



the chair, the Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, the genial Sir Thomas J. Lipton, the Right Hon. Sir Henry H. Fowler, Dr. Watson ("Ian Maclaren"), and other notables.

The presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales on this occasion is said to be no mere official function. The Princess during her early years came to know intimately one Methodist lady, and from her she is said to have imbibed a high regard for Methodism. The kindly feeling extended to the denomination by our late beloved Queen Victoria is well known, and it is fitting that this splendid mission hall should bear her name.

The work of the mission will of course be largely of a religious character. But as some one has pointed it will be the practice rather than the preaching of any form of religion. The workers have taken up their residence among the people and will enter into all their social and educational concerns, striving to uplift them in their daily lives and in their homes. The Prince of Wales, in his opening address, commended the settlement work, and the spirit that prompted young men and women of culture to cast in their lives with the poor and unfortunate and share with them the advantages of the higher life.

On the first Sunday hundreds were turned away: five hundred persons remained to the after-meeting, and there were a number of genuine conversions.

The patronage of royalty is a good thing, but it is a better thing—nay, it is the all-important thing—that Methodism, as she rises in the scale of wealth and social standing should not have forgotten that her mission is to lighten the masses of the people.

#### PEACE ON EARTH.

The horrors of war brought so

vividly before us by the word painting of the special correspondents but accentuate the emphasis laid upon the plea for peace, the war against war, that is being waged in most civilized lands. The approach of the holy Christmastide, which recalls the message of the angels of peace on earth, good will to men, but brings into sharper contrast the hell on earth and mutual slaughter and destruction of the Far East. This contrast forms the motive of the cut upon our cover, suggested by a similar one in The Chautauquan during the Spanish War of the United States. What a travesty of the song of the angels is the deep and deadly diapason of the cannonade: the diabolic growl of the machine gun hurling its volleys of wounds and bruises and death at its hapless victims: the anguish of the hospital, or still worse anguish of men lying untended on the field of slaughter!

"Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love song which they bring:  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing!"

#### THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Board of Managers of our W. M. S., held this year in Napance, listened to a most encouraging story. The total amount received from all sources in 1904 (Rest Fund included) was \$62,515.98, an increase of \$5,045.86 over last year. The Easter thank-offering was the largest in the history of the Society. But the real work of the Society is not told in figures. It is told in the womanhood of our Church, the broadening of the mind, the deepening of the spiritual life.

Seven new candidates for the work received a warm place in the hearts