

genuity, he not only looks well after household matters, but, can preach a good sermon, deliver an earnest exhortation, or pray with mourners. There is seldom a Sabbath evening without conversions. A band of music is in constant use. The cost of such a mission could not but be great, and it is no marvel that some were afraid at the commencement that it would be impossible to provide the necessary means, but to the astonishment of everybody it has paid its way. The receipts at the annual meeting were \$15,000.

The success of the first year in Western London has been so astonishing, that still greater things will be attempted for the coming year. Additional halls are to be taken, a portion of "Wycliff House," the new headquarters, will be used as a shelter for friendless and homeless girls.

The latest provincial mission that has been commenced is Derby. The series of meetings at the inauguration were enthusiastic. The labours performed by the ministers who are leaders in the "Forward Movement" are truly herculean and must be very exhausting; but, they are strengthened for their duties and experience by the truth of the Scripture, "As thy days so shall thy strength be."

Miss Sarah Robinson, the well-known friend of soldiers and sailors, has issued a circular describing her work in connection with the Portsmouth Soldiers' Institute. Nearly 500 persons, including several soldiers and sailors, professed to be savingly converted in the "Gospel Tent."

The Rev. Thomas McCullough will write the life of the late Sir William McArthur. He will doubtless produce an interesting volume.

It is stated that henceforth the Stationing Committee will report to the Conference the names of all ministers whose general incompetence or indolence has rendered it probable that their appointment to any Circuit would be an injury to the work of God. The late Dr. Bunting once said that God buried the workmen and carried on the work, but that the Conference buried

the work and carried on workmen. This seems to be severe, but dreadful, if true. Inefficiency is not tolerated anywhere, and should not exist in the ministry.

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Dr. Sutherland, the Missionary Secretary, at the close of the Central Board meeting went to British Columbia on important business, and while there he laid the corner-stone of a new church at Vancouver, the cost of which will be about \$10,000.

The Wesleyan College in Winnipeg has been opened, and the expenses for a few years are promised by some generous friends.

The *Canadian Advance* says, "The Methodist Church is to be congratulated on the success it has attained in its missionary efforts. One reason of this success lies in the excellent management by the Missionary Secretary.

Twelve new students have entered the Wesleyan College, Montreal. The college buildings are fully occupied, and enlargement is greatly needed. Dr. Antliff has been added to the staff of professors—a valuable acquisition.

The Rev. J. W. Wilkinson, the indefatigable pastor of Agnes Street Church, Toronto, not being able to hold open-air services in Queen's Park as in the summer, has gone to Shaftesbury Hall, where he is conducting a series of Sabbath afternoon services of an attractive kind. There is every probability that the effort will be successful.

The Rev. J. M. Kerr, of the People's Church, Toronto, has been enjoying the services of the Rev. D. B. Updegraff, Quaker minister of Ohio, who has been labouring in Toronto. Mr. Updegraff describes himself as "a Quaker, converted in a Methodist revival, baptized by a Baptist preacher, and married to a Presbyterian wife." His labours have been greatly owned of God.

Mr. Schiverea has been holding successful Evangelistic services at Owen Sound. The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches united in the revival campaign.