

What think our readers of the following, which we have taken from an English journal: "Mrs. Mary Devlin recently died, in her ninetieth year, at the *Nothallerton* (Yorkshire) *Workhouse*. She was the widow of a well-known Primitive Methodist minister who died in that town more than fifty years ago. For many years she acted as local preacher and class-leader. When eighty years of age she preached a funeral sermon." The present writer (E. B.) knew Mrs. Devlin. She was a class-leader on a circuit which he travelled forty years ago. Little did he know that the dear old woman would die in such a place, and yet there are those who oppose the Superannuation Fund.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Fully thirty Methodist Episcopal churches are dedicated every week. How great a work is this! In imagination just stretch them along your road week by week, month after month, year in and year out, thirty a week, 1,560 a year.

There are sixteen Deaconess Homes already established in this Church.

To the New York *Independent* we are indebted for an annual exhibit of the strength of the several churches in the United States. The estimated aggregate of the membership of the Christian denominations is put at 22,000,000, an increase of nearly a million a year. Of the Protestant denominations the Methodists are credited with the largest gain, 256,359. Baptist branches make 213,702. Presbyterians show an increase of 48,899, and the two Episcopalian Churches 9,466.

The auditorium of the recently dedicated Calvary Church, New York, will hold more people than the audience-room of any other Protestant church in the city.

Bishop Newman was the first Methodist Bishop to set foot in Honolulu. He made a tour of the churches the Sunday morning he arrived, and preached at night.

Bishop Mallalieu says, "The whole land lies along the overhang-

ing edge of a mighty shower of grace."

Bishop Vincent is described as an inventive genius along educational lines, and will be as noted in this direction as Edison in his particular sphere.

The Missionary Training Institute, conducted by the Rev. W. B. Osborn and his wife, in Brooklyn, has among its pupils Chinese, Japanese, Swedes, Swiss, Danes, Germans, Persians, Scotch, English, Irish, Canadians, and Americans. Arrangements are made for teaching some ten languages other than English and Latin.

The Rev. E. R. Young proposes to deliver some lectures on the Indians on behalf of this Training Institute.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

Bishop Keener, senior Bishop, has sent \$500 to the Rev. D. J. Waller, D.D., on behalf of the Church, to place a column in City Road Chapel.

A layman of the Western Virginia Conference agrees to give \$100 every year as long as he lives to the worn-out preachers and their widows and orphans. Others are expected to follow his example.

The Church has adopted the Epworth League as its denominational young people's society. The young people of the two Methodist Episcopal Churches and the Methodist Church of Canada are now enlisted under one denominational banner, a mighty host.

There are eighteen sects of Methodism in the United States, with a total membership of 4,747,130.

THE WESLEY CENTENNIAL.

This remarkable event, so dear to all Methodists throughout the world, has been celebrated in a manner highly creditable. The Parent Body has especially honoured the event. A week's services were held in City Road Chapel, the Cathedral of Methodism, in which not only Wesleyan ministers took part, but representatives of other branches of Methodism, as well as Congregational and Church of England clergymen, nobly hon-