

population of 162,000 souls, not one of which is on any circuit plan.

In Sheffield District, it appears that since 1866 forty-eight villages have been missioned, and the membership has increased 2,379; there has also been an increase of 240 local preachers, 1,228 Sunday-school scholars. The trust property has increased to \$470,000, and the congregations number more than 20,000 people, who contributed last year to Church purposes more than \$40,000.

The mission in East End London is proving successful. In one year over 700 men and women have been converted.

A new Centenary Hall is shortly to be erected on the Thames Embankment. The Mission-house in Bishopsgate-within is advertised for sale.

The foundation-stone of "the Punshon Memorial" Church, at Colwyn Bay, was announced to be laid on Easter Monday.

English journals are full of letters respecting Methodist re-union. Some do not favour it, but the Revs. W. Arthur, E. E. Jenkins, A. M' Aulay, C. Garrett, all ex-Presidents, H. P. Hughes and many others are strongly in favour of the movement. Several ministers in the New Connexion body favour it, though some are strongly opposed. Rev. H. P. Hughes says: "There are heavy stones to be removed, but God has angels of love who know how to take them quite away."

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The mission-field in India has now been divided into three Annual Conferences. Bishop Ninde has been on a visit to India, and his letters are full of missionary intelligence. He attended a grand Sunday-school demonstration at Lucknow, in which there was a procession of 2,078 Hindustani children. One novelty of the procession was that there were seven elephants brought into requisition; on the back of the largest the Bishop and his daughter were seated. The scene was an inspiring one, especially when the dear children sang their beautiful hymns, and at

the close all joined in singing "God Save the Queen."

Bishop Taylor's steamer is nearly completed. Ten additional missionaries are about to join him. He is full of hope respecting the future. A recent letter states that he intends to spend three months in founding self-supported missions among the neglected aboriginal tribes on the Liberian Coast. He hopes to employ the missionaries who may go out with his new steamer, 1,000 miles inland.

The brethren of the Theological School of Boston University have formed a mission band somewhat in the order of the Salvation Army. They have chosen the north end of Boston for their field of labour. As they marched through the streets singing, they were assaulted by a mob of Roman Catholics and received some injuries, both to their clothes and their persons, but they still continue their services and are now protected by the police.

The Loan Fund of the Church Extension Society has done a good work. Not less than 100 churches have been aided, and this work will go on indefinitely.

The present membership of the Church is 1,990,337, an increase during the year of 100,069.

Those of our readers who remember the Rev. A. D. Traveller, formerly of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, will be glad to learn of his success, as Presiding Elder, in Dakota. He gathered a handful of people at Webster and formed them into a Methodist Society. A church, costing \$3,000, has been built and paid for, and more than 100 persons have been converted and a pastor has been settled. There have been at least fourteen such enterprises in Bro. Traveller's district within eighteen months. This is real genuine Methodism.

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Nothing is more gratifying than to hear of revivals. The columns of the *Christian Guardian* contain many interesting items of this kind. A revival at Windsor, under the