

## RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

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### WESLEYAN METHODIST.

An Italian translation of the life of John Wesley has been sent to many of the public men of Italy, who have made hearty acknowledgments of the pleasure they had in reading it. Signor Minghetti wrote that it seemed to him that the example of a life so noble and pure might be usefully proposed to the admiration and imitation of the Italians. Others also spoke in high terms of Wesley's life and work.

The Rev. Mr. Baker, Missionary in the Friendly Islands, who was appointed by Government to organize educational institutions in Tonga, has also been appointed by the King as his Prime Minister.

The Wesleyans of Ireland have already secured promises for nearly half the amount of the Thanksgiving Fund that they propose to raise.

Wesley College, Dublin, increasingly prospers; 200 boys are day pupils and 75 boarders.

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Superintendent Harwood writes from New Mexico: "I have traveled during the past year nearly 5,000 miles. I bought a team, for which I paid \$150. A trip to Silver Creek, 500 miles, would have cost by stage that amount. 250 miles of the journey was through the Indian war country. Bro. Brooks accompanied me. The journey was dangerous. A stage driver had been killed, and the mail and the stage had stopped running for a while. On the second day of our journey we met twenty-five soldiers, and marched with them more than twenty miles. We saw the place where the stage driver was killed, and the mail was scattered about. We picked up a few drafts and forwarded them to the people who gave them. On leaving Las Cruces we had another exposed

track of 200 miles. We passed a place where a number of Mexicans and Americans had been killed, eleven of whom had been buried in one grave by the side of the road. After leaving the Missionary, Bro. Brooks, I returned, and being alone I travelled by night and rested during the day, as I deemed this the safest course."

Bishop Keener, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is planning a missionary tour to Mexico in the near future.

A gentleman lately gave a subscription to the Board of Church Extension, in one of Chaplain McCabe's meetings, of \$250, to be used to build a church in a community where every communicant in the church at its organization would sign the total abstinence pledge and promise to vote for prohibition. The place, however, must be west of Kansas. A prominent Iowa gentleman says: "Draw on me for a church every month." He holds the Board, however, to the following conditions: The churches to be dedicated free from debt, and his contribution to be one-tenth of the cost. The Board of Church Extension is adding on a church a day, and are desirous this year to add two every day in the year.

Bishop Simpson has so set his heart on the work of paying off church debts, that he gives the preference in whatever time and strength he can afford to labours in this behalf. He is heard from every Sabbath at some point, near or remote, encouraging the people by his presence to free their houses from all disabilities of this kind.

Rev. C. P. Hard, in his recent missionary sermon preached before the Genesee Conference, said that the Methodist Church owns one-half of our national wealth. Surely then