

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

A Soldiers' Home has been opened at Bangalore, India, for the benefit of the men belonging to the army and navy who may be stationed there. Innocent amusements and various comforts will be provided, to allure the men from the temptations by which they are assailed. Similar Homes have previously been provided at Aldershot, Shorncliffe, Malta, Cairo, and Mandalay, all of which have been productive of much good.

A Church Extension Society has been formed at Leeds. In fourteen years \$100,000 had been raised to extinguish debts on various places of worship, and plans have now been laid to erect new churches in various suburbs. The population of the town has increased since 1841 from 152,000 to 350,000 in 1888, and yet strange to say, Methodists have now 700 fewer members than in 1841.

Temperance Sunday has been very generally observed this Conference year. There were few, if any, Wesleyan Methodist churches in England in which temperance was not the theme of discourse on that day, and in some instances public meetings were held supplementary to the Sabbath services.

Adult Bible Classes have been very successful in Bristol, West-bromwich, London, and other places. In some instances more than a thousand persons attend these services, and much good has followed.

The Rev. Thomas Champness finds his present Home inadequate to the wants of his increasing family, which now numbers fifty more evangelists than when the Home was taken. He has been compelled to secure a larger house, and he rejoices in the fact that means increase in proportion to his wants. Mr. and Mrs.

Mewburn recently sent him \$2,500, which is the second donation of a similar amount they have sent. One of the "Joyful News" evangelists has gone to India to labour in the villages under the direction of the Rev. Makenzie Cobban. Another party will be sent to India next May, and additions will also be made to the staff of agents labouring in Africa and China.

In the town of Barrow-in-Furness, where Mr. Champness' agents had been labouring, among others who were converted were two railway men who, since the mission closed, had led eighteen of their comrades to Christ.

A new mission has been established at Newcastle-on-Tyne, costing \$20,000. It includes a hall, several large vestries, a mother's meeting, a gymnasium, and coffee-room. A lay agent has also been appointed to labour in the neighbourhood. Brunswick Chapel, in the same city, is utilized for Sunday Afternoons for a service of a novel character, in which bands of music are utilized. The attendance of the working classes has been very gratifying. A collection is always taken, and one Sunday there were no less than 1,675 separate coins in the collection.

The Rev. H. J. Pope states that in thirty years the Wesleyans of England have expended eight millions of pounds sterling on church property, not a cent of which was borrowed.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The Wesleyan ministers of Manchester were recently entertained at tea by the ministers of the New Connexion, the Primitive Methodist, and the United Methodist Free Churches. A pleasant season was enjoyed and various suggestions were made as to how Methodists