

£1,000,000 with which to commence the twentieth century. He hopes that a million persons will subscribe £1 each by January 1st, 1901, to be applied for church purposes.

On a plan of Johannesburg Circuit, South Africa, recently issued, there are the names of five local preachers, one class-leader, one Sunday-school superintendent, one steward, one Sunday-school secretary, from the St. Agnes Circuit, Cornwall.

A new Welsh hymn-book for Calvinistic Methodists has recently been issued, and the first edition of 60,000 copies has been sold at the start.

The Queensland (Australasia) Methodist Jubilee has been celebrated. The union of the various branches of Methodism in Queensland has become an accomplished fact, and with few exceptions all concerned seem to be well pleased with the event.

John Ackworth's new book, "Beckside Lights" has had a sale of 2,000, and "Clog-Shop Chronicles" has reached its 8,000.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

One of the newer features in connection with the Annual Conferences is the Conference of the Itinerants' Club. A number of such clubs have already been organized. They meet once a year in the interim between the Conference sessions, to listen to lectures on various biblical and ecclesiastical topics. The Conference examinations of the younger preachers are often held at the same time and place.

The King of Corea sometimes sends for the missionaries and inquires how their work is progressing.

The Methodists have more Bible-women than any other American society in India.

The California Conference has three districts in foreign tongues—Chinese, Japanese and Swedish. Americans, Chinese, Japanese, and Scandinavians, all sitting in the same Conference in delightful fellowship, recalls the fact that, "in every nation he that feareth God is accepted of him."

The Philadelphia Methodist Hospital is but five years old, 2,500 patients have been treated, without regard to religious proclivities, and 12,000 persons have been served with medicine from its dispensary.

Protestant denominations in the United States: Methodists, white and coloured, 5,653,289; Baptists of every name, 4,153,557; Presbyterians, 1,460,346;

Lutherans, 1,420,905; Disciples of Christ, 1,003,672; Protestant Episcopalian, 636,773; Congregationalists, 622,557.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

South Carolina Conference, which met in December, 1897, reported an increase of ten thousand members for the year just closed.

The attendance at Vanderbilt University has doubled during the last nine years.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society's collections last year were \$28,113.92 larger than the year before.

Augusta, Georgia, will soon celebrate the centenary of the establishment of Methodism in the State.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Missionary Report recently issued is a bulky book which will repay careful study. The income amounts to \$238,824.27, and is thus getting near to the amount often asked for, a quarter of a million, yet it is not sufficient for the requirements of the Society. The Central Board calls for an advance of 30 per cent. on the givings now reported, without which there will be a deficiency at the end of the year. An earnest appeal is being made for missionaries to be sent to the Klondike, where thousands have gone in search of gold.

A new church has been erected at Rat Portage, the Rev. A. Andrews, pastor. The church will hold over 500 persons. It cost \$9,500, all of which is provided for.

A gentleman has agreed to contribute \$800 for the support of native missionaries in Japan; three such and two evangelists have thus been selected and appointed to labour.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

The centenary volume has been published and has been well received.

In the North of England evangelistic services were held. A local preacher of sixty-four years' standing took part and several persons professed conversion.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The question of union with the Bible Christian Church has been discussed by the various district committees. Most of them wish to retain the representation of two laymen to one minister in the district meetings and Conference. It is not probable that the Bible Christians