

THE AUSTRALASIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE.

This Conference meets once in three years. The fifth session has just been held, which was attended by representatives from the Annual Conferences of New South Wales and Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania, South Australia and New Zealand. The Methodist Churches in the Southern world are prospering. It is thought that the most important question that came before the Conference was the terrible schism in Tonga. After a long and exhaustive debate it was unanimously resolved that the Rev. J. E. Moulton should return to Auckland, and that the Rev. George Brown should be his successor. All parties concerned agreed to this arrangement, as it was believed that no man will be so likely to heal the breach as Mr. Brown. Mr. Moulton will continue his literary work on behalf of Tonga. It is to be hoped that the breach may thus be healed.

A new college has been opened in connection with the Melbourne University, to be called Queen's College. Girl graduates are to be admitted to residence within the College walls, and the master expects the happiest results from the arrangement.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

In future all persons proposed to be sent abroad as missionaries are to appear before the General Committee, and undergo a thorough examination as to their fitness for the work.

On Sunday, July 1, at Monticello, 100 probationers were received into full membership. There were two whole families, six of one and five of another, who stood up together—father, mother, and children—and gladly took the solemn obligations of Church membership. There were forty-four heads of families, twenty-four young women, twenty-three young men, and nine boys and girls. The youngest was ten and the oldest seventy-four years of age.

Bishop Taylor is called by the African chiefs, "Old white-man-well-digger-and-long-walker."

Six missionaries have been sent to Chili, South America, to reinforce Bishop Taylor's self-supporting work, and all expenses were paid by the friends of the Transit and Building Fund Society.

The Rev. Sia Sek Ong, the first Chinese ministerial delegate to the late General Conference, has received the degree of D.D. He has three sons students at the Foochow Anglo-Chinese University.

T'ong A-Hok, the Chinese lay delegate to the General Conference, is a wealthy and generous Christian. Before his membership he gave \$10,000 to the missions. He supports a Foundling Asylum of 100 girls. He gives a percentage of his profits to every worker in his establishment, from the head clerk to the errand boy.

The Book Concern at New York receives 2,000 letters per day. It circulates over one million copies of periodical literature per month, employs 500 clerks and operators, twelve editors, and four book-stewards, and has a capital of more than one million dollars.

Six colleges in Georgia, five for females and one for males, have had a prosperous year. Over 100 girls received diplomas and about thirty boys.

THE DEATH ROLL.

The Rev. George Mather, of the British Conference has entered into rest. He commenced his ministry in 1845. For some years past, owing to feeble health, he lived in comparative retirement. While in the active work he was a man of influence, and was appointed to many important circuits. He was an author of considerable ability.

The Rev. J. S. Martin, D.D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, died at Baltimore, July 9th, aged seventy-three. He was in the ministry more than fifty years. His labours were confined to the valley of Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. He was greatly beloved, and was a member of six General Conferences, at the last two of which he was Secretary.