

of Education, delivered an address, detailing minutely the great duty of the Church on this important subject. A missionary and a colporteur were appointed to labour on the coast of Labrador during the summer months.

Rev. James Nurse and G. P. Story sustain the offices of President and Secretary, respectively. Unless we are greatly mistaken, there is no Conference in the Methodist Church deserves more sympathy than Newfoundland. The ministers are true heroes, and they remind one very frequently of "the early Methodist preachers."

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

This assembly met at Northampton, under the presidency of the Rev. J. Ferguson, D.D., and Mr. R. Clapham, was elected Vice-President, and the Rev. R. Bryant, Secretary. Twelve ministers died during the year.

An unusual occurrence took place. Three ministers from other churches were received into the ministry. Many Primitive Methodist ministers have in the past joined other churches, so that it seems the tide is now turning. Thirty-two candidates for the ministry were received.

A local preacher, Mr. A. S. Peake, B. A., had distinguished himself by a successful career, during which he had won the Merton Theological Fellowship of the value of \$1,000 for seven years. Only another Non-conformist in England holds the said Fellowship.

The Book Room report overflowed with grand facts, more than a million of magazines had been sold. The profits were \$21,500, of which \$19,000 were appropriated to the Superannuation Fund. The ministers' subscription to this fund is \$33 each.

Sixty-five places of worship have been erected during the past year, costing \$276,255. One minister was set apart to raise a Church Building Fund of at least \$250,000. One gentleman had given \$2,500 to Connexional Funds. Another undertakes to raise \$5,000, to erect a

chapel at the Connexional Orphanage. In future no person in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, or holding shares in any limited liability or joint stock company where intoxicating liquors are manufactured or sold, shall be a member of the Primitive Methodist Connexion.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION CONFERENCE.

This Conference was held in Leeds. Rev. H. T. Marshall was elected President. The Missionary Fund is heavily oppressed with debt, somewhere about \$30,000. The question of union has long occupied the attention of the Connexion, but the Conference could not adopt the plan proposed for union with the Methodist Free Church, but very cordially agreed to exercise greater fraternal intercourse than in the past. The principal barrier in the way of success seems to be that the Free Church was opposed to the connexional principle, which the New Connexion holds very tenaciously. There is an increase of 211 members and 375 probationers. The mission in China returned 1,390 members, with 530 on trial. Within six months the missionaries had received thirty-nine invitations to open new places, in twenty of which services are now established. There are ten native students at the Training Institution.

A valuable relic was presented to the Conference, viz., John Wesley's copy of the New Testament, with his explanatory notes and corrections.

Rev. Dr. Watts and J. Medicraft, both of whom are known in Canada, were appointed to attend the Ecumenical Conference.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Our exchanges mention a local preacher's convention at Garndiffaith, at which essays on early Methodism were read. Open-air services were held during the day very similar to such as were held in the early days of Methodism. At St. Helier a bazaar had been held, which raised \$1,500. Revivals are reported at several