

education of ministers' sons and the sons of laymen.

The profits of the Book-Room amounted to one thousand pounds. The Mission Treasurer reported a decrease of more than a thousand pounds in the receipts. Rev. J. Wakefield who has been a missionary in East Africa, was present, and gave interesting details respecting his mission among the Gallas, of which tribe there are eight millions. He stated that he had become more familiar with the African languages than he was with his native tongue, and hence he could speak more easily in the former. In prosecuting his mission he had been exposed to great perils; as, for instance, on one occasion a number of Gallas took a vow that they would kill him, and on another he was poisoned by a treacherous Mohammedan. On his going to Africa, the Gallas country was sealed against all strangers. So dangerous was it to enter the territory that even traders dare not attempt to go in. The Arabs prejudiced the people against him, saying, "If you allow the white man to come into your country, your grass will wither and die, and your cows will cease to give milk." Mr. Wakefield considered the Gallas to be a fine race of people, and believed that now was the time to propagate Christianity among them, inasmuch as the Mohammedans are making vigorous efforts against missionaries.

PRIMITIVE WESLEYANS, IRELAND.

A small minority objected to the union which was effected with the Wesleyan body. Their sympathies carry them in the direction of the Irish Church. They have now designated themselves the Primitive Church Methodist Missionary Society. The society has been adopted by the Bishop of Kilmore, who has been appointed President. Its agents will be called lay missionaries, in connection with the Episcopal Church. Eight missionaries are now employed to itinerate among their countrymen.

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

Preparations are now being made for holding the meetings on behalf of the Thanksgiving Fund. It is to be hoped that the expectations of the Committee will be realized, and seeing that the country has been favoured with a most bountiful harvest, surely the people will not forget to acknowledge the hand from which they have been supplied. The debt resting on the Missionary Society renders it impossible for any further extension to be made while such an incubus crushes it. The people are flocking to Manitoba and the North-west by thousands, so that the heralds of the cross should be increased in that prairie province. For some years past the superannuated ministers and widows in the western Conferences have not received their full allowance, so that justice demands that there should be an increase of contributions made on their behalf. The ministers in the various Conferences have set a noble example, and from the extreme East—Newfoundland—news has reached the Mission Rooms that, at one meeting held at St. John's, which was addressed by Rev. Dr. Douglas and others, the sum of sixteen hundred dollars was contributed. Horning's Mills Circuit, which only recently became self-sustaining, and having little more than 300 members, and two married ministers to sustain, has already raised more than \$400, so that should all the circuits contribute in a similar manner, the amount required will be forthcoming.

The scheme of raising District scholarships on behalf of Victoria University, bids fair for being a success. At the time of writing these notes, the result of all the District meetings has not come to hand, but some districts have gone beyond the minimum amount required. The scheme, when completed, will give the Connexional seat of learning better facilities for the spread of higher education than it has hitherto possessed.

The camp-meeting season has