

were built which cost \$320,000, more than half of which was paid, so that on an average \$30,000 per were contributed for church erections. Sitting accommodation was thus provided for 11,600 worshippers.

An inaugural meeting has been held in one of the London churches on behalf of the "Forward Movement." A fund was started, to which £134 sterling was contributed. Great hopes are entertained of success.

BIBLE CHRISTIANS.

The funeral of a missionary's child in China excited great emotion among the natives, many of whom were present, and heard for the first time about meeting children in heaven. A poor woman told the missionary that she had cried herself blind on account of the death of her little boy, seven years of age.

A prize-day was recently held at Shebbear College, which was numerously attended. The examinations gave great satisfaction. The people of Devon county are justly proud of their college. A wave of spiritual revival seems to be passing over the denomination. Revivals are reported in several circuits.

The United Methodist Churches have resolved to establish a scholarship at their college in honour of the late Rev. Marmaduke Mil ar; \$4,000 of the \$5,000 required has been raised.

A scheme of evangelism has been established, which contemplates a Gospel van with two evangelists, who are to go from village to village, where they are to conduct missions and circulate pure literature.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The last report of the Board of French evangelization contains many items of interest, among others, there are 145 pupils at the schools in the Province of Quebec, sixty-five of whom are children of Roman Catholic parents; more than 3,000 children have passed through those schools, some of whom are now ministers.

At a late meeting of Toronto Presbytery four new congregations were

formed, which will by-and-by require settled pastors.

A recent communication from Dr. Mackay, Formosa, states that during 1888 one native preacher was paid by the native church, another was supported with money from a lady in Manitoba, one by a lover of Zion in Ottawa, and one by a friend in Almonte. The latter has also sent means to maintain two native preachers during 1889.

RECENT DEATHS.

We do not remember when such a number of distinguished standard-bearers have been removed as during the closing weeks of the past year. In England, Professor Elmslie, Dr. Hatch, and Dr. Macfadyen, all about the same time.

The poets M. F. Tupper and Robert Browning died within a month of each other.

Across the line, the venerable Dr. Luther Lee closed his remarkable career shortly after reaching his eighty-ninth birthday, on which day he preached his last sermon.

Rev. W. Bixby who had been a Methodist minister since 1837, died on the 20th of December.

Dr. F. S. De Hass, who was at one time American Consul in Jerusalem, and wrote a valuable book on the Holy Land, is now to be added to the vast number who have passed before.

As these notes were in course of preparation, news reached us that the Rev. R. W. Waddell, B.D., the esteemed Chairman of Mount Forest District, Guelph Conference, had entered into rest, after a career of twenty-seven years in the itinerancy.

Those of us who are spared to enter upon the duties of the new year should remember that the day of our death may be this year. May we work while it is day.

ITEMS.

It is stated that when Stonewall Jackson had come out of the second Bull Run fight, he addressed a letter to his pastor, and enclosed a cheque, as he remembered that on the fol-