

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Lowrey, of New York, have been holding successful revival services in Prince Edward Island. They are well-known devoted evangelists.

A convention was recently held in St. John, which was a season of great spiritual power, and is likely to be productive of much good to all the churches concerned.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The General Missionary Committee held its annual meeting in New York. The income was below that of 1887, but still \$1,200,000 were appropriated, including \$100,000 for the debt and temporary interest. There were representatives from all parts of the mission field.

Eight missionaries and their wives and seventeen young ladies recently sailed from New York to India, China, and Japan. The two missionary Bishops, Taylor and Thoburn, have also gone to their respective fields, Africa and India, leaving their families in America.

A Deaconess' Home will soon be established in New York. Suitable quarters have been secured. It is estimated that \$250 will support a deaconess for one year and \$5,000 endow one in perpetuity.

A French Mission Conference was recently held in New York, at which the Rev. Louis Beaudry presided. Missions are established in various Conferences. It is estimated that, including French-Canadians, besides French, Belgians and Swiss, there are about two millions French-speaking people in the United States, 30,000 of whom are Protestants. A French-American periodical was established as the organ of the French societies, and a course of study was agreed upon for ministers and local preachers.

ITEMS.

There are now in the mission field 2,400 unmarried ladies, besides probably an equal number of married.

More than 2,200 students in the colleges and theological seminaries of America have promised their lives to foreign mission service.

The King of Siam recently donated to the Baptist mission at Bangkok the sum of \$240,000.

Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, is called by the Indians, "the Straight Tongue and the Father Who Don't Lie."

Presbyterianism is making advances in South Africa. Already she has 223 congregations and controls five colleges. Also in Hungary her influence is extending, there being in that country more Presbyterians than in France and Switzerland, with five colleges, which contains 2,926 students. The American Presbyterian Church received 1,200 ministers from other Churches during the last eighteen years. About one-fifth of the ministry of that great body has been trained in other Churches.

The Queen of Madagascar recently attended the opening services of two Christian Churches. In fourteen years 700 Protestant chapels have been built in Madagascar, making the number now 1,200. There are 8,000 Protestant communicants and all the churches are self-supporting.

A missionary in China, Mr. Beach, has succeeded in representing the Chinese spoken language by a system of clear and simple phonetic symbols fashioned after the Pitman style. It is said that an educated foreigner can learn the system in from two to five hours and a bright Chinaman in ten lessons.

Native converts in Japan, with an average wage of less than 25 cents a day, contributed last year \$27,000 to mission work. During the year 3,640 adults were baptized, making a total membership of 14,815. There are now 192 organized churches, 64 of them self-supporting, 93 native ministers and 169 theological students.

The wife of Li Hung Chang, premier of China, has offered to support a class of Chinese women who are to study medicine with Mrs. King, M.D. Mrs. King was formerly Miss Howard, of the Methodist mission at Tientsin, and is a native of Canada.

Daniel Hand, an aged resident of Guilford, Conn., has given the American Association a million dol-