

The venerable Thomas Bateman, a member of the Deed Poll, is ninety-five years of age, and often preaches on special occasions. He was a close friend of the founders of the Connexion, and for many years was a leading debater in the Conference. The present writer heard him preach fifty-four years ago.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

Evangelistic services have been very successful in Exeter district. In some instances as many as fifty persons professed conversion.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The New York *Advocate* declares that Dr. Dewart composed the best short poem elicited by the death of Tennyson.

Mr. H. A. Massey has given \$1,000 to the Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn. He also endowed a bed by a gift of \$5,000.

At the Coqualeetza Institute, Chilliwack, there are now eighty-two children. One of the boys wants to be a missionary.

The Michael Fawcett prize on Methodist hymnology was won by Mr. H. B. Christie, a student from Guelph Conference.

The baccalaureate sermon by Chancellor Burwash, at the convocation exercises of Victoria University, was one of his best efforts.

The degree of D.D. was conferred upon Rev. H. J. Pope, ex-president of the Wesleyan Conference; Revs. Prof. Wallace, John Potts, and Osborne R. Lambly.

The Rev. A. C. Crews has been appointed Sunday-school and Epworth League Secretary. He is eminently fitted for the position—one of unique influence, not surpassed in power for good by that of any officer of the Church.

The Wesleyan Theological College at Montreal has had a successful year. The Endowment Fund has reached \$70,000. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., and "was one long to be remembered." The following received the degree of D.D., Rev. I. Tovell, Hamilton; J. Scott, M.A., Berlin.

The missionary spirit is evidently alive among the students at our colleges. More than sixty hold themselves in readiness to engage in mission work. What a tre-

mendous responsibility rests upon those who possess the means to replenish the treasury whereby the young brethren could be sent forth to reap a grand harvest for Christ.

The Deaconess Association of Toronto Conference was at first regarded by many as unnecessary, but these prejudices have been greatly weakened, if they are not wholly extinct. During the past year the services of the ladies have been in great requisition. Their visits to the abodes of the sick and dying have been greatly appreciated.

The sorrow of thousands was turned into joy when news reached the Mission Rooms that the missionary vessel *Glad Tidings*, which had been so long missing, was not lost, but had become disabled and therefore detained, while on her voyage to Victoria, British Columbia. All on board, including nine missionaries, had reached their destination in safety.

The Missionary Executive have had considerable anxiety respecting the mission in Japan, which has occasioned a great amount of correspondence with the missionaries. Rev. F. A. Cassidy who has done good service in that field, thought that he had been injured by the course adopted, but the Executive assures him that no injury has been inflicted upon him; his character and ministerial status are blameless. An answer has been sent to the communication from the missionaries who had intended to resign, and hopes are now entertained that harmony will be restored, and the work will again be prosperous.

The Book-Room at Toronto has done a large volume of business during the past year, notwithstanding the general depression which is felt everywhere. There was a large increase in the number of subscribers to the *Guardian*, but as the price had been reduced to one dollar the income was below last year. The other publications more than held their own, so that a grant of \$7,500 was made to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, a larger amount than was ever given in any previous year.

A very appropriate resolution was adopted acknowledging the services of Dr. Dewart as Editor for twenty-six years. All the members of the Book Committee expressed their hope that the Doctor would enjoy himself in his visit to the Methodist Conferences of the Old World. He will be followed by the earnest prayers and best wishes of thousands.