

BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

The missionary receipts are greatly in advance, which is largely due to the valuable services of Rev. and Mrs. Pollard, who are at home on furlough from China, but who have been abundant in labours.

In a few years the Connexion has attained to an important position in the Australasian Colonies. There are now 92 ministers, 43 local preachers, 1 college, 346 churches and other preaching places, and 7,063 members. The estimated value of trust property is \$825,000.

RECENT DEATHS.

The Rev. Henry Daniel, D. D., of New Brunswick Conference, has joined the great majority. He was sixty-seven years in the ministry and had attained the age of ninety when called to his reward. Well might he be named the Nestor of Canadian Methodism. None of his predecessors had been so long in the ministry, though many travelled more than fifty, and a few even went beyond sixty years.

The Rev. Henry Harris, of Toronto Conference, passed on before on November 7th. For eight years he was laid aside. When in the active work, both in England and Canada, he was an acceptable minister, and was very useful. He was a man of good talents, and was the author of several small works, some of which reached a sale of several thousands. Brother Harris took great interest in social questions, and was a liberal friend to the poor. A widow and five sons survive him.

The Rev. Thomas Raston, the oldest Wesleyan minister in South Australia, died July 17th, aged 81. He first laboured in Sierra Leone for ten years, then went to England for a short furlough, and re-embarked for Australia. For twenty years he was Missionary Secretary, and for a quarter of a century he lived in retirement.

The Rev. A. Holliday, a leading minister in the Methodist Free churches, England, recently passed to his reward. After being circuit minister several years, he was elected President of Conference, and then was principal of the college, which office he filled at the time of his death.

The Rev. Joseph Preston, Primitive Methodist in England, died in November, 1896, at the great age of ninety-three. He was the eldest minister in the denomination when called to his reward. In

his early years he laboured in the West of England, where he endured many hardships and was subjected to much persecution. He had the honour of being the first Primitive Methodist minister who preached in Oxford. The writer knew him, and always regarded him as one of the most saintly men of his acquaintance.

The Rev. T. Lowe, Primitive Methodist, died on Thursday November 26th., 1896. His death was quite unexpected. He was in the sixtieth year of his active ministry, and was one of the first Primitive Methodist ministers to advocate the opening of missions in Africa. At the Norwich District Meeting, held at Swaffham nearly fifty years ago, he offered himself for African mission work. He was truthfully described "as a voluminous reader, a broad thinker, a genial friend, an eloquent lecturer, a faithful preacher, a wise pastor, a kind husband, an affectionate father, and a devoted Christian."

DEATH OF THE REV. A. M. PHILLIPS, B. D.

Just as we go to press the sad intelligence reaches us of the death of the Rev. A. M. Phillips. We have learned no particulars of his illness or death, and insert this brief note in anticipation of a fuller reference hereafter. Mr. Phillips was a strongly-marked personality—a man of great energy of character and an enthusiastic worker in the promotion of Bible study and of Epworth League and Christian Endeavour societies. Of the latter organization in the United States he was a trustee. He gave a great impulse to both these departments of our Church work. Few men will be so much missed in our annual gatherings and conventions.

He was a man of marked literary ability and activity and one of the chief promoters of the union for theological study. Out of the annual reports of this grew the *Theological Review*, of which Mr. Phillips was for seven years the able and indefatigable editor and manager. Since that *Review* was amalgamated with the *METHODIST MAGAZINE* Mr. Phillips contributed largely to the Book Review department, for which he had a special gift. His last contribution is that over his well-known initials on pages 100 and 101 of this number, received only a few days ago. His inspiring influence will long be widely felt, especially among the young people of Canadian Methodism.—Ed.