

Japanese ministers expressed themselves delighted with the harmony, spirituality and helpfulness which characterized the sessions. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Honda, president of the Toyama College of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was brimful of Gospel truth. The Rev. Dr. Macdonald was unanimously chosen President of the Conference. Two young men were received as probationers for the ministry, and one was received from the Presbyterian Church. At this Conference a forward step was taken by founding, in the northern island of Yezo, the first mission of the native Church. The native missionary society assumes the financial responsibility. The reports show 324 baptisms for the past year; an increase of 112 in the membership; of 100 in the Sunday-school, and of 1,237 yen in the givings of the people for all purposes.

The net increase in the membership in the Western Conferences, including Japan, is 4,789.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The May meetings have been numerously attended. The Missionary Anniversary reported an income of nearly \$36,000. The missions are established in several parts of England, Ireland and Scotland, and Africa. In the latter many hardships have been endured and some lives have been sacrificed, but there are more volunteers for the most difficult fields than can be sent out. The meeting in Spurgeon's Tabernacle was one of the most successful ever held in that time-honoured sanctuary.

The Woman's Missionary Society Anniversary reported great progress. Several ladies were the speakers, some of whom, as missionaries' wives, knew well what was meant by going into the foreign field. Mrs. Buckenham, whose husband died on the journey home, was introduced and most cordially welcomed. The proceeds of the meeting amounted to \$580.

One hundred and thirty-four necessitous local preachers have been assisted during the year from the fund established for their benefit.

Appearances indicate that the union between the Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian Churches will be effected in the near future. A basis of union has been agreed upon, which, after being accepted by the respective Conferences, will be submitted to the Quarterly Meetings for their approval.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

The Centenary services, which were held in Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London, were of more than ordinary interest. Rev. Dr. Parker preached. The sermon, as might be expected, was one of great power and well suited to the occasion.

At the public meeting addresses were delivered by ministers of all branches of Methodism. W. P. Hartley, Esq., the well-known Primitive Methodist layman, presided. Rev. F. W. Bourne stated that when Wesley's Chapel was built there were only 44,000 Methodists in the world, but when the second Ecumenical Conference was held the number had increased to 150 times that number.

The President of the Wesleyan Conference, Rev. Dr. Randles, described the New Connexion as a child of the parent body, and like all parents the Wesleys were glad of the prosperity of their offspring. Messrs. R. W. Perks, M.P., and Mr. Percy Bunting, were equally congratulatory.

Chief Justice Way, from South Australia, told how the Connexion had flourished in that colony, and thought that the present gathering was carrying out Mr. Wesley's advice: "Take care to let all the world know that Methodists in every part of the world are one, and are determined so to continue."

It is confidently expected that the Centenary Fund will amount to \$500,000 by Conference.

The increase of members for the Centenary year is 1,000.

A recent appeal was made for a young man to be sent to China, when three suitable persons responded, from whom the choice will be made by the Missionary Committee.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

A missionary from Australia, Rev. W. Ready, is visiting England. He has had a successful career in the Southern world, and will be a valuable member at the Conference. It is expected that he will spend at least six months at home, and will visit many places in the Connexion. Right Hon. Justice Way will also be in attendance, and according to the plan he will preside at the Conference Missionary Meeting. His father was the first missionary sent to Australia, and the right honourable gentleman has risen to eminence by his own industry and perseverance. He resided at Exeter, the