

The Methodist preachers' meeting of Chicago has had a discussion on the union of Northern and Southern Methodist Churches, which ended in the adoption of a resolution in favour of union.

The negotiations for the union of Congregational Methodist and Free Methodist Protestant Churches in Georgia have been successfully concluded. The result is called the United Congregational Churches of Georgia. The Conference embraces about fifty churches, with a membership of 3,500.

The Missionary Society reports an increase of \$13,000. Shortly afterwards other sums were received, which made the increase to be \$73,000. The collections during the last week of prayer paid off the entire indebtedness, and left the Society free from incumbrance.

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The eighteenth quadrennial session of the General Conference has just been held in Indianapolis. Two hundred and sixty-eight delegates were present from forty-one annual Conferences, representing every state of the Union, Canada, the Bermuda, and Demerara Islands. The union between this Church and the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada and the West Indies has been nominally accomplished, but a protest has been made against it from some of the Canadian and West India representatives, and the matter is likely to be taken to the courts.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

A letter from Japan contains a cheering account of the district meeting, which is pronounced to be the finest ever held in Japan. There was an increase of nearly 500 members, or sixty per cent., and the financial increase in the evangelistic field was more than 100 per cent. A central mission has been established, to which the Rev. C. S. Eby has been appointed. The mission is in the midst of the great colleges and

over a hundred of the important schools of the empire, the very brain-centre of forty millions of people.

The Rev. G. M. Meacham, D.D., has gone to Japan to become the pastor of the Union Church at Yokohama. In addition to the duties of the pastorate he will be able to perform much real missionary work.

Victoria University has had a most successful year. The convocation was an enthusiastic rally of the friends of the institution. Dr. Burwash's address was full of encouragement. He paid a beautiful tribute to the late Chancellor, Dr. Nelles. The number of students never was so large nor the outlook so encouraging. About \$320,000 have been pledged to the Fund for endowment and erection of new buildings.

The Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, has had a successful year. There are thirty-two students, eighteen of whom have taken the ordinary theological course, and ten are undergraduates in McGill University, and four in the preliminary and matriculation courses.

The success of Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas, has been very satisfactory. An addition has been made to the building so as to provide for the increased accommodation which is much needed. The foundation stone of the new structure was laid by Mrs. Dr. Carman.

The Whitby and Belleville College, have had a very successful year.

Farewell services were held in Great St. James' Street Church, Montreal, on Sabbath, June 3rd. This has been the mother church of Methodism in Montreal. The present edifice has been in use forty-three years. The foundation-stone was laid by the late Senator Ferrier, whose funeral service was held within its walls on the day previous to that on which the farewell services were held. A new church is in course of erection for St. James' Street congregation, which it is claimed will be "the grandest Methodist church on the face of earth."

The corner-stone of the new West Bloor Street Church, Toronto, was