

highest land in the District of Columbia and commands a view of sixty miles in one direction.

Dr. Asbury Lowrey's "Positive Theology" has been translated into Japanese, and introduced into the course of study in the Methodist theological school at Tokyo.

It is said that of sixty-nine ministers who entered the Congregational ministry from other Churches last year, thirty-five were from the Methodist Episcopal Church. Some of them declare that in their new relationship they are as much Methodists as they ever were. A certain layman said: "It suits me well enough to have a Methodist minister paid for preaching in a Congregational church."

Dr. Reid, the Honorary Missionary Secretary, recently stated that many years ago, his father as a young man landed in New York, and found his way to a Methodist church, where he received a cordial greeting. He became a member, and through him whole generations became Methodists, and thousands of dollars were deposited in the church treasury. It might have been otherwise but for the kindly greeting to the strange young man.

Bishop Warren says, "The Methodist Church has more colleges, more students and more money invested in educational institutions than any other Church on the face of the globe."

Rev. F. Penzotti, Methodist missionary in Peru, has been cast into prison for the crime of "preaching the Gospel and circulating the Holy Scriptures."

The nine States through which Pennsylvania railroad lines run contain 11,570 Methodist churches worth \$57,336,000, or an average of \$4,050 each. These States contain 1,236,000 members and probationers.

A church was recently dedicated in New York, the cost of which will be \$150,000. The Church Extension and Missionary Society bought the site several years ago for \$6,000; it is now said to be worth \$60,000.

The *Presbyterian* has these kind words: "The Methodists of this country, in that great branch which

bears the name of 'Episcopal,' have somewhat wherewith to boast in the fact stated by one of its bishops, that in the last ten years the gifts of the churches for missions has increased steadily by the sum of \$50,000 a year." For the coming year the Committee has appropriated the following sums: Foreign missions, \$566,352; home missions, \$459,648.

Bishop Walden tells of a woman who does not spend over \$100 a year for her clothing, but who has contributed over \$1,700 for missionary work in Mexico.

According to statistics found in the Methodist Year Book for 1891, the total membership is 2,283,154, an increase of 46,691 over last year. There are in the denomination 14,792 ministers, including superannuates, etc. Scholars in the Sabbath-schools number 2,264,852, an increase of 42,124; 29,864 deaths have occurred during the year. The communicants of all the Methodist denominations in the United States number 4,980,240, with 31,765 ministers and 54,711 churches.

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The Rev. Dr. W. I. Shaw, of the Wesleyan College, Montreal, has been appointed one of the six Protestant Public School Commissioners of that city, of whom three are appointed by the Government and three by the City Council.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Sunday-school of the Centenary church, St. John, N.B., was recently held. The occasion was one of unusual interest, in which scholars, ministers and others took part.

The *Wesleyan* is calling for twelve men suitable for evangelistic work, that is four for each of the Annual Conferences in the Maritime Provinces. The writer of the article from which we copy says, "money will easily be raised if the men are forthcoming." He further says, "the evangelist must be a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost, who will patiently plead, tenderly beseech, earnestly expostulate and plainly tell of sin, guilt, death and