

larly hold public examinations with their scholars before they are promoted to higher grades. Their Sunday-school Catechism contains questions which might sometimes put theological students to hard thinking. With them the Sunday-school is no plaything."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Bishop Andrews has sent the amount required to the Centenary Memorial Celebration Fund, so that both the two great American Methodist Churches have contributed their pillar for City Road Chapel.

Bishop Taylor has lately reported from Africa. There are twenty-six stations in Liberia, in Congo seven, in Angola six; total thirty-nine. Missionaries in Liberia twenty-two, in Congo twelve, in Angola fourteen; missionaries not assigned, sixteen; total sixty-five. The African Conference reports three thousand members. Twenty missionaries were not able to reach the Conference; those in Congo and Angola were two thousand miles from the seat of Conference.

Bishop Taylor lost \$8,000 by the failure of Kean's Bank in Chicago. This money was intended to be used in redeeming African girls, whom the Bishop places in the mission schools. Several have thus been redeemed. The only way to get them is by purchase. They cost thirty dollars each.

Chaplain McCabe states that there were forty thousand fewer conversions in the Churches last year in consequence of the agitation on the admission of women to the General Conference. The Chaplain, however, rejoices that the missionary receipts exceed those of last year at the same date by \$59,000. No wonder that he has shouted himself hoarse.

The Epworth League is wonderfully popular. From the latest reports it appears that there are 5,130 chapters in the Northern Churches.

A pilgrimage to England is to be made during the summer by members of the Epworth League. City Road Chapel, London, and Epworth

will be visited. At the latter place services will be held in the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church.

Dr. Deems presented to the Missionary Board at New York portraits of Bishop Joshua Soule and Bishop James D. Andrew, who went off with the organization of the Church South. The portraits are a gift from gentlemen in the South.

Bishop Walden is in Europe holding the conferences there, and also attending the Evangelical Alliance at Florence, Italy.

Lum Foon, formerly a Methodist in San Francisco, gave up a good business and returned to China to do missionary work at his own charges. He has built a mission property in foreign style of architecture, with preaching hall and schools. The "Jesus" house is the talk of the country. Lum Foon preaches the Gospel and teaches school, having about thirty pupils under his care.

Fully thirty Methodist Episcopal Churches are dedicated in the United States every week. that is 1,560 a year.

Dr. Lucian Clarke, assistant editor of the *Christian Advocate* (New York), states that its circulation is the largest of any denominational paper in the world; \$125,000 are to be distributed this year among the superannuated from the Book Concern profits.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

Bishop Wilson has just returned to his home in Baltimore, having for the third time journeyed round the world, visiting the missions of his own Church and those of other denominations. He thinks that the outlook is encouraging all along the line.

The *Independent* of New York, in an excellent article on the centenary of the death of John Wesley and a history of the Church organizations that sprang from the great movement he inaugurated, writes very eulogistically respecting this branch of Methodism, which comprises forty-six annual conferences in the two hemispheres. Her members have