

Rev. Mark Guy Pearce, author of "Daniel Quo'm," conducted the singing, which added greatly to the interest of the meeting. Dr. Punshon was one of the speakers, and of course delivered a very characteristic speech, referring to several matters of interest in connection with the missionary enterprise which occurred in the month of October.

Conventions have been held in several districts for the purpose of increasing the number and efficiency of the Christian workers in the various departments of Methodism. The reports published, respecting those held at Birmingham and Liverpool, are full of religious fervour. Another was to be held in London early in November, for which great preparations were made. No doubt a great impetus will be given to the work of evangelism, both in London and in the provinces. With a view to meet a want long felt, the Book Steward has issued a penny hymn book, and 300,000 copies were called for in one month.

Other denominations in England are also very actively engaged in evangelistic work. In Leeds, some clergymen of the Established Church, led by the Rev. Mr. Aitkens, a well known revivalist, held numerous meetings, at some of which there were more than a hundred penitents. The Nonconformist ministers heartily co-operated, and a united mission was held. Services were conducted in the workshops, for which the masters gave the time, which were followed by marvellous results. Even the publicans were solicited to allow meetings to be held in the club rooms of the taverns, and in every instance permission was granted. Some members of the Society of Friends also held an eight days' mission in London, which resulted in great benefit.

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THE number of agents in India

belonging to this Church has recently been strengthened, a batch of missionaries and their wives having sailed from New York for this important field.

Some of the German Methodists have expressed a desire to have a bishop elected purposely for the German Conferences. A mission has recently been commenced among the Swedes in Boston, which promises well.

Bishop Simpson has returned from his tour in Europe full of missionary intelligence. He recently attended the General Conference of the Evangelical Association, a chiefly German organization, strongly allied doctrinally to Methodists, which was held in Philadelphia, and delivered a warm-hearted fraternal address.

The Annual Conferences, which are now being held, are of more than ordinary interest, inasmuch as the delegates to the General Conference, to be held in May next, are appointed. Fifty years ago this Church had but fourteen hundred preachers; now they have twenty-eight thousand. *Then* they had three hundred and fifty thousand lay members; *now* they have seventeen hundred thousand. *Then* their Church edifices were worth next to nothing; *now* they are worth \$70,000,000. *Then* v had no parsonages, unless saddles and saddle bags were accounted such; *now* their parsonages are valued at \$10,000,000. The sales at the Book Concern last year, at New York and Cincinnati, were \$1,552,048.

The General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States began its annual session in New York, on November 10th, Bishop James presiding. The report of the Treasurer shows the receipts during the year to be \$662,485; expenditures, \$721,805; leaving the debt of the treasury \$46,030. Besides this there are letters of credit for foreign missions amounting to \$139,532; making a real debt of \$185,562.