

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

According to recent returns, the net increase of members for the closing year is 2,719 with ninety-one, candidates recommended by the quarterly meetings for the ministry.

The *Recorder* admits that the Forward Movement saved English Methodists from a disastrous decline. Remarkable success has attended the mission services which have been held since last October in the Shetland Islands.

Fifty years ago there was not an inhabitant of the Fiji Islands who was not a heathen, now there is not an avowed heathen there, and careful observers testify that nine-tenths of the people are in the habit of attending churches regularly on Sunday.

The last Education Report contains 230 octavo pages. The number of day-schools now established is 847, and of scholars 179,578. The expenditure of the schools amounted to \$1,247,485. In 1889 there was expended on day and Sunday-school buildings \$320,860. There are in Great Britain 6,908 Wesleyan Sunday-schools, with 129,472 teachers and 928,506 scholars.

The students of Handsworth, Birmingham, have sent a neat card with the words, "Please remember the children," illuminated in silver text on an olive-green ground. They are sending a sufficient supply to every superintendent minister to allow one card to be placed in every pulpit to remind the preacher of his duty to the lambs of the flock, who too often "look up and are not fed."

The Wesleyans have fifty-one chapels and other preaching places in Italy and eighteen in Spain and Portugal.

At the March quarterly meeting

of the West London Mission, the Superintendent was able to report 827 full members with 251 on trial, an increase of 344 on the year.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

A serious riot took place in Nan-Kang-fu in November last, where the China Inland and Methodist Episcopal missionaries have been at work. The chapels of the missions were destroyed.

The Lucknow Methodist Publishing House prints 50,000 copies of Bishop Thoburn's sermons every week.

On April 3rd the corner-stone of the Methodist University was laid at Denver by Bishop Warren, who immediately took the train for his mission work in Europe. A new thing in corner-stone boxes was a phonograph on which a part of the Bishop's speech was inprinted.

Bishop Taylor is making a short visit to the United States, not to rest but to work. He is gratified with the progress in Africa. There are also thirty-five stations opened on the self-supporting basis, seven churches have been organized from the raw heathen, numbering from six to 175 members each.

The Book Concern has an invested capital of about three million dollars and a business of two million was transacted during the past year. The dividend to the Conferences is \$110,000.

The deficiencies in the ministers' salaries between 1833 to 1872 in thirty-five Conferences amount to \$5,450,000. For nearly forty years these Christian people failed to pay their debts at the rate of about \$140,000 a year. The *Christian-at-Work* says "these figures are simply shocking."