

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The Zambesi Mission has been established. The king manifested great interest in the mission party, and it is thought that the outlook is very hopeful.

More than fifty ministers have intimated their intention to attend Professor Fairbairn's summer school at Mansfield College for the study of theology. There will be learned lecturers from the Anglican and Nonconformist Churches.

W. P. Hartley, Esq., J.P., Missionary Treasurer, recently stated that seventeen years ago he solemnly dedicated ten per cent. of his income to God and the cause of humanity. Since then he has doubled the percentage, which he regarded as one cause of his success in business. After five years' experience and practice of the system of profit sharing with his employees, he was satisfied that it was the right course.

In fifty years 110,000 members had been added to the connexional roll, and more than 375,000 scholars had been added to their Sunday-schools; within the same period 10,000 members had been given to form the Methodist Church in Canada.

The Jubilee Fund lacks about \$50,000 of the amount stipulated, \$250,000. It is believed the entire amount will be raised.

The *Quarterly Review* for January contains a well written article on Methodist Union, by Rev. F. Bourne, of the Bible Christian Church. Mr. Bourne seems to be of the opinion that his branch of Methodism and the Primitive Methodist Church should be amalgamated, as such a union could easily be effected with advantage to both. The same number also contains an article on Methodism in Canada.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

At Herbert Road, Plumstead, Mr. W. Topley has been Sunday-school superintendent thirty years, and sixteen more as teacher; adding the years in which he was scholar, the length of time is sixty-eight years in the same school.

A bazaar was held at Truro which produced \$400, another at Penzance brought in \$700.

Dr. W. B. Torr, the principal of the Way College, Adelaide, has had conferred upon him the degree of M.A. and B.C.L., by Oxford University.

His Honour Chief Justice Way, a distinguished member of this Church and Lieutenant-Governor of South Australia, is once more, as he has been several times before, acting Governor in the absence of Lord Kintore from the Colony.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Two Chinamen of Victoria, British Columbia, converted in the Methodist Mission, formed as their rules in business the following regulations, which could hardly be surpassed by any firm of Christians: "1. We will not buy or sell anything that is injurious to our fellow men. 2. We will do no business on Sunday. 3. Of all that we make, one-tenth shall be given to the Lord's work."

A converted Japanese from San Francisco has been preaching for three months near Skeena, British Columbia, where there are about 160 of his countrymen located. Of this number twenty-three have professed conversion. Rev. T. Crosby visited them and was greatly pleased with his visit.

Rev. E. R. Young still feels deep interest in the welfare of his beloved Indians. He has sent \$50 towards the Indian schools.

His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen, during their late visit to Toronto, spent some time at Victoria University, where an appropriate address was presented to them, to which his Lordship delivered an admirable reply, which gratified all present.

ITEMS.

The issues of the British and Foreign Bible Society for the past year were 4,049,756, an increase for the year of 60,451. The total issues since the formation of the Society have been 135,896,552 copies.