

A Mission Van is being erected, to which Mr. Hartley is a liberal contributor. The van will be employed in Mission work in rural districts, chiefly among the villages.

For sixteen years open-air services have been held on Sunday afternoons at Bournemouth. No complaint has been made respecting them until recently. A by-law has been adopted by the local authorities forbidding such services.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Dr. McCabe, Missionary Secretary, says that his church alone contributes more money annually for missionary work than the Church of Rome throughout the world.

Village chapels are greatly needed in India. The venerable William Butler, D.D., has greatly interested himself in raising a fund for the purpose.

Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, is a Methodist to be proud of. He resisted the appeal of those who wanted to repeal the law on the sale of Sunday newspapers. Recently he has gone still further in the same direction by refusing to sign a bill which would have given a greater license to Sabbath desecration in Allegheny.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

According to Dr. Carril this church has gained 57 per cent. during the last decade, and that this was a greater gain than any other

denomination, and much greater than the growth of the country, which was only 25 per cent.

This Church is also making preparation to celebrate its jubilee. June 8, 1894, will make 50 years since the adoption of the "plan of separation," in pursuance of the provisions of which the Methodist Episcopal Church South became a separate ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

The Board of Missions recently held its annual meeting. The receipts amounted to \$374,565.14—\$904 more than the previous year. The Committee on Estimates wanted \$412,050, but it was decided not to appropriate more than \$259,576. The collections for the debt are \$67,000.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Rev. W. Clarke writes very favorably respecting Union. He says: "Our Presbyterian brethren have met us more than half way, and have shown a cordiality that reminds one of the 133rd Psalm. Union, if it can be effected, will enhance the power for good of both denominations. It will end a number of unseemly rivalries and stop the waste of much missionary money . . . Denominationalism is surely doomed to give place to a higher type of church life, and if we can be a link in the golden chain that shall bind the now divided sects into one it will be a grand wind up to a mission which, even so far, has been by no means an unfruitful one."

Book Notices.

Vox Dei, The Doctrine of the Spirit as it is set forth in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. By REV. R. A. REDFORD, M.A., LL.D. Cincinnati: Cranston & Curts. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.00

Not long since we reviewed in these

pages Dr. Redford's admirable volume, "Four Centuries of Silence," which attracted marked attention in both English and American editions. The present volume is by the same accomplished writer. His special training as professor of systematic theology and apologetics in New