

often been a subject of recent remark and comment. It is not so important a consideration that there are millions of Methodists in the world, but it is an important inquiry whether those millions are doing what they ought for the conversion of the world? The prayers, the money and the efforts of so many Christians ought to produce an immense harvest every year.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

A Deaconesses' Home has been secured at Cleveland, Ohio. A lady gave a house of twelve rooms for five years free of charge. It will be furnished by the churches, and the deaconesses will look after the infirm, the sick and the dying.

A university is wanted at Peking, China, to supersede the Wiley Institute. Dr. Martin, Bishops Warren and Fowler believe that the proposed seat of learning would contribute largely to that form of development which China has long resisted. The Chinese Imperial Commission to the United States warmly commends the enterprise. A quarter of a million of dollars is wanted for the project.

The National Association of Local Preachers recently held its annual meeting in Jane Street Church, New York. Gratifying reports of work done were presented from several States. There was also an animated discussion on temperance.

Mr. Daniel Ayres, of Brooklyn, has given \$25,000 to the Middleton University for the founding of a chair in biology.

Mr. George J. Seney, of Brooklyn, has given no less than \$3,000,000 to various educational, benevolent and philanthropic objects.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

Rev. B. Senior, who recently visited this country, gave an account of his visit to the western world, in which he stated that he had travelled 10,000 miles, and preached and lectured to 50,000 at the great camp meetings and the largest churches, Brooklyn Tabernacle, Plymouth

Church, and the Metropolitan Church, Toronto.

The Forward Movement has taken hold of the seven Sheffield circuits. Two special evangelists are to be employed in the district. A great effort is to be made during the winter in aid of evangelistic services.

The applications for the services of evangelists are so numerous that the staff will of necessity have to be increased. Already about forty persons have been sent out. Rev. J. Odell has charge of the work.

BIBLE CHRISTIANS.

The new hymn-book is selling wonderfully well. It is a very handsome volume, and there are some useful features in it which will not be found in any other collection of hymns. Rev. F. Bourne prepared the prefaces and the indexes, and he saw five editions of the hymn-book through the press last year, although he was ill in bed a great part of the time.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

A three days' meeting was recently held by the Ministers' Evangelistic Association in the interest of the doctrine of holiness. Rev. Thomas Rider, President, said: "They had not come to impose particular dogmatic views on any mind. They believed in a definite act of consecration to God, but if a brother said, 'I don't believe in a definite moment of sanctification,' our answer is, 'Very well, if you are a definitely consecrated person, and live as such, it is all right.' We don't quarrel about terms. Whether the blessing has been consciously realized in a heightened flash of feeling, or slowly and gradually, the thing is that the man has come to it, and to know that is enough."

The Editor of *Zion's Herald*, in commenting on these choice words, says: "If those who assume to be teachers in this specialty were as charitable, Biblical and as clearly in harmony with Christian experience, much unhappy confusion of statement and apprehension of the doctrine would be avoided."