

of this denomination was held in October in Coopersville, Michigan. The Conference meets once in four years. There were sixty-two delegates in attendance, besides numerous visitors. The organization dates back to 1860, and comprises about 18,000 members. Several missionaries labour in the foreign field, especially in Africa. The Church pays their expenses to the field, after which the missionaries maintain themselves on the "faith-plan." Henceforth women are to take part in the government of the Church. One minister who disapproved of this regulation resigned his position. Three General Superintendents were appointed and a new Conference was organized in Colorado. A publishing department, with headquarters at Chicago, was resolved upon, and the Church organ known as the *Free Methodist* will be published in that city. The ministerial term was lengthened to three years under certain conditions.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

This Church has 3,885 effective travelling preachers, 177 on the supernumerary list, 344 superannuated, total 4,406. Local preachers, 5,043; white members, 975,260; coloured members, 527; Indian members, 4,858; total preachers and members, 990,994. Increase during the year, 52,507. Sunday-schools, 10,622; scholars, 561,746. The total increase for the past four years has been 130,277. It raised for missions nearly \$250,000.

The Woman's Missionary Society supports missionaries and schools in China, Mexican Border, Brazil, and Indian Territory, and has an income of \$3,735,21.

Rev. Alonzo Monk, of the M. E. Church South, is conducting a successful revival in Tuscaloosa, Ala. A correspondent to the *St. Louis Advocate* says the whole city, regardless of Church denomination, is moved from centre to circumference. At the hour appointed for services business houses, including the leading saloon, closed doors. There

have been nearly two hundred conversions. One hundred and fifty have joined the Church.

RECENT DEATHS.

Since the issue of the MAGAZINE for December there have been several deaths of more than ordinary significance. Chester A. Arthur, ex-President of the United States; Charles Francis Adams, for many years United States' Minister in England, have both gone to their long home.

The Rev. Dr. Wilkes died in Montreal. He was styled the patriarch of Protestantism in the Province of Quebec. He was the foremost minister in the Congregational body. His funeral was attended by a large number of clergymen of all denominations and by all classes of citizens.

The London Missionary Society has lost a noble native missionary, the Rev. C. Sundram, ordained evangelist, of Tripatore. He died of pulmonary hemorrhage. His last words were, "Yesu Iratchipar! Yesu Iratchipar!" "Jesus will save! Jesus will save!" The very month he died he had completed a tour on foot of 300 miles.

Dr. Archibald Alexander Hodge, of Princeton, died recently very suddenly. He preached the Sabbath previous to his death. He was the son of Dr. Hodge, founder of *Princeton Review* and author of a work on Systematic Theology. He was formerly a missionary in India and latterly Professor of Theology in Princeton Seminary, where he died.

Bishop Maclean, of the Saskatchewan Diocese, is now numbered with the honoured dead. He served his generation faithfully. For several years he was stationed in London, Ontario, where he was greatly beloved by all classes. Several years ago he was removed to the North-West, where, as Archdeacon and then Bishop, he was abundant in labours, often sleeping on the ground when night overtook him as he was performing his missionary tours. He died in the harness and his works follow him.