

The Conference of South Australia reported in favour of a union of the various branches of Methodism in the colony. Chief Justice Wray entertained the Conference one evening at his residence. A committee was appointed to confer with other committees on the question of organic union.

A strong spirit of union is growing rapidly in England and Scotland.

The college at Manchester is to be enlarged so as to accommodate thirty-two additional men, making a total of sixty. This would allow a maximum of thirty students to enter the ministry each year, as the term of study is now extended to two years. At present there are twenty-eight students in the college, of whom fourteen will enter the ministry at Conference, and the others remain at college another year.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Mr. Robert A. Barnes, of St. Louis, Mo., has given the munificent sum of \$900,000 to establish a hospital in that city under the auspices of the Church.

Five young ladies are in Chicago Training School, and will shortly enter upon mission work under the direction of the Woman's Board.

The past year has been one of great success in all departments of the mission field; five men were sent to China, five to Japan, three to Brazil, and two to Mexico. Six years ago there were in the foreign field twenty-two missionaries and their wives; now there is a force of ninety-three. The debt has been reduced by \$39,000. The total income for Foreign and Home Missions is \$434,251.95, to which the collections of the Woman's Board, \$525,000, is to be added.

The mission in Japan though only commenced a few years ago, has made rapid progress, and now numbers six mission stations, thirty missionaries, five native preachers, and 128 probationers.

The McTyeire Home and School in Shanghai, China, has attained a good position as an educational

institution. Miss Haygood, sister of Bishop Haygood, is principal. It is distinctly a Christian school, mainly for girls. In addition to the usual branches of education, the pupils are taught a knowledge of Christianity.

One of the stations in California reports a very gracious revival, which resulted in an accession of 185 members. A noble Christian lady at the place has pledged the support of one missionary in Japan at \$750 per annum.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. Bridgman, a native of Canada, was a member of the General Conference at Omaha, and introduced Dr. Carman in a most graceful manner, and his address was thus described by Dr. Buckley: "Dr. Carman's address was one of the best ever delivered before our General Conference—diversified, poetic, oratorical, often very terse, touching and effective, with most pertinent points, and magnetically delivered."

Rev. A. E. Geoffroy, French missionary, writes from Masham, P.Q., respecting a self-sustaining mission which he has begun. There are fifteen French Protestant families, well-doing farmers. There are sixty-four persons in the congregation, and the prospect is encouraging if a missionary can be kept on the ground.

Rev. F. A. Cassidy, Japan, spent his Easter holidays in an evangelistic tour in a locality where he was formerly stationed. He was much gratified with the improvements which had been effected in the interim. At one place a church and parsonage had been erected. He saw repeated evidences of good which had been accomplished by some of the female missionaries.

The mission schools in Japan are doing valuable service. At Tokyo School, seventy-two pupils were in attendance last term. The King's Daughters' society teach a school for poor children. Some of the pupils have set their faces Zionward. Of those who have embraced the truth, some have become teachers in the Sabbath-school, and others have