

sixty native helpers and local preachers, one thousand one hundred and forty-four native members, and nineteen schools. Some of the converts were soldiers in the Chinese army. Great injury has been done to the mission property by the war with France.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The Woman's Foreign Mission Committee recently met at Evanston, Ill. The report of the treasurer showed that \$157,000 had been collected by the branch societies during the year. Four lady missionaries were appointed to China and Japan.

The General Missionary Committee, at its recent annual meeting, adopted the two following resolutions: (1) that we ask the Church for \$1,000,000; and (2) that \$850,000 of it be now appropriated for home and foreign missionary work; \$350,000 was the limit of appropriations to the home missionary work in the United States; \$3,000 was appropriated for the salary of Bishop Taylor.

Bishop Taylor was in Lisbon in November. That day he was to see the King of Portugal. Before his departure from Africa all his mission families were comfortably settled in houses. There are six stations, besides that assigned to the Quakers. Bishop Taylor went from Lisbon to London, where he preached and gave some account of his African work. He said that last March he went to South Central Africa with forty-four missionary men and women and children. Several of these had returned, thirty-one were stricken down with African fever and one young man succumbed and died, but the thirty-one who remained at the front were now well and happy in their work. He proposes to extend the line of mission stations still further into the interior. He now wants fresh recruits, and then will lead a new missionary expedition up the Congo and Kasai rivers into the Tushelange country. Bishop Taylor has also seen the King of Belgium, Leopold II., to whom he gave a full account of his mission and his pro-

posed visit to the Congo Valley. The king expressed his great pleasure and readiness to co-operate with him by all the means at his command.

At the recent meeting of the Missionary Board in New York, the Rev. Dr. Goucher stated the prospects and needs of the Anglo-Japanese College at Tokio, and asked for a grant of \$12,000 for the College building, and offered to give \$5,000 of that amount. The \$7,000 was accordingly voted by acclamation.

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH.

It is just one hundred years ago since Methodism was introduced into Newfoundland. The Rev. John McGeary was the first Methodist missionary stationed there. The total population is 197,589, of whom 69,646 are reported Episcopalians; 75,350 Roman Catholics, and 48,943 Methodists; others, 3,670. During the decade, Episcopalians increased 16.89, Roman Catholics 17.12, and Methodists 37.18, more than both the two former united.

A few weeks ago a committee representing the principal Methodist churches in Montreal extended a welcome at the Theological College to the ninety-eight students attending the McGill University and other colleges in the city. A pleasant evening was spent, the programme consisting of choice music and appropriate addresses by distinguished ministers and laymen.

A meeting of a similar kind was recently held in the parlours of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, to give a welcome to all the Methodist students attending the various educational and literary institutions in the city. A similar reception was also given in the Sherbourne Street Church. Such social gatherings have a tendency to make young people increasingly attached to the Church of their fathers. Such meetings should be held frequently.

Recently a Woman's Missionary Society was formed in the Indian Reserve, Georgina Island. The officers were all selected from the native women on the island. This is pro-