

population and in all parts of the province. There are 20,000 adherents to Methodism in this province, where we waited ten years for our first convert. Last summer 180 patients were on the mission premises at one time.

Bishop Fowler writes: "It cost less than \$1,200,000 to Christianize the Sandwich Islands. We now have from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000 of commerce, making in net profit about as much as the entire cost of Christianizing them."

A recent letter from Bishop William Taylor, in Africa, says: As I do little writing, and most of my preaching through interpreters, this has not retarded the glorious work in which about 2,000 souls have been saved since my arrival at Edendale, Natal.

The Girls' Institute in Rome, founded in 1888, has passed its eighth year. It gives a thorough education to pupils, but its main object is to train them in New Testament Christian living. The scope of the work is to supply the demand for a Protestant boarding-school, and courses in Bible history, music, French and English have been added to the regular government programme with satisfactory results. Apartments have been rented not far from our church in Rome, and a new school has been opened. Through this agency, no doubt, an influence will be gained in Rome which could not be obtained in any other way. Among the scholars at the school is the daughter of one of the sons of Garibaldi.

Bishop Goodsell relates this incident which occurred in China: "A man wheeled his mother in a wheelbarrow 400 miles that he might hear the Gospel in Peking. I ordained that man an elder in our ministry."

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Dr. David Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, says: "In spite of 'hard times' all the Conferences so far, with a single exception, have reported an increase in the collections for this cause over last year. In fifteen years we have raised over \$1,000,000, and assisted in the erection of 3,500 churches. A new office has recently been built and paid for entirely out of special donations for that purpose."

Rev. Dr. Morrison, Senior Missionary Secretary, writes that the debt on the Missionary Society, \$160,000, is now cancelled, without taking one dollar from the ordinary income.

The corner-stone of the Haygood Me-

morial Hall has been laid at Augusta, Ga. The Hall will be in connection with Paine Institute, an educational institution for the education of the young people in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in whose behalf the late Bishop Haygood took the deepest interest.

Bishop Keener is quarantined at Ocean Springs, Miss., by the yellow fever, hence Bishop Hendrix will hold the Tennessee Conference, instead of the senior Bishop.

Bishop O. Fitzgerald says there are seventeen governors of States who are members of some Church.

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Twenty years ago, Winnipeg had a population of 2,000; to-day nearly 40,000. Manitoba had then 20,000, now 200,000. Then the Territories were empty, now they contain 100,000 people. British Columbia had then 40,000, now 100,000.

The report of the Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West is an interesting document. Thirteen circuits went off the Mission Fund and became independent last year. There are ninety independent circuits in Manitoba. A good showing for the prosperity and liberality of our people out there.

Take another comparison: In 1858 there were only four missionaries west of Lake Superior. There were only 378 members reported, now there are 21,503. There are, in all, 130 self-supporting circuits, and the people raise for all purposes \$253,000. This is advance indeed.

His Excellency the Governor-General, accompanied by the Countess of Aberdeen and Lady Marjorie, have visited Mount Allison University, at Sackville. The day was observed in a right royal manner. The illustrious guests were well pleased with what they saw in all the departments of the institution, and on leaving expressed themselves as being greatly delighted, and intimated how that they would always rejoice to hear of the prosperity of Mount Allison.

A sad calamity has befallen the Nova Scotia Conference, by the almost entire destruction by fire of the beautiful town of Windsor. The greater part of the town has been wiped out, and five out of six churches, including the Methodist sanctuary. Most of the people have lost all their possessions, which will necessarily affect their contributions to church purposes. There is thus a fine opportunity