

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
SOUTH.

A number of centenary meetings have been held in Nashville, Tenn., at which \$15,969 was subscribed.

At the recent Conference in Mexico a marvellous incident occurred. One of the members was Crisanto Cepeda, who, ten years ago, was a bandit, and was induced by the priest to head the mob which killed the missionary Stephens, and he is now an evangelist. He and the Rev. D. F. Watkins embraced each other in the Conference, while all present were affected to tears. Mr. Watkins was present when Stephens was murdered, and only escaped death by climbing a tree. The two men had never met since the fatal night.

Bishop McTyeire is about to visit the Missions in China.

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

In compiling notes for the July number of this MAGAZINE, the new name of the Church will have to be adopted. On the first day of June four bodies of Methodists in Canada will commence a new existence under the autonomy of THE METHODIST CHURCH.*

The second volume of the census of 1881 shows the total number of churches in the Dominion to be 8,652, of which 3,017 are Methodists, or 34.8 per cent. In Ontario nearly half of the churches are Methodists. Quebec is the only province in which the Roman Catholics stand first, having 712 churches out of a total of 1,280. In the Maritime Provinces the largest number of churches belong to the Baptist denomination, the Methodists standing second in New Brunswick and third in Nova Scotia. In Prince Edward Island the Presbyterian Church takes the lead, and the Methodists stand second. In Manitoba the Methodist Church is first, but only one in advance of the Church of England, while in British Columbia and the

North-West Territories, the Roman Catholic Church again takes the lead.

Gratifying intelligence still reaches us respecting revivals that are visiting so many sections of our work. Surely these are days of grace. On the first Sabbath in May the pastor of Sherbourne St. Church, Toronto, received more than 100 persons into church fellowship, as the result of the special services during the few previous weeks.

COLLEGE CONVOCATIONS.

During the months of April and May several of these were held. They all exhibited evidences of prosperity. The claims of higher education are being better understood. It is a marked feature at all our seats of learning that women are no longer debarred from the privileges of graduation.

Queen's College, Kingston, has followed the example of Victoria last year by adding to its lists of graduates the names of a few ladies who have been honourably crowned. One of the lady medical graduates intends to devote herself to missionary work in India. Queen's has had an unusually prosperous career during the incumbency of its present distinguished Principal, Dr. Grant. He has adopted the plan of having a course of sermons preached on Sunday afternoons during the college term, by leading ministers of various denominations. Queen's conferred the honorary degree of D.D. on Professor Burns, of Glasgow; and LL.D. on the Rev. Archibald Geikie, D.D., of New South Wales. Dr. Geikie was formerly a minister in Canada. He is brother to Dr. Geikie, Dean of Trinity Medical College, Toronto.

The Baptist Church is to be congratulated on the successful career of McMaster Hall. The honourable Senator, whose name this seat of learning bears, has conferred a great boon upon the denomination in es-

* In commencing a new era it is to be hoped that the income of ministers on poor circuits will be augmented. The Presbyterian Church has set us a noble example. In less than a year they have raised a sufficient amount to give every minister a minimum salary of \$750 a year and a free manse.