

opened several preaching places in the Province of Yunnan, and the hearts of many people are evidently affected by the truths of the Gospel.

ITEMS.

The General Conference of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church assembled in Sydney, New South Wales. The test of membership in future is to be attended at a monthly fellowship meeting, and the Lord's Supper. Ministers may remain on circuits five years on certain conditions. A new mission is to be commenced on a group of islands known as New Guinea, at the earnest request of Sir William McGregor.

The two missionary Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. Taylor of Africa and Dr. Thoburn of India, are both in America in the interest of their respective missions. Dr. Thoburn attended Mr. Moody's recent Conference at Northfield, and received \$3,000 for his missions. Both the Bishops represent their fields as white for the harvest, and men and money are greatly needed. Bishop Taylor, in an address which he delivered in New York, said that eight of the hardest missionary stations in Africa were managed by women, of which the most difficult was carried on by a little Canadian. He did not give her name, but stated that she was among the wildest tribes and doing the best work of all. Two young ladies recently sailed to Liberia mission, one of whom was raised a Roman Catholic.

The Bishops of the M. E. Church South have appointed the Rev. R. N. Sledd, D.D., the fraternal messenger to our General Conference.

The net gain in the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church during the past four years is 186,156.

A meeting in commemoration of the centenary of Jesse Lee's entrance into Boston, was held under the old elm on the common where the noble missionary preached one hundred years ago. A table made expressly for the purpose was used for the platform, and it will be preserved by the New England Methodist Historical Society.

The Rev. Hugh Price Hughes has been invited to cross the Atlantic and take part in the centenary celebration of Methodism in Boston next fall.

The Illinois Methodist Churches are to celebrate their centenary in 1893.

Rev. J. B. Hamilton has started a little paper called *Our Veterans*, in the interests of the Superannuation Fund, which he is endeavouring to establish.

During this year the question is to be voted upon by the lay members of the Methodist Episcopal Church as to whether women shall be eligible as lay delegates to the electoral and General Conference.

Illustrations of four Methodist Churches recently built were published in the New York *Christian Advocate*, the aggregate cost of which exceeded half a million of dollars.

The President of the Wesleyan Conference, England, recently received a unique gift from natives on the north-east of Lagos in the shape of a king's robe—a token to the Missionary Society of their appreciation of benefits received through its agents.

Rev. Dr. Hatfield recently died at Poughkeepsie, and left an estate valued at \$70,000, to be applied to Connexional Funds.

The evangelistic party to India, of which Rev. Dr. Pentecost is the head, is likely to be large. Lord Kinnaird and his two sisters will be among the party. All are to pay their own expenses.

Rev. W. Hay Aitkin, the well-known English missionary, has accepted an invitation to go to South Africa and hold a series of mission services in the colony.

The Wesleyan District meeting of Bristol was recently held at Newport. The Vicar of St. Pauls, Dr. Wrenford, sent a congratulatory letter to the meeting. He is reported as being one of the most saintly men. At his prayer-meetings Presbyterians, Methodists, Salvationists and church folks are so blissfully united that the communion of saints is a weekly reality. The worthy Vicar is an open-air preacher, and the