

The result of the Conference as a whole, cannot fail to give an impulse to higher thinking and nobler living. One cannot expect in such a variety of Churches as were represented but that there should be many varieties of opinions, but this great and noble Church exhibits a vitality and an

adaptation to the needs of the times that are an augury of a widening growth and influence. We rejoice for its prosperity. Its gains everywhere will be the gains of humanity and of religion. It is the ablest ally of Methodism in the effort to bring the world to the feet of Jesus.

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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A large missionary party sailed from London, September 7th, at the head of which was the Rev. G. W. Olver, senior missionary secretary, Miss Olver, daughter of the secretary, who goes at her father's expense to Bankura, Bengal, where her brother is a missionary, and other ladies to China and India.

India sends her first native missionary to Fiji, John Williams, a Lucknow catechist.

The Methodists of Sierra Leone, recently celebrated their first centenary. In 1792, a colony of 1,131 negroes, who, during the War of Independence had fled from slavery, succeeded in gaining a home in Nova Scotia. Through the agency of a native local preacher, a revival of religion commenced, and several classes were organized. The movement attracted the attention of Rev. John Wesley, and he wished these poor souls in the wilderness to be cared for. They were shipped to Sierra Leone and carried their Christianity with them. They reached their destination March 28th, 1792. A society of 223 coloured members was reported that year, the only Methodist church then in Africa. Rev. Wm. Warren, sent out in 1811, found the remnant of these Nova Scotia negroes still meeting for worship.

The age of self-sacrificing in the cause of Christ is not passed. Rev.

H. W. Bunting and his sister went to Honduras in 1891. After some months the yellow fever broke out, the Romish priest succumbed, but this noble couple remained at their post, visiting the sick and dying until both were stricken down and died within a few days of each other.

Fifty-six sturdy Christians, an elect band drawn from all parts of England, went to the Epsom race-course to preach and distribute Scripture cards. They erected a tent which served as a prayer and enquiry room. Between the races they preached in front of the grand stand, and their evening meetings had a number of penitents at their mourners' bench.

Fifteen manuscript volumes have been discovered in the cellars of the Book Room, City Road, London. They are principally hymns and poems in Charles Wesley's neat handwriting, with a few hymns copied by his wife, and a reverent note by Charles Wesley, jun., the great organist who was honoured with the special favour of George III.

Mr. G. S. Knight has undertaken to defray the whole expense of a memorial window in Wesley's Chapel, City Road, to represent the Free Methodists. . . It will represent the disciples receiving their great commission to preach the Gospel, and the faces will be the portraits of Wesley and the Free Church leaders. Another window in the apse will