

teen years of 6,800. The Sunday-schools are increasing in numbers and efficiency. The increase in the number of scholars is 2,400, an increased number of whom have become church members.

The mission in China is prospering. Rev. J. and Mrs. Innocent have created a Training Home for women and girls in honour of their late daughter.

The class-meeting question has excited much discussion for several years. Many would abolish the class-meeting as a membership test, and this sentiment prevailed, inasmuch as in future the test is to be attendance on all the means of grace.

The term "Society" is no longer to be used, that of "Church" being substituted in its place.

The College at Sheffield was reported as prospering.

The Book Room reported a good year, as the profits had increased.

The question of Methodist union occupied considerable time. The Methodist Free Churches had sent a memorial to the Conference on the subject. The outcome was that a committee was appointed to confer with a committee of the Free Churches, and, if possible, arrange a basis of union to be submitted to the next Conference.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE (ENGLAND).

This Conference assembled at Bradford, Rev. Jos. Toulson was elected President. Great harmony exists among the various branches of the Methodist family, hence at the various Conferences fraternal visits and letters were invariably exchanged. At this Conference a whole session was occupied with fraternal visitors, who delivered earnest and pungent addresses, to which the Rev. Thomas Guttery, formerly a resident in Toronto, replied on behalf of the Conference.

On Sabbath the pulpits of Non-conformist Churches in the town were occupied by members of the Conference, and three large camp meetings were held.

An impressive service was held in honour of the ministers who had died during the year, the number was unusually large. No less than twenty-six devoted men had finished their course, fifteen of whom were on the list of superannuates.

THE METHODIST FREE CHURCHES ASSEMBLY (ENGLAND).

This branch of the Methodist family arose in 1835, and received further accession by the disputes of 1849. It has become a strong body and has missions in the West Indies, Eastern Africa, China and New Zealand. The Assembly met in Cornwall. Fourteen candidates for the ministry were recommended, but only nine were accepted.

A scholarship in honour of the late Rev. M. Miller is to be established at the Theological Institute.

The Connexion employs an evangelist, also a General Sunday-school Secretary, and a travelling temperance lecturer.

A Book Room is established in London, which issues a monthly magazine. It would be a grand accomplishment if all the minor bodies of Methodism could be amalgamated, as there does not seem to be much probability of a union being effected with the Parent Body.

THE IRISH WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

This Conference met in the city of Cork. The President of the Wesleyan Conference in England presided. Five ministers had died during the year, two of whom, Revs. J. B. Killman and J. D. Powell, were men of more than ordinary ability.

Canon Connolly was introduced to the Conference. He presented letters of condolence from some of the Bishops of the Irish Protestant Church. Great sympathy was felt for the bereaved in the sad catastrophe which occurred a few days before the opening of the Conference.

Nine candidates were accepted for the ministry and six others were ordained. The Methodist College at Belfast presented a very gratifying report. The McArthur Hall for