

that there are "thousands of villages and small towns in England in which Wesleyan Methodism has no existence." The income of the fund exceeds \$45,000. Nearly 2,000 village churches have been erected by grants made, and there are applications at present in the office for several more.

The Foreign Mission Report was the most discouraging, inasmuch as the deficiency now exceeds \$100,000.

The Fernley Lecture, by the Rev. F. J. Sharr, was an able defence of the old English Bible.

Of seventy-nine candidates who offered for the ministry, thirty-three were accepted for the home work, twenty-two for foreign missions, five for Wales.

At a recent meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Council in London, Dr. Rigg gave an interesting address on the growth of Methodism in London. He showed that since 1861 eighty-one chapels (churches) had been built in London, and the membership had increased from 20,956 to 53,000, or two and a half times what it was thirty years ago, or about 150 per cent.; while in the whole Connexion the increase had only been from 319,782 to 425,000, or about thirty-two per cent.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, CANADA.

The missionary subscriptions amount to \$198,334.27 (including juvenile offerings, \$26,212.98); legacies, \$29,617.64; Indian department and miscellaneous sources, \$14,805.36, a total of \$242,757.27; the largest amount in the history of the Society. The report will be published in October.

By the time these notes will reach our readers, the Rev. Dr. Hart and his associates for China will be on their way to the Celestial empire. Our Church will thus have another foreign mission to stimulate its liberality.

Mrs. Large, wife of the late Rev. T. Large, who so nobly defended her husband when he was murdered by the Japanese assassins, has returned to Japan, to resume her beloved employment in seeking the evangelization of the Japanese.

Such women are true fellow-helpers of the truth.

Dr. Potts' tour to the Pacific coast was eminently successful. He returned home greatly improved in health and very cheerful; for, besides receiving liberal collections on behalf of the Educational Fund, he secured in British Columbia the noble sum of \$18,000 for the Building and Endowment Fund of Victoria University.

The Revs. Dr. Withrow and M. Benson have been rambling in California, where they have occupied pulpits and platforms to the edification of the Californians.

The programme of the Methodist Ecumenical Conference, to be held in October at Washington, United States, has been published. It contains a good selection of Canadian names. We hope to give a *resume* of the proceedings in our next.

Dr. Stephenson, President of the Wesleyan Conference, England, in acknowledging the amount sent to him to defray the cost of the Canadian pillar in John Wesley's chapel, City Road, London, expresses his thanks, and states that each pillar will be indicated as the gift of the respective Church by a small plate let into the enamelled pavement. Senator Sanford's window will be indicated by a special inscription, stating the name of the donor. This window will be very beautiful. The central figure will be St. John. At the head of the window will be suitable emblems indicating its connection with Canadian Methodism, and portraits of Dr. Ryerson, Rev. G. McDougall, Senator Ferrier and Edward Jackson, Esq., will be introduced in suitable panels.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

During the month of September forty-five Annual Conferences were appointed to be held, and in October a few more are planned. These are the "Fall Conferences," and are a slight indication of the strength of the Church.

Rev. Dr. James Stalker, from Scotland, who crossed the Atlantic