

cational work of the Methodist Missions in Pekin, that it has promised to give positions upon the railways, or in telegraph offices, to all graduates, at a fair salary, with the added privilege of keeping the Sabbath. All graduates from the medical department will receive appointments in the army or navy.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The reported increase of members is 1,000. Nearly \$150,000 has been secured for the Jubilee Fund. \$250,000 is the amount expected.

Several ministers are completing their term of service of four, five, and more years on the same circuit; one has been fourteen years on his present field of labour.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

Several Evangelistic services are reported. Hatherleigh and Caldicott have been graciously visited. Some of the roughest and worst characters have been completely transformed. Drink has been given up, pipes and cigars have been discarded, the public-houses are almost empty; the publicans are enraged, but the places of worship are crowded. Anniversary meeting was held and the receipts were increased five-fold more than last year. New churches have been erected in several places.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

This Church began work among the Indians as far back as 1863, and has expended upon them in all upward of \$400,000. In the Indian Territory last year there were ninety missionaries and 12,000 members. In Mexico there are eighty native preachers and 5,000 members.

An unusual occurrence recently took place at Piedmont, South Carolina. At the evening service conducted by the Rev. Geo. Boyd, three other ministers were on the platform, one being his father and the other two his brothers, a father and three sons all regularly ordained ministers. The father is eighty-eight years old, and has been presiding elder and has delivered one hundred

sermons or more since he became an octogenarian.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Victoria University has had about one-third more students than during the last year at Cobourg. There are 10 professors and lecturers in arts and 5 in theology. The students in arts number 152 and in theology 84. Since the first graduating class went out from Victoria, the graduates in arts have numbered 606; in science 9; in law, LL.B., 111, LL.D., 31; in medicine, 1,655; and in theology, 96.

General Superintendent Carman continues as usual to be ubiquitous. He recently returned from Bermuda, and while we are preparing these notes he is in Toronto attending the Victoria Board of Regents meeting, and will leave immediately for Winnipeg, where he preaches on the Sabbath, and then goes to British Columbia Conference, and on his return will attend Manitoba Conference and thence go east to New Brunswick Conference. Truly he is in the Itinerancy.

Rev. W. G. Griffin, D. D., the newly appointed Treasurer of the Superannuation Fund is doing good service by preaching in different churches, and presenting the claims of the superannuated to the people. The *Empire*, in giving a report of a sermon preached in New Richmond Church, said, "He met a good many of the stock arguments against the system and claimed that without the superannuation allowance the itinerant system would be impossible. A Methodist preacher had to go where he was sent and take what was given him, the contract or understanding being that he was to be provided for when he was worn out. If it were otherwise, then preachers would begin to ask about what they were to receive before accepting an appointment. Dr. Griffin pointed out that several of the preachers entitled to superannuation allowances had declined to accept them. He gave figures showing that Methodist preachers are liberal givers, also showing that