

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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In the city of Newcastle a unique state of things exists. The superintendents of all the three circuits are sons of ministers. Across the river, at Gateshead, another minister's son is minister, and a few miles away, at South Shields, there is a fifth, a proof that all the sons of ministers do not "go to the bad"; neither do all desert the Church of their fathers.

The foundation stones of a new Girls' High School, Lagos, West Africa, were recently laid.

Recent legacies to the Missionary Fund amounting to \$11,915 are reported.

At a love feast recently held in Fiji, among those who took part in the service, were the king, queen, court-officials and other distinguished citizens. Only a little while ago the entire population was cannibal. There are 30,000 Kafirs in South Africa who are members of the Methodist Church, and all are total abstainers.

It is claimed that the largest regular Methodist congregation in the world is to be found at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, England, where there is a constant Sunday-night attendance of 4,000 persons.

The Rev. Mark Guy Pearse recently collected \$6,500 in South Africa, for the West End Mission in London.

Dr. Paton, of Nottingham, has formed a society for the employment of willing labour on land. A farm has been taken and a portion of it set apart for the unemployed. Rev. T. Champness and Dr. Paton want helpers and overseers who will be with the men day by day, who will work with them, eat with them, sleep in the same dormitory with them. It is a call to a high and noble, but very self-sacrificing, and therefore most Christian, service. This is real salvation and spade work.

The Rev. John Telford has issued a "Popular History of Methodism," at the low price of one penny. It ought to be sold everywhere. Some of the allusions to the secessions may not give universal satisfaction, but the movements originated successfully by Hugh Bourne and Wm. O'Bryan are spoken of with respect.

The "Joyful News" mission, in charge of the Rev. Thomas Champness, Rochdale, has just received a legacy of \$5,000.

Rev. Geo. Weavind, in one of the late missionary notices, gives an interesting account of a visit to Pilgrim's Rest. At Lydenburgh he states: "We stayed with a fine old Methodist, who though cut off from association with his own Church for over twenty years, has not ceased to take the *Wesleyan Methodist Magazine* and *Methodist Recorder*, and is to-day as true to Methodism as ever he was.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Bishop Hurst, in a recent Conference address, said that 280 manuscripts discovered within forty years attest the truth of the Bible. The scholars who accompanied Bonaparte to Egypt proposed to prove archaeologically the Bible untrue, but every discovery has substantiated its truth. Discoveries of great granaries in Egypt have been made, and part of the bricks are without straw. These evidences are being piled up to convince the world of the truth of God's Word.

Bishop Fowler, at a recent Conference in Ohio, said: "Begin the new Conference year right financially. If behind on last year's expenses pay them up first. A receipt for last year's coal makes better kindling-wood for this year than a last year's coal-bill. A deficit is a mill-stone on the neck of spirituality.

"It pays to pay as you go in Church affairs, so far as current expenses are concerned. The church that pays its first half year's bills before December 31st will have a chance to enjoy a happy New Year. Watch-night services will not light the spirituality of the church if the quarter's gas-bill is unpaid."

The Chicago Home Missionary and Church Extension Society has only built three or four churches during the past year, as against an average of ten each during the five years preceding. The Society has accomplished more in five years preceding 1896 than was accomplished during the first fifty years of Chicago Methodism. In the five years named the Society built fifty-two churches. During its first fifty years in the city twenty-seven churches were built. During