

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

John Wesley's last sermon was preached at Leatherhead, in Surrey. It is a small town, but it intends to commemorate the event during the centennial year by building a \$5,000 church.

Respecting a station in the Transvaal, Africa, a missionary writes: "Our native work is going on splendidly. This year we have built a neat brick church, at a cost of about \$1,800, the building completely out of debt, and the ordinary circuit income has largely increased."

There is a native church at Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, where every Sabbath four languages are used, viz., English, Dutch, Sesuto and Zulu.

Fiji is said to be swarming with French priests and nuns, who are twice as numerous as the European agents of Methodism, though their adherents are but few. The proposal to reduce the missionary staff is, in the face of this fact, being strongly opposed by the native ministry. The Rev. F. Langham is making good progress with the revised Fijian Bible.

A house has been rented in London, and a superintendent appointed in connection with the deaconess movement.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

Rev. H. T. Marshall has been appointed to attend the Methodist Ecumenical Conference in America in October.

Mr. Councillor Baker, of Wolverhampton, has fitted up a large adult school-room for men and women. The school has been in existence for some time and has done much good.

Rev. J. E. Ratcliffe preached the last of the reopening services of Dukinfield chapel, when the total collections amounted to \$1,757.25.

There has been an increase of eleven Bards of Hope, making 288 now associated with the Union and 234 in membership, bringing that up to 34,985.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CONNEXION.

A special mission has been held at Blackburn, which produced great good. The pastor, the Rev. W. Treffry, said that there were conversions almost every night.

During a three weeks' meeting at Gorey, in Jersey Circuit, twenty-one persons professed conversion.

Revivals are also reported in other places, so that in the island of Jersey there have been several accessions made to the Church.

Cheering intelligence has been received from Queensland. An additional missionary has been appointed. The friends believe that there is a bright future for the denomination in that colony.

There are now eleven lay evangelists at work in the United Methodist Churches under the care of the Rev. A. Jones, Secretary of the Evangelist scheme. A sister has also been added to the list, and the Secretary hopes to open a training home for female evangelists.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.

Several favourable omens are reported. 1. Smaller districts and more compact circuits are recommended. 2. Ministers' salaries are being increased. 3. Overburdened trusts are greatly reduced. Efforts are being made to raise \$250,000 for the latter object.

The Evangelists' Home has thirty-one young men under its care. They have had great success.

The Zambesi mission party endured much suffering in the last stage of their journey, principally from lack of water.