

Bro. John McDougall writes from the Saskatchewan respecting the difficulties experienced, by reason of the Sioux Indians having endeavoured to sow the seeds of distrust and rebellion against the Government, among the Stoney and Cree tribes, but, so far, happily without success. The missionary reports progress in the way of church erections and other improvements, and says, "we have had a great deal of travel, a great deal of anxiety, and a considerable amount of sickness during the past year, but, at all times and in all places, our blessings have abounded." We entreat our readers to remember the missionaries.

WESLEYAN CONFERENCE (*Continued*).

The Rev. Gervase Smith, D.D., who had spent most of the year in the southern world, occupied a whole evening in detailing to a crowded assembly a narrative of his travels, which comprised about forty-seven thousand miles. He had attended the General Conference of Australasia, and had seen with his own eyes the wonderful changes which had taken place in the Friendly Islands and Fiji. King Thakomban, who was formerly a cannibal, received him as a Christian brother, and sent his kindly greetings to the British Conference. His Majesty is now so much refined that he courteously fanned the flies from the face of Mrs. Smith.

King George, of Tonga, who has for many years been a local preacher and class-leader, gave Dr. Smith one hundred pounds towards the erection of Methodist churches in London. Dr. Smith was greatly pleased with the earnestness of the Australian Methodists, and their devotedness to class-meetings. Some of the most eminent men in the colonies are Methodists. One gentleman was sent for by His Excellency to form an Administration, but he declined to attend on that day because it would prevent him being

present at his class-meeting; and in another case an important Government measure was put off until a minister laid the foundation of a Methodist church.

*The Book Room.*—Fifteen thousand dollars had been added to the capital stock. The profits were thus allocated: Two thousand five hundred dollars to the Worn-out Ministers' Fund, one thousand five hundred dollars to the Home Missions in England, and a similar sum to the Missions in Ireland. Dr. Johnson, who has been forty-five years in the ministry, intimated that he must, before long, retire from the onerous post of book-steward.

With a view to retain the older scholars of the Sunday-schools and eventually get them connected with the Church, "junior society classes" are to be formed, with suitable leaders, which are to be visited by the minister at least once in three months.

There being a decrease in the membership, a very lengthened conversation took place on the subject, both in the Ministerial and the Mixed Conference. The conversation was of a deeply spiritual character. The statements of Drs. Osborn and Pope were especially heart-searching, and awakened thrilling emotions. We do not remember reading any similar conversation that was more calculated to promote spiritual religion.

*Pan-Methodist Council.*—Our American brethren, of all sections of Methodism, are very solicitous that such a council should be held. Chancellor Haven brought the subject before the Conference, which awakened considerable discussion, and at length a committee was appointed to report at the next Conference. Surely when the Presbyterian and Anglican Churches can hold their Ecumenical Councils the Methodists should be able to do the same. Such a council, held in City Road Chapel, London, would go far