

pointed, a missionary bishop was elected to India, and Bishop Taylor is to continue his labours in Africa. The missions in Japan are given authority to be united with other Methodist missions, and thus form "the Methodist Church of Japan."

Never before had there been such strenuous efforts made to circulate tract literature, by house-to-house visitation, at Sunday services, and through Sunday-schools. The work had been vigorously pushed among sailors, emigrants, down-town missions and lodging-houses, in the streets, parks, and hospitals, and on the elevated and surface railways and ferries. A new feature in the movement is that 4,000 pages of Bohemian tracts, the first effort of the Methodist Church to reach a population of 30,000 of this nation¹ ality, and the same number of pages of Chinese tracts, both of which have been well received.

A memorial tablet to Bishop Harris has been erected in John Street Church, New York, the cradle of American Methodism.

A memorial window is about to be erected in City Road Chapel, London, to the memory of Bishop Simpson, which will be paid for by American Methodists. The locality is consecrated to Dissent, not only on John Wesley's account, for opposite his Church is Bunhill Fields, where Bunyan, Defoe, Watts, all of Cromwell's children, John Wilkes, Dr. Hart, William Blake, Susannah Wesley, and many thousands of other Nonconformists, are buried. The window represents Elisha receiving the falling mantle of Elijah, and is said to be an artistic success.

Two missionaries recently opened Protestant services at the Hacienda San Pedro Vacarias, near Pachina. It is a large farm of nearly half a million acres, employing about a thousand *peons* or farm servants. Over 200 were present at the first service, and it was the first time any of them had heard the Gospel. The altar of a Catholic church was used for a pulpit, while the preachers were surrounded by images of saints and

crucifixes; for the proprietor gave the use of the Catholic church, whose bells tolled the first time for Protestant worship.

As it is nearly 100 years since Jesse Lee, the famous pioneer missionary, planted Methodism in New England, the late Conferences held there have made arrangements for the due celebration of the Centennial in May, 1889.

Among the 450 delegates to the General Conference, which is in session while these notes are being prepared, there are representatives from Germany, Italy, Sweden, India, China, Japan and Africa. Dr. Maclay, the distinguished Oriental missionary, designs to urge the Conference to take action looking towards the union of Japan Methodism.

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The receipts of the Missionary Board for the past year were \$234,584, a portion of which was used to reduce the debt. To avoid debt in future no provision was made to enlarge the operations of the society, and the appropriations for existing work were cut down to the lowest figures possible.

Bishop Granbery has gone to Brazil. His daughter Ella will engage in missionary work, to which she has been appointed by the Woman's Board.

The Book Committee, for the first time in the history of the Church, perhaps, find an unappropriated balance in their hands, and have appropriated \$5,000 to be distributed among the different annual Conferences to supplement the support of the widows and orphans of deceased ministers.

In May, 1887, there was a missionary debt of \$90,000. The Church then sanctioned the commencement of a new mission in Japan, and the debt has been reduced to \$21,800.

A beautiful memorial tablet, inscribed in honour of the murdered Haddock, was unveiled lately in the First Methodist Church, Sioux City.