

to exercise the gift of charity, as thousands of dollars will be required on behalf of the people during the coming winter, to enable them to rebuild their houses and churches.

Victoria College has entered upon another year's course of toil. The Convocation at the commencement was largely attended. Dr. Parkin, of the Upper Canada College, was the principal speaker. His address was one of unusual eloquence and power. Chancellor Burwash presided. The number of students is a little in advance of last year.

A report has been received from Rev. John Scott, D.D., Dean of Theology, Tokyo, Japan. S. Eban, Esq., M.P., is President. The report gives an encouraging account of the college, which has over 240 students, including a class of native candidates for the ministry. The report states that only two foreigners are now on the staff of teachers, the Dean and Professor A. C. Borden, B.D. It would seem that owing to the success of the missionaries and the progress of Christianity, the Methodist Council in Japan were now able to secure a majority of the professors from among converted Japanese Christians, of whom four or five are now members of the college staff. This college is maintained by the Canadian Board so far as its income requires supplementing, the policy being intended, so far as finances are concerned, to save the difference in the outlay by the employment of the native ministers trained there, so far as possible, in place of sending missionaries at the much greater cost from Canada.

#### METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

The Evangelistic Union, which met in Manchester, in September, was a season of great spiritual enjoyment. There are about seventy ministers included in the Union, most of them meet annually for purposes of spiritual and mental improvement. There were public services and private gatherings to help one another to develop a larger spiritual life. Essays were read on given topics and a considerable amount of time was spent in exegetical exercises. Those who attended expressed their delight with the privilege which they had enjoyed, and the younger members especially acknowledged that they had received great stimulus by the intercourse with which they had been favoured among their elder brethren.

The Centenary Celebration at Manchester was a grand affair. The celebra-

tion took place during the first Tuesday in October. The Wesleyan Central Hall was granted free of charge for the services. Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, M.A., preached at noon. In the afternoon a public meeting was held with the Rev. J. LeHuray in the chair. The speakers were Revs. G. Packer, A. Colbeck, J. C. Watts, D.D. In the evening the hall was crowded. The President of Conference, Rev. J. Innocent presided. Revs. Dr. Watson, J. Ogden and Hugh Price Hughes were the speakers. The meeting was in every respect of a most successful character. Mr. Hughes prophesied that the Wesleyan Church, the New Connexion Church, and the United Methodist Free Church would never have another centenary, and he doubted whether the Primitives would, but by the early part of the twentieth century they would be united as the largest and most powerful Christian Church in the world.

#### PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The Missionary Society is experiencing considerable anxiety relative to the Mission in West Africa, where the climate is so trying to Europeans. Mrs. Pickering, wife of the superintendent of the mission, has died very unexpectedly. She and her husband only left England three years ago. The wife of another missionary has been ordered to England to prevent being interred in a premature grave.

#### RECENT DEATHS.

Rev. Samuel Wesley, a member of the British Wesleyan Conference, recently died at the age of eighty-one. He was a lineal descendant of the Wesleys, and in appearance greatly resembled Rev. John Wesley. His only daughter performed much valuable labour among the English soldiers. He was emphatically a good man, well read in theological literature, and greatly resembled the old Methodist preacher.

Rev. John Stoughton, D.D., an eminent Congregational minister in London, England, died October 24th. He was the author of several religious works. In early life he met in a Methodist class-meeting with the late Mrs. Jobson. In 1832 he became a Congregational minister in the metropolis. A few years ago he retired, when his congregation presented him \$15,000. He was Chairman of the Congregational Union in 1856. He was over ninety years old.