

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The *Independent* of New York has lately been publishing some valuable religious statistics respecting the United States. The growth of Protestant membership during the past year was 668,000; 256,000 of which was gained by the Methodists. The Baptists come next, with 213,000; then the Lutherans, with 98,000; the Congregationalists 16,000, and the Episcopalians, 9,500.

During the last one hundred years the American Methodist Church has grown five times as fast as the nation, and its literature three times as fast as the Church. The corner-stone of the Utah University was laid at Ogden in August. The landed and moneyed endowments, are large and the series of buildings, costing upwards of \$500,000, will be pushed rapidly to completion. Bishop Vincent laid the corner-stone; Governor Thomas took part in the service. Rev. Samuel Small has been appointed President of the University.

Bishop Mallalieu has purchased a building on the corner of Canal and Robinson Streets, New Orleans, worth about \$20,000, for a medical school, which is to be a department of the New Orleans University.

The seventy-fifth Annual Missionary report contains this significant statement, "The total increase of members and probationers in the Foreign Missions is 5,553, which is an increase of nearly nine per cent. on the membership of the previous year; while the advance of the whole membership of the Church is a little less than eight per cent."

Dr. J. O. Peck tells of a young minister in Arkansas Conference who gave up a fine business position that he might enter the ministry. When last year he told his employers of his intention, they offered him a salary of \$4,000 a year to remain with them. This he refused. His salary now is \$600.

The Directors of the Board of Publication of *Michigan Christian Advocate* at its late annual meeting appropriated \$2,500 to the superannuated preachers of Michigan and Detroit Conferences.

Rev. L. N. Beaudry, well known to many in Canada, has charge of the work among the French Catholics of Worcester, stated at the closing service of Father Chiniquy's recent mission in that city, that a French Church of one hundred members had been organized.

For several years past the Church has built on an average two church buildings a day.

Bishop Taylor wants \$25,000 for Africa within the next six or eight months.

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SOUTH.

This Church has built on an average one church each day during the past year.

The last General Conference cost the Church \$27,000, an average of about two cents per member.

Dr. D. C. Kelly, who attended the General Conference in Montreal twelve years ago, is the prohibition candidate for the Governorship of Tennessee.

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A local journal says, "Methodism is a great power in the city of Toronto. There are over thirty churches, valued at \$1,042,815. The seating capacity is 27,675; fifteen of them will seat from one to two thousand, and eight will seat over 500 each. The Presbyterian Church comes next to the Methodist, the seating capacity of their churches, however, falls below the Methodist by 10,000.

The Rev. C. H. Paisley, in the Conference at Fredericton, stated that the Methodist Church in New Brunswick had one minister for every 473 adherents; the Presbyterian Church one for every 1,100; the Episcopal Church one for every 575, and the Baptists one for every 439.

A sad disaster has befallen the mission in Japan, viz., the destruction by fire of the Tabernacle Church, upon which Dr. Eby had expended so much zealous labour. It is, however, being rebuilt, and a call is made for \$3,000, which it is hoped may soon be forthcoming.