

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

The mission in China has been formed into a Conference. One Sunday Bishop Wilson preached to a congregation in which ten nationalities were represented.

It resolved to raise next year for foreign missions \$500,000.

One year after the self-supporting missionaries of Bishop Taylor sailed from New York, twenty-three others embarked at the same city for the Congo. The company consists of farmers, mechanics, ministers, carpenters, painters, gardeners, engineers, tanners, harness makers, a medical doctor, and all are filled with the missionary fire. A week's meetings were held in the church of which the Rev. Bidwell Lane, D.D., is pastor, at which the Rev. Dr. Lowry presided. Several ministers, including Bishop Harris, took part in the services, and the testimonies given by the heroic men and women who were about to depart to Africa were of the most thrilling character. Large congregations attended the various services, at which contributions were made which more than defrayed the necessary expenses. Several persons contributed to the "Transit Fund," though no appeal was made. A large number of friends accompanied the party to the ship, where they sung and prayed together.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The fourteenth anniversary of Dr. Mackay's entry into Formosa was celebrated in a joyful manner; converts, 1,273 in all, were gathered together; some had walked five days to be present at the celebration. Hundreds walked three or four days. Mandarins, civil and military officers, merchants and headmen in Bangkok and other places sent letters of congratulation. Says Dr. Mackay:—"Fourteen years ago I landed here. All was dark around. Idolatry was rampant. The people were bitter toward any foreigner. There were no churches, no hospitals, no preachers, no students, no

friends. Year after year passed away rapidly. But of the persecutions, trials and woes; of the sleepless nights; of the weeping hours and bitter sorrows; of the travelling barefoot, drenched with wet; of the nights in ox-stables, damp huts, and filthy, dark, small rooms; of the weeks in a savage country, seeing bleeding heads brought in to dance around; of the narrow escapes from death by sea, by savages, by mobs, by sickness, and by the French—you will never fully know. I told the great multitude that being shut out from my beloved Formosa was the hardest thing I had to bear during all the fourteen years. There is no sham, no romance, no excitement, no sentimentalism here—no, but stubborn fact. When I landed there was not one convert. Yesterday, 1,273 rejoiced in singing praises to God."

In New Hebrides, the Rev. H. A. Robertson writes most encouragingly from Erromanga. He recently administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 712 persons. Some of those who took part in the murder of former missionaries are now under instruction of Christian teachers. The people sent last year two pounds of arrowroot as a free contribution to the Missionary Society in Canada, and teachers, of whom there are between twenty and thirty, contributed £10 sterling to the Bible Society in grateful remembrance to that noble institution for printing God's Word in the language of the New Hebrides.

A new church was recently erected and most of the expense defrayed by the people themselves. There are 500 professing Christians on the islands. During the year 143 gave up heathenism.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

A Methodist college and ministers' children's home has been opened at St. John's, Newfoundland. The Governor of the Colony presided at the opening and made an eloquent speech. The Rev. Geo. Boyd, President of the Conference, Dr. Milligan, inspector of Methodist