

last year were, ministers 226, laymen 30,500. Total membership 2,385,916, an increase of 101,949. The benevolent contributions amounted to \$2,445,189.89, an increase of \$71,266.40. There was paid for ministerial support \$9,743,828, to superannuates \$240,712.

The North-Western University has recently received gifts amounting to \$425,000. One gentleman has given \$100,000 to erect buildings for a medical college, and two others have given \$50,000 to endow two new professorships. Other gifts have been promised for various departments of educational work.

Rev. Dr. Goucher, President of the Women's College, Baltimore, reports that two additional buildings have been erected to that institution at an expense of \$200,000. The college will now accommodate 600 students.

Bishop Thoburn states that Mr. Moody's school gave him a free-will offering, with which he has established ninety new missions.

A company of Roman Catholic gentlemen recently met in New York to devise if possible some method for publishing denominational literature and acquiring power through the press. Reference was made to the Methodist Book Concern, and one gentleman said that a similar Catholic publishing house should be established under the control of a board of ecclesiastical and lay management.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

The Hon. Mr. Crisp, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is a member of this Church, and the Hon. W. M. Springer, who was also a candidate for the Presidency, is Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At one of the Conferences where Bishop Fitzgerald presided, when asking the candidates "are you in debt so as to embarrass you," he added, "are you in debt so as to embarrass anybody else?"

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Baptist Missionary Society in England celebrates its centenary this year, and intends to raise \$500,000, more than \$221,845 of which has been guaranteed. It is proposed that the Sunday-schools will raise \$50,000. The centenary fund will be used to pay the passages of 100 missionaries, the erection of new missionary buildings, the translating and printing of the Scriptures and defraying the cost of a new steamer for use on the Upper Congo River.

There are 5,238 names on the roll of communicants at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, of which the late Rev. C. H. Spurgeon was pastor. There are twenty-six mission stations, and thirty Sunday or ragged schools in connection with it. The number of scholars is 8,513. There are two other Baptist churches in London, with 2,225 and 1,351 members respectively. Thus in these three churches, the communion will contain in round numbers 9,000 names. Can three such churches be found in any other city in England or America?

The Chicago University is in good fortune. The president, Dr. Harper, found in Berlin, Europe, a rare library consisting of 289,000 volumes and 13,000 pamphlets for sale. The price asked was more than \$60,000, and in three days he found four Chicagoans who guaranteed the money.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Miss Agnes MacIntyre, and some friends who assist her, are doing a good work by providing a night shelter for women, 40 Centre Street, Toronto. She deserves the practical sympathy of Christians. Those who are able should visit her establishment and render help.

A sad calamity has befallen the mission at Chilliwack, British Columbia, by the fire which destroyed the Coqualeetza Home. Miss Clarke lost almost her entire wardrobe. Efforts will be made to rebuild as soon as possible.

It has hitherto been claimed that the first Methodist church in Canada was built at Adolphustown in 1792,