs. Spring, of Liverpool, through the aid of the Rev. Charles Garrett and others, has accomplished the herculean task of securing the signature of 1,132,608 women over sixteen years of age to the Memorial to the Queen on behalf of Sunday closing. It is the largest petition ever presented, and has caused Mrs. Spring to write 10,000 letters. Every county in England is represented in the memorial, which is seven miles long. Some members of parliament and others said the memorial was unconstitutional and that the Queen would not receive it, but they now know that they were mistaken.

The *Mail* says:—"Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists, in England, are shortly to offer special prayers, at the request of leading clergymen in their respective denominations, for Christian Union. When the bishops of Bath and Wells, Liverpool, Manchester, Rochester, Sodor and Man, Truro and Winchester; the Archbishop of Dublin, Archdeacon Farrar, Canons Brooke and Wilberforce, join with Mr. Spurgeon, Dr. Bonar and Rev. Newman Hall in a request that prayers for union be offered, it becomes apparent that there is something after all to unite upon.

Manchester Central Hall contains many working Christians. During the past year 1,600 persons have taken the temperance pledge, many of whom have since been seekers of salvation. At least seventy-five per cent. of the number did not previously attend any place of worship. There are not six members connected with the mission who have come from other societies. Bands of music are used to arrest the attention of the people, and previous to all the Sunday services small companies go from house to house inviting the people to public worship. The theatre, which has also been utilised for Sabbath evenings, is

thronged by eager listeners to the Gospel message. The labourers do not confine themselves to preaching, but they relieve the bodily wants of the poor as far as their means allow.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The Rev. John Atkinson, Missionary Secretary, has been holding conventions on behalf of the mission work of the denomination. Those held at Tunstall and Hull were especially successful, and pledges were given to raise the amounts required for the successful promotion of the work among the missions in Africa.

Revival services are reported as being very successful, one held at Dudley was the means of bringing more than 300 persons to the Saviour. Church debts also are being greatly reduced. Similar services are reported among the New Connexion and Bible Christians.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Several Holiness Conventions have been held in Newfoundland. Many careless persons have been awakened and not a few who were living in a low state of grace have been greatly quickened. A revival of holiness always brings power to the Church.

Dr. W. I. Shaw recently conducted a Scandinavian service at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, Montreal. A goodly number were present. The singing was hearty and the whole service unctious and earnest. There is a fine field for missionary labour among the stalwart Scandinavians now settled in Montreal.

The Rev. Fletcher Pickles, Nova Scotia Conference, has been released from circuit duties, and now spends his time wholly in evangelistic services.

It is gratifying to record the fact that the Evangelists Hunter and Crossley have been very successful in Toronto and Whitby. Brothers Crossley and Dewy have held seasons of refreshing at Norwood and Lindsay Circuits, and are likely