

ing the past year, both the President and other leading ministers have been paying special attention to young men. Conventions have been held to which they have been assigned such spheres of labour as their peculiar talents fitted them. That time-honoured sanctuary, City Road Chapel, London, has been occupied with more than one convention of an evangelistic character; the last which we have noticed was specially for class-leaders, who are an important auxiliary in Methodism. Such special gatherings cannot fail to accomplish great good.

EVANGELISTIC MOVEMENTS.

The work of evangelization is hopefully going forward in France. Bible Societies, Tract Societies, the mission work of the Rev. R. W. McAll, and W. Gibson, M.A., together with various other forms of Christian endeavour, assure us that the Gospel is still powerful in the presence of the most pronounced opposition.

It is stated that the best results have followed the visit of Messrs. Moody and Sankey to Oxford and Cambridge. Over 20 young men are now engaged in Church and Sunday-school work in Cambridge, and many more at Oxford. Mr. R. W. Dale, of Birmingham, gives it as the result of eight years' experience, that 70 per cent. of the converts of Moody and Sankey continue to stand firm in the faith. That is enough to answer all the sneers of the skeptic and scoffer.

The evangelistic efforts of Mr. Von Schluembach, in Berlin, and Er Zieman, in Westphalia, Germany, have met with unparalleled success.

Lay missions are being organized by the Bishop of Litchfield, the object being to influence the masses of the labouring classes in large towns of England, who at present cannot be induced to enter a church.

The *Central Cristian Advocate*, in a recent issue reports 1,556 conversions, and 1,449 accessions. This does not look very much like as though the old Methodist Episcopal Church was declining, as asserted frequently by some.

A memorial church to David Livingstone has been erected in Blantyre, Scotland, where he was brought up.

The Church Missionary Society is about to establish a mission in Bagdad, on the Tigris, and to resume the abandoned mission in Cairo, Egypt.

VICTORIA AND TASMANIA CONFERENCE, AUSTRALIA.

This annual Convocation was held in Wesley Church, Melbourne, January 16th, and following days. The Rev. E. T. Watkins was elected President. He is a native of New South Wales. His father had also been President of Conference, and a missionary in Fiji, and was the author of the celebrated missionary paper *Pity Fiji*, which was circulated broadcast throughout England 40 years ago, and produced a wonderful effect. From accounts furnished, the church appears to be in a prosperous condition. The increase in the membership is 1,175, being the largest increase in the number of full members that has been received for many years.

THE DEATH ROLL.

The Rev. Ingham Sutcliffe, a superannuated Minister in Nova Scotia Conference, died at Halifax in April. He entered the Methodist ministry in 1831, being sent from England by the Missionary Committee. He laboured a few years in "Little York" and Montreal, then for ten years he was a missionary in Newfoundland, then for 27 years his labours were spent in the Maritime Provinces. Since 1873, he has lived in retirement, only preaching as his strength would allow.

As these notes are being prepared news has reached us of the death of the Hon. T. N. Gibbs, at his residence in Oshawa. During the years we have known him we have esteemed him for his patriotism, his ability as a statesman, and his loyalty to the Methodist Church. How rapidly men of distinction are passing away! Surely the living should lay these things to heart.