

Aggressive evangelistic work is contemplated to be made in London. Several large sums have been promised toward the expense.

From the returns that have been made from several circuits, it is anticipated that the Connexional increase will be about 2,000.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces of India laid the corner-stone of the Mission Building at Jubulpur, and delivered an address, in which he spoke very encouragingly to those engaged in the undertaking. Commissioner Mackenzie also said, "The leaven of Western thought and the leaven of Christianity together are working on the inert heap of dead and fetid superstitions, and by processes which cannot always be closely traced are spreading a regenerating ferment through the mass, which must in time burst open the cerements that now enshroud the Indian mind."

Twelve years ago the Madoc Indians were uncivilized heathens, now they are a community of industrious farmers, with half of their number professing Christians. It cost the United States Government \$1,840,000 to care for 2,200 Dakota Indians seven years while they were savages. After they were Christianized it cost for seven years \$120,000, a saving of \$1,720,000.

The officers of Trinity Church, Denver, have authorized the pastor to call together all the people of the congregation who live in boarding houses or rented apartments, to ascertain if it is desired that the parlours of the church should be opened every evening of the week.

Syracuse University has received, through the munificence of Mrs. E. W. Leavenworth, the famous Wolff collection of portraits, which the donor presents as a memorial of her husband. Dr. Wolff was a distinguished professor in the medical faculty of Bonn for fifty years, was an industrious collector of engraved portraits. At his death, in 1875, the collection had grown to 12,000 prints, and included distinguished men and

women of all ages in all departments of learning.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

The closing year has been prosperous. There are now 4,684 traveling preachers, increase, 154; local preachers, 6,309, increase, 117; white members, 1,123,498, increase, 32,753; coloured members, 646, decrease, 105; Indian members, 4,958, decrease, 288; total preachers and members, 1,140,093, net increase, 32,537. The total income for Foreign and Domestic Missions is \$330,325.27, an increase of \$18,253.56. Dr. Harrison, Editor of the *Quarterly Review*, says, that since 1880 the growth of the population has been thirty-one per cent., the increase of the M. E. Church South has been forty-five per cent.

A missionary magazine in the Chinese language has been commenced by Dr. Allen, missionary.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

It has been for many years the practice in Toronto, as elsewhere, to have union love-feasts in some of the churches on Good Friday afternoon. Last Good Friday a meeting was held specially for the veterans who had been forty years or more in the service of the Lord. And a most impressive and interesting service it was. Within the altar railing were assembled a number of venerable ministers, among them Revs. Dr. Williams, Dr. Young, Michael Fawcett, Sylvester, Gray, Dcel, Clappison, and others. Many were the gray heads seen among the audience. It was very touching, and often thrilling, to listen to the experiences of these venerable men and women, who spoke of their early conversion when the century was young, in distant Yorkshire or Wales, or Ireland, or in primitive Canada. Many were the touching reminiscences of olden times and tender references to old companions now in glory. The tide of feeling rose high, and often every eye was touched to tears. A prevalent tone beyond gratitude for personal salvation, was one of thankfulness for