

in that city, "It is advancing all along the line, in church building, hospital building, Connexional benevolences, city mission work and revival; and it is free of debt. Our City Mission and Church Extension Society is doing a grand work in going into the neglected districts, and planting missions. The Bohemians, 50,000 strong, were without evangelical care until the Methodists went into their midst and established several missions, from which strong churches are developing."

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

The Sunday-school Union Committee is endeavouring to make the schools more efficient. A course of study has been planned for senior scholars, and all who attain the right number of marks receive certificates. An efficient Secretary conducts the examinations.

The Duke of Westminster has built a place of worship at Aldford, and presented the same to the Connexion.

Rev. J. C. Watts, editor of the *New Connexion Magazine*, was one of the representatives at the Ecumenical Conference, and on his way to Washington spent a few weeks in Canada. Those of his old friends who had the pleasure of seeing him were greatly delighted. He expressed himself as greatly pleased with the marked progress of the country and the present status of Methodism. Mr. Watts wrote an excellent article on the denomination which was published in the Wesley Centenary number of the *New York Independent*.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

Holiness Conventions have been held at various places. In most instances the meetings have been crowded, and it is believed that the results will be of the most blessed character.

An orphanage was established a few years ago which has been of great service. Some Sunday-schools have undertaken to support one or more orphans who may have gone

from their schools. Earnest appeals are made for increased liberal support of the institution.

The mission at Fernando Po was recently the scene of great excitement. King Lopo had requested to be buried in a Christian manner. Some of the heathen were greatly enraged when the wishes of the King were thus being carried out, and made an attack upon the Christian natives. The missionaries, with great presence of mind, rushed between the contending parties, and thus maintained the peace until the civil authorities could interfere. The missionaries were greatly commended for their conduct, as there can be no doubt but that they prevented bloodshed.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Rev. William Brown, one of the oldest of the pioneer Methodist Episcopal ministers in Canada, died November 16th. He was stricken with paralysis about a year ago, but recovered. The Sunday before he died he attended church, but was taken ill in the evening, and never rallied. He was in the 77th year of his age. He has been superannuated a few years, and died at Iroquois.

The Venerable Canon MacNab, of Bowmanville, was recently called to his eternal rest. He was 40 years the incumbent of Darlington. At one time he was a minister in the Methodist Church, during which he was for a few years Principal of Victoria University. He often talked with the writer respecting his early Methodist associates. The venerable man was 80 years of age.

We regret to learn of the death of the Rev. James Baakerville, a venerated superannuated brother. He died suddenly at his residence at Flesherston on Monday, Dec. 7th. He entered the ministry in 1849, and laboured successfully in many arduous missionary fields. He became superannuated in 1880, after having done faithful pioneer services in many destitute settlements. He was a brother greatly beloved, faithful and diligent; in labours abundant.