

Palmerston District Leagues have undertaken to raise \$300, which they intend to be used in supporting two native workers in China.

The total amount raised for missions by the juveniles for the last year aggregates \$21,805.

A missionary in Newfoundland preaches at ten places situated in a section of country 250 miles in extent, over which he travels mostly on foot, often through bog and marsh or along the most primitive of roads.

Special evangelistic services have been held at several places with gratifying results. At Galt, 179 were given the right hand of fellowship at one reception service. The services were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, who at the time of our going to press are conducting special services in Queen Street Methodist Church, Toronto.

At Newmarket, eighty persons were received into the church. The reception service, on January 30th, made a profound impression on the large congregation. Rev. A. H. Ranton laboured here for three weeks.

At Hannah Street church, Hamilton, the Misses Hall have laboured for a few weeks, with the result that seventy persons have joined that church, and fourteen connected with other churches.

Bobcaygeon has been favoured with a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as a result of which ninety persons have united with the church. Mr. Viner has laboured here with great acceptance.

#### PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The young men attending Manchester College are expected to devote some portion of their time to the College Settlement, Whitechapel, London. Fifteen of them have now taken up their abode there for the time being. They will be brought into contact with the people in a way that will teach them many useful lessons, while their open-air preaching and special services will give them fine opportunities for the exercise of their talents. This mission has had a marvellous history. There are 450 church members, 11,000 children have been supplied with a free breakfast at the mission's three centres. The medical department has had 10,000 cases. There is great need for increased effort in this congested part.

Owing to the increased attendance at Bourne College, Birmingham, an enlarge-

ment of the premises has been made, which provides for the accommodation of 100 students. The cost of the improvements amounts to \$21,000.

A new church has been dedicated at Newcastle-on-Tyne which cost \$28,000. More than one-half has been raised.

#### RECENT DEATHS.

Rev. John Anderson was 84 years of age when he died, and had been 62 years in the ministry. His father also was a minister and was called into the active work by the venerable Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

The Rev. John Burton was the father in the Wesleyan Conference, and died in December at the great age of 92. He had been in the ministry 72 years. He began his ministry as a missionary in the West Indies.

In our own Church the Rev. John Walker, an aged minister who entered the itinerancy in 1854, and in 1874 retired to a superannuated relation, since which date he had lived much in retirement. He was a member of the Methodist New Connexion and was a man greatly beloved by all to whom he was known.

#### ITEMS.

There are fifty women in the deaconess home in Lucknow, India (more than half of them famine sufferers), who came starved physically, mentally and morally. One girl of thirteen, a dense heathen, unable to read a word, learned in three weeks to read the thirty-fourth Psalm and to sing many of the hymns, which she committed to memory.

The Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school Union has on the rolls 60,000 Germans, 10,000 Swedes, 5,000 Norwegians and Danes, 2,000 Bohemians, 1,000 Chinese, besides French, Italians, Spaniards, Portuguese and Japanese—all the results of work among the immigrants.

The survivors of the crew of the barque *Salodon*, who were brought to Fiji by the s.s. *Tavuni*, after having been for a year on Sophia Island, are not likely to rail at missionaries and mission work in the future. The natives who fed them so hospitably when they landed half dead on the island, would most probably have fed on them if the Gospel had not found its way to the South Seas.