

Department of Vanderbilt University are willing to give themselves to foreign mission fields. Will the Church send them forth?

Rev. J. D. Barbee, D.D., of Tennessee Conference, has been appointed Book Agent in place of the deceased Dr. McFerrin.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The celebration of the centennial of Methodism in Brooklyn, New York, will begin November 6, and continue ten days.

It is estimated that upward of 20,000 people visited the Methodist Episcopal Home for the Aged in Philadelphia on June 9, that being its anniversary day.

Bishop William Taylor writes that he has been spending three months in Liberia visiting points on the Kroo Coast and on the Cavilla River "among neglected native tribes, as destitute of clothing and of the knowledge of God as the tribes I visited last year along the Congo for 330 miles inland. He has arranged for seventeen new stations, the chiefs giving land for mission and industrial purposes, and building residences for the missionaries. The chiefs want white men, and these the bishop will try to furnish by the close of the year.

Rev. J. H. Messmore is translating Bishop Hurst's Church History into Hindustanee. He has just completed and sent to the press two books of Rev. Mr. Jacobs'.

Chaplain McCabe says: "The Methodists of the United States in the past four years have built three churches every day, with 1,201 to spare, or within 259 of four per day. This is the net gain. Tell it at the next meeting of the Rum League! Tell it at the next Infidel Convention! And, more than that, tell all the people that united Protestantism is building new churches at the rate of ten per day.

ITEMS.

The writer congratulates his friend Rev. G. H. Cornish, Drayton, Ont., on receiving the honorary degree of LL.D. from Rutherford College,

North Carolina. We also beg to call attention to his *Cyclopedia of Methodism*, which deserves a place in the library of every minister in Canada.

The corner stone of the Trinity Methodist Church, Montreal, was laid in June last by Senator Ferrier. This venerable octogenarian has long been identified with Methodism in that city. He is the Nestor of Dominion Methodism. Trinity Church will be one of the most commanding church edifices in Montreal, and one of the most costly and spacious structures that Methodism can claim in the world. The cost will not be less than \$250,000. The site is a central square, and cost \$70,000. The General Conference of 1890 will be held in this new church.

The Methodists in Nova Scotia have for several years held a camp-meeting at Berwick. This year arrangements were made not only for a camp-meeting proper, but also special days were set apart for the Woman's Missionary Society, Association for the Promotion of Holiness, the Children and Temperance.

For years the Church Missionary Society has been without accurate statistics of the Native Maori Church, New Zealand, but at last Archdeacon Williams has secured fairly complete figures. They show that the baptized Maori Christians in North Island number 18,240. There are twenty-seven Maori clergy and 280 voluntary teachers, and the congregations last year gave no less than \$7,350 to God's service.

During the past year general and extensive revivals have prevailed among the United Brethren churches, resulting in not less than 25,000 converts. The present membership is 185,103, indicating a net gain of 11,838 in its membership during the year. This is the largest growth of any single year of its history.

The Wesleyan Methodist work in Wales began in 1800 at the suggestion of the illustrious Dr. Coke, who was himself a Welshman. So extraordinary was the success, that in 1810 there were 40 ministers, 400 societies, upward of 6,000 members,