

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

A new mission was commenced in Central Japan, July 26th. Rev. J. Lambuth is the missionary.

Bishop Granberry has been spending several months in Brazil. His daughter Ella remained at Paricacaba to assist in the school there.

Both the Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal Churches have their missionaries in the capital of Corea. At present they are limited to medical and educational work, both of which are acceptable to the Coreans.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

The "Guild of Kindness" which was formed some years ago with the sanction of the Conference, now numbers six hundred and thirty members. The Secretary hopes to have this number augmented to one thousand by the next Conference.

The venerable Rev. Samuel Hulme, a life-long friend of Dr. Cooke, has completed the biography of his beloved friend, which it is expected will be published during the present month. The volume will be awaited with much interest by the Methodist public.

The Rev. W. Cocker, D.D., well known to many in Canada, has been in the ministry nearly fifty years. For the last ten years he has been President of the College, from which onerous position he will retire at the approaching Conference and will be succeeded by the Rev. T. D. Crothers, ex-President of Conference.

The Book Committee has acquired the sole right to publish and reprint all the volumes and pamphlets, to the number of thirty-five, which the late Rev. William Cooke, D.D., wrote.

ITEMS.

A member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Kansas City, Mo., has contributed \$5,000 to the missions in China.

Mr. Spurgeon has received a legacy for his orphanage of \$2,000 from a gentleman who recently died

in New Jersey, the first ever sent from America.

During 1885 Mrs. Spurgeon by means of her book fund distributed 89,139 volumes among poor pastors. Besides books many thousand copies of single sermons, pamphlets, and tracts have been given by Mrs. Spurgeon for distribution both at home and abroad.

Bishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, recently made an appeal to the Church for Peter's pence for the relief of the Pope, and easily raised \$25,000. And this is in a Protestant city.

There were 151 Protestant churches in Japan, January 1, 1886, with 11,062 communicants, 2,066 of whom were added in 1885. Their contributions were \$13,406.97, or \$6,415 more than in 1884.

A native of Madagascar who studied medicine in Edinburgh, and returned home, now has seventy young men studying under him, and a large class of women whom he is training for nurses.

Twelve missionaries lately sailed for Madagascar; one was a granddaughter of Dr. Robert Moffat.

Mr. Henry Varley, the evangelist, and Mr. Joseph Huntingdon (brother of the late Bishop Huntingdon, who was murdered recently in Central Africa) have sailed from England for Cape Town with a view of conducting a special mission there.

Rev. James Caughey, well-known to hundreds in Canada, still lives at New Brunswick, New Jersey, U.S., and is in feeble health.

A young layman, an earl's son, and an accomplished Oriental scholar, proposes to establish a mission at his own expense among Mohammedans in Arabia, and to be the director of it in person.

Several instances of rare kindness toward Christian missionaries from enemies of their religion are recorded in the *Missionary Review*. A Buddhist in Ceylon has given 2,000 bricks for a new Wesleyan Church. Another Singhalese has given the land and 100 rupees for another church.