

away \$500,000 of school and church debts.

Some of the bishops of the Anglican Church are showing that they are no wiser than their grandfathers. Recently Mr. Goodacre, a licensed lay-reader of St. Mary's, Peterborough, accepted an invitation to conduct a service in the Primitive Methodist Chapel. For this act of Christian brotherliness he has been severely censured by that eloquent defender of State Churchism, Dr. Magee, Bishop of Peterborough. The lay-reader has shown a good deal more of the spirit of Christ than the right reverend father in God, who is apparently more concerned about the Church's civil status than the Gospel's spiritual victories.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Dr. Thoburn some time ago called for twenty-five missionary volunteers for India. He has received twenty-four men and women, all of whom have sailed to that important mission field.

Dr. and Mrs. Lowry recently visited Bishop Taylor's missions in South America where they settled some additional missionaries. The published reports of their visit are full of interest. Mrs. Lowry is now endeavouring to raise \$5,000 for a new church at Concepcion, Chili, where there are seventeen members, two local preachers, and a school of 150 pupils.

Bishop Taylor, in a letter from Cape Palmas, Liberia, says: The king and chiefs bind themselves by written agreement to give us all the land we need for all our mission and industrial school purposes, to clear land and plant first crop, and all free of charge. We hope to build seventeen houses by Christmas and to occupy them by thirty missionary men and women by January 1888.

Bishop Hurst says 8,000,000 of Indians in Mexico have never seen a copy of the Word of God.

The pastor of Cornell Memorial Methodist Church in New York, Rev. J. B. Hamilton, gives the result of a careful house-to-house

canvass of his district, which is on the east side up town and contains 10,000 voters. Of 968 in business, 148 have saloons. Of the 9,375 families he classifies 6,131 as Unevangelical, 3,050 as Evangelical and 194 as unknown. The unevangelical class is made up of 4,079 Roman Catholic families, 1,826 Jewish, 202 non-church, four Socialist, three Unitarian, four Universalist, two Ethical Culture, two Buddhist and four Atheist.

The Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn has been dedicated. It is intended to have nine buildings in all when the hospital is completed. The total cost will be \$1,200,000. There are now more than seventy beds, and the majority will be free. People of all creeds will be received.

The General Missionary Committee has made appropriations for the current year amounting to \$1,202,821 for mission work.

The Woman's Missionary Society reports 113,259 members and an income of \$191,077.55.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

A female missionary recently went to China, and at the farewell meeting held in Nashville she thrilled every heart as she spoke with quivering lip.

The appointment of the General Board of Missions of a week of self-denial and prayer resulted in a collection of more than \$30,000, though it was but partially observed.

The total receipts of the Publishing House was \$282,462.01, an increase of \$19,573.43.

METHODISM IN JAPAN.

We copy the following from the *Northern Christian Advocate*:—
"Japan is trying the experiment of close co-operative union among missions of the same denominational affinities. The Calvinistic Churches have had such organized union for some time. The Church of England missions of the American Protestant Episcopal Churches have drawn close to each other in a similar way, and now the Methodist