

urgent. The field of operations in New Zealand, Queensland, and elsewhere are rapidly widening, and reinforcements of the ministerial staff are earnestly desired by brethren on those stations.

The Primitive Methodists and Fible Christians in England are withdrawing from some places where one is weaker than the other.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

A book concern has been established at Zurich, Switzerland. The membership in Switzerland is 5,488. The Church paper has a circulation of 5,000. There are 15,000 scholars in the Sunday-schools, and 12,000 volumes in the libraries.

There have been nearly 16,000 baptisms in one of the Indian Conferences where there is now a Christian community of 33,000; nine-tenths of these people are low caste, sweepers and leather workers, yet not one in two thousand has asked for support.

In one of the cities of Texas, fourteen languages are spoken. The Church South has built a German church.

There is every probability that the coloured Methodist Churches will soon be united under one name and Church government.

In attending the Nevada Mission Conference some ministers travelled 700 miles. Some had descended from mountain heights of more than 10,000 feet, where they had been preaching during the year in mining camps. One of the veterans rode with his wife in a buggy 180 miles over a torrid desert.

Bishop Mallalien is writing a series of interesting letters respecting his journeyings to Japan, Korea, and China. He called at Honolulu on the way and was delighted to see the place where seventy-five years ago the people revelled in sensuality and idolatry, and now they are civilized and evangelized by the Gospel.

Bishop Taylor has resolved to establish a mission in Mashonaland, Equatorial Africa, which is inhabited by millions of the coloured race.

Bishop Taylor gave eleven-twelfths

of his last year's salary to the African work. During the summer he has attended several camp-meetings and has collected several thousand dollars for Africa.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

The growth of this branch of Methodism since the war has been phenomenal. The population of the country doubles every twenty-five years. The membership of this Church has nearly trebled in the same time. The increase in twenty-five years is over 195 per cent. The Church property is valued at \$23,000,000. A new church is built every fourteen hours in the year. Missionary income exceeds \$400,000, not including \$113,000 raised by the Women's Missionary Society. There are 13,000 Sunday-schools, 100,000 teachers, and over three-quarters of a million of scholars. There are also 179 schools and colleges for higher education, and nearly 17,000 students, with property valued at \$4,500,000 and endowments of \$1,600,000. The Publishing House at Nashville has assets over \$800,000, and out of the net proceeds \$17,500 was given last year for the benefit of worn-out ministers and widows. A kind friend recently gave \$900,000 for a home and orphanage in St. Louis which will soon be built. The Mission Fund, however, is struggling with a heavy debt.

Bishop Key is visiting Japan and China. Of Japan he writes: "Everything is promising, but we are not pressing the battle as we should."

The news from Australia is gratifying. A united committee meeting has been held, and a resolution in favour of organic union was carried by thirty votes against two, the name of the united Church to be, "The Methodist Church of Australasia."

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the General Board of Missions was held at Ottawa; twenty-nine new domestic missions were established during the past year. Owing to the heavy claims of Newfoundland, the appropriations to all