

A Bible and Prayer Union has been organized with a view to encourage the habit of daily reading the Scriptures. Nearly 20,000 persons have enrolled themselves as members.

The Evangelists' Home has had a successful year. There are nearly forty evangelists employed.

In ten years \$170,000 have been paid from the Book Room profits to the fund for superannuated ministers, widows and orphans.

A mission party has been sent to Zambesi, Africa. Great anxiety is felt on their account as no tidings can be heard from them for several months.

BIBLE CHRISTIANS.

The President of the Conference has been visiting Crewkerne, and delivering addresses at a circuit convention on "Sanctification," "The Spirit of the Age," and "The Work of the Holy Spirit." More than thirty persons professed conversion.

Evangelistic services have been held at St. John's, Sevenoaks. Colonel Edmunds and Mrs. Hoadley were the principal labourers. Miss North has also been engaged in similar services at Zion Street, Plymouth.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Bishop Hurst has made the first payment of \$20,000 for the university site in Washington. The amount was raised chiefly in Washington. A grand mass meeting on its behalf was held in the city, which was addressed by Bishops Hurst and Newman and several leading laymen.

Blufton, Ala., has given \$500,000 to the Methodist Episcopal Church for the location of the educational institutions known as the University of the Southland. The Rev. Dr. C. L. Mann, who has it in charge, says that \$1,500,000 will be expended on the main building, which will be 300 feet by 300 feet, and seven stories in height, with an inner court 200 feet square.

Some idea of the amount of plates kept by the Book Concern in New York may be formed from the fact

that the agents have just sold for old metal eighty tons of old plates and type.

Bishop Foster says that forty years ago the membership was 700,000, and now is 5,000,000. Then there were only three important educational institutions, while now the work among the coloured population alone is greater than all the educational work of forty years ago.

This Church now stands at the head of all the American churches in contributions to foreign missions. The amounts contributed by each Church are as follows:—Methodist Episcopal Church, \$877,527; Presbyterian Church North, \$852,815; American Board Congregational, \$682,111; American Baptist Mission Union, \$308,145; Protestant Episcopal Church, \$159,149. For the present year the Connexional Societies are asking for the following amounts—Missionary Society, \$1,200,000; Church Extension, \$253,000; Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, \$280,000; Sunday-school Union, Tract Society, and Board of Education, each \$50,000; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$228,659; Woman's Home Missionary Society, \$86,000; Pennsylvania Bible Society, \$100,000.

Glorious news comes from India. The camp-meetings had been held at Rohilcund. There were 2,200 people in camp. On the last day more than 4,000 were present. The interest surpassed anything ever seen before in India. In one day 230 persons were forward for prayer.

Anderson Fowler, Esq., thus writes respecting Bishop Taylor's self-supporting missions in South America. During ten years about \$120,000 have been invested in building colleges, and churches and furnishing them. During those years over twenty missionaries have been constantly at work, and there are now twenty-nine in the field. All are self-supporting, some of the stations have had \$20,000 surplus over self-support, all of which have been invested in the work. Hundreds have been converted. Fifty more missionaries could be employed, all