

Of the resolutions of Conference 220 are printed in the Minutes. Here are some of them: A new four years' course of reading for local preachers, strong resolutions adopted against gambling and other evils, and an outline arrangement for the celebration of the centenary of the Connexion during the next three years.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

A case of unusual interest has occurred in Kentish-town, London. Rev. R. R. Connell has been brought before the police magistrate charged with obstructing the thoroughfare, while conducting religious worship. He denied the charge and refused to comply with the request made to cease holding open-air services. The case has been appealed, and until settled by the higher courts the services will still be held.

The three years' term is not universal in this branch of Methodism. Sometimes ministers remain six years, and in a few instances even longer.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

Six young men completed their probation, and nine candidates for the ministry were accepted; three young ladies were also admitted into the ministry.

A motion was introduced to abolish the four years' ministerial term to a circuit, but it was not adopted.

A mission hall has been erected at Cardiff. Two young ladies preached at the opening.

In August a Re-Union Methodist Conference was held at Grindelwald, Switzerland. Ex-presidents of the various branches of Methodism in England were reported as taking part in the proceedings.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Garrett Biblical Institute, the Methodist theological seminary at Evanston, sent out a class of twenty. Among them—and queen of them—Miss Amanda E. Sandford, of LeGrand, Indiana, not only received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, but was awarded the prize of \$100

for proficiency in scholarship. In addition to these triumphs she made one of the best speeches on commencement day.

The mission at Pekin, China, has recently received three heathen temples and hopes soon to obtain a fourth, in all of which religious services will be held.

A young lady, within the bounds of the Erie Conference, has undertaken to secure one thousand subscribers to the *Epworth Herald*, for which she is to have all her expenses paid in Allegheny College for one year.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

The St. Louis Conference, at its late session, discussed the question of Methodist Union. The almost universal sentiment seems to be that it is best not to make any rash experiments. At the same time there is a decided feeling in favour of federation, and a committee of fifteen was appointed to consider the whole subject. The same Conference also adopted a resolution endorsing the project for founding the American University at Washington City. This is a further token of unity.

The late Mr. Barnes, of St. Louis, has made a bequest of \$1,000,000 to found a hospital in that city under the care of the Church. The bishops are the trustees of the fund and will carry out the purpose of the legacy. Mr. Barnes was an Episcopalian, but gave this money to the Methodist Church because of the care of the said Church for the poor. The reason assigned is a most gratifying testimony to the fidelity of Methodism to its divine mission.

RECENT DEATHS.

Bishop Hawkins, of the British Methodist Episcopal Church (coloured), died very suddenly at Chatham, shortly after he had preached one Sunday evening. He was eighty-six years of age, and was a man greatly beloved.

Rev. William Bray, of the Bible Christian Church, England, has left