

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The first General Conference has been held in Australia, under the Presidency of the Rev. Hugh Gilmore. It was resolved to enter upon the work in Western Australia, and to publish a fortnightly newspaper.

In spite of doubts and apparent opposition manifested some time ago towards the Evangelists' Home movement, the Rev. Joseph Odell finds himself unable to supply all the applications made for the services of his young men. All those now under his charge are in full and prosperous employment, and more are still called for.

The Clapton Mission, during the past year, gave 5,200 free meals to destitute children, supplied 6,329 quarts of soup to poor families, and rendered extensive aid to the poor of the district.

A bazaar was lately held at Brampton near Carlisle, when the Countess of Carlisle made a magnificent speech on "Primitive Methodism." She had lately read the life of Hugh Bourne, and clearly pointed out the most striking features of his character and labours. Lord and Lady Carlisle have in various ways contributed to the cause of Methodism in the locality.

The time-limit is becoming more extended. Several ministers have accepted invitations to remain for five and some six years.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

One Sunday in the year is designated "Temperance Sunday." Temperance sermons are preached on that day in all the places of worship. The Connexional Temperance Union now returns 288 Bands of Hope, with 34,985 members, 17,629 of whom are under fifteen years of age.

On a recent Sunday a special collection was made in Shrewsbury chapel, in aid of General Booth's "New Social Salvation Scheme." The General was formerly a minister in the Connexion.

A bazaar was recently held at Hull when \$1,500 were realized.

The "United Methodist Jubilee" car has, for upwards of five months, been at work. During that period 40,000 books, 558 Bibles, and 4,609 Testaments have been sold. A second car will, it is expected, be brought into use before long. In all cases, wherever the car travels evangelistic services are held by the agent in charge.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Writing from China, one of the missionaries presents a terrible indictment against the English, for what they have done in regard to the opium traffic. He says, "England has given opium to China, and every year takes millions of money in return for her gift. A hundred years ago there was hardly an opium smoker in China, now there are 100,000,000. Well has England done her work. A young teacher spoke to me in this way, 'Ah! teacher, you need not talk about the hell that awaits the opium sot. He reaches hell long before he dies. When the money is gone and the craving comes on, the man is in a living hell.' People wonder sometimes why Christianity does not make more rapid strides in China. Where we missionaries have managed to save one man the English Government has damned a thousand Chinese! Strike a blow for the ruined. Think of the hundreds of millions ruined by British opium! For Jesus' sake do something! Can you pray? Then pray. Can you speak? Then denounce the dastard deeds of those in high places. Do it soon. Come to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Our Indian Empire is built up on the ruin of millions of Chinese souls. 'Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood and establisheth a city by iniquity.'"

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

During the visit of the bishops to Washington eighteen plane trees, one for each bishop, were planted in a circle around the highest point on the Methodist University grounds, known as "the crest." It is the