

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

Greater interest is now taken in national affairs. Thirty years ago there was not a single Methodist in parliament, now there are at least ten. Among the candidates for parliamentary honours at the coming election, at least nineteen Methodists have been selected, seven of whom are local preachers.

Nearly 2,000 ministers have signed a memorial to the present English government praying for the suppression of the opium traffic in India.

Rev. Dr. Stevenson, President of Conference, states "that applications for the services of the Sisters pour in faster than ever, and if we had twenty trained deaconesses we could place them all in excellent spheres of labour within a month." Homes have been established in London and some provincial towns.

The sixteenth annual report of the Rev. Chas. Garrett's Mission in Liverpool, reveals a sad state of morals in that city, but, it also abounds with interesting facts illustrative of the good that has been effected. The report says: "You can find any kind of a man in Liverpool except an Englishman. Liverpool is a stronghold of popery, which permeates every part of the city." Homes for poor lads have been established, and of those rescued painful accounts of their antecedents have been published. The boys rescued have mostly done well.

A conference of working-men was held at Middlesbrough, (in the heart of the North of England iron district) the men all declared that Sunday labour at the steel works and blast furnaces could be dispensed with.

Adult Bible-classes, which have become numerous, are of great bene-

fit to the Church for the following reasons: 1. They reach a stratum of people not reached by any other agency. 2. They foster and encourage a love for a study of the Bible. 3. They promote the spread of good literature. Many homes are now furnished with books, which never had any before. 4. They provide capital openings for work for our young people.

Mr. R. G. Moulton who has accepted a position in the new university at Chicago, is brother to Dr. Moulton, ex-President of the Wesleyan Conference, who is pronounced to be the most accomplished scholar in English Methodism.

Professor Agar Beet's "Foundation of the Christian Faith," will shortly be published in Welsh.

Rev. Peter MacKenzie, though a superannuate, is so popular as a preacher and lecturer that he sometimes has 700 engagements ahead.

Rev. Allen Rees, Superintendent of Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London, has offered the President of the Free Church Assembly the use of that historic building for their next gathering in June. The President, in accepting, declared "that such an offer is a noble and magnanimous expression of Christian kindness and generosity."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

During the last year the women have raised for foreign missions the sum of \$263,660.69, an advance of \$43,330.74 over the contributions of the year before.

The Calvary Church, under the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Day, has been favoured with an extensive revival. More than 200 persons have been received on probation as the result of a few weeks' special services.