

to establish the fact that Methodists throughout the world are one people.

Dr. Pope, now ex-President of the Conference, has delivered several presidential addresses, all of which have been highly prized. Dr. Osborn said, "The very spirit of John Wesley breathed through the one which he heard at the Conference;" and the President said that "the golden advice on practical sanctification would benefit them all through their life." At the earnest request of Dr. Jobson, Dr. Pope had given them to him for publication, and they are now issued in a volume which will be a valuable repertory.

*The Mixed Conference.*—This might almost be called the Wesleyan General Conference, as it is composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen. The members of the Legal Hundred and the representatives of departments are members by virtue of office, so that but few ministers are elected by their respective district meetings. All the laymen are thus elected.

Some were afraid that the Mixed Conference would not work harmoniously, but the results have been very satisfactory. The laity, in many instances, were more conservative than the ministers. We were pleased to learn that so many of the laity were the sons of ministers, who are thus following in the footsteps of their fathers. Instead of the fathers shall be the children. A son of Dr. Punshon—Morley—was received on trial at the Pastoral Conference.

The reports of the Home Missions and the Lay Missions of London and Liverpool were very gratifying. The former employs thirteen agents, six men and seven women, who are designated deaconesses. Seventeen thousand families had been visited, thirty thousand six hundred and twenty-five visits had been paid to the destitute and the sick. About two hundred open-air services had been held in spiritually destitute places, which had been attended by

more than one hundred thousand persons. Some thirty thousand tracts had been distributed. Bible classes and mothers' meetings had been held, and there was abundant evidence of good having been done.

The Liverpool Mission is under the direction of the Rev. Charles Garrett. Twenty-four thousand visits had been paid, one thousand cottage meetings held, three hundred and ten open-air meetings had been held, the sick and dying had been comforted, and more than two hundred persons had joined the Church, all of whom were the direct fruit of the mission.

The Home Mission is a valuable institution in Methodism, as it assists to sustain more than two hundred and fifty of the six hundred and eighty-four circuits in Great Britain, and has, for many years, sent three thousand dollars to assist poor circuits in Ireland. Nine district missions have been sustained during the past year, to promote revivals of religion. Fifteen ministers are employed to look after the Methodists who belong to the army and navy.

Rev. W. Gibson has been appointed to labour in France and carry out a new home mission organization, which embraces the opening of new evangelistic centres in some of the principal towns of France.

The laity are evidently resolved that Methodist ministers shall be well sustained, one of them moving for a return of the number of ministers whose incomes do not amount to seven hundred and fifty dollars. A sustentation fund is established in several districts, with a view to equalize the allowances to ministers, from which considerable good has resulted, inasmuch as nineteen thousand pounds have been distributed in four years among brethren who otherwise would have had large deficiencies.

Rev. Charles Garrett succeeded in getting an influential committee ap-