

## Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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### MAY MEETINGS.

So great is the number of anniversary meetings held in London, that not only every day in May is thus occupied, but also a considerable portion both of April and June are required for this purpose. On several days so many meetings are held that it is difficult to decide which to omit. Exeter Hall is usually crowded at those grand festival gatherings.

The anniversary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society was not so numerously attended as on some former years. The income was not equal to the expenditure by more than \$23,000. The Rev. E. E. Jenkins, one of the Missionary Secretaries, appealed for an annual increase of income of at least \$50,000. Returned missionaries from China and India gave cheering accounts of the progress of the Gospel in those countries. One of the sermons was preached by the Rev. C. A. Spurgeon, and was equal if not superior to any of the previous efforts of that distinguished minister.

The report of the Religious Tract Society contains many facts of more than ordinary interest. The total receipts exceed \$1,055,495, being an increase of \$22,000. The publications of the Society have been printed in 177 languages, and since its origin the total issue of books, tracts, etc., has been 66,884,100. More than 26,000,000 were tracts.

Sir William McArthur has intimated that if the trustees of Belfast College will provide the site, he will at his own expense erect a hall for the education of the daughters of ministers, and other ladies who may wish to avail themselves of the advantages of collegiate education.

It will require the building of ten new chapels yearly, at a cost of \$250,000, if Methodism keeps pace with the mere increase of the population of London.

Great attention is being paid by all branches of Methodism in England to Holiness Conventions, some of which have been held at London, Liverpool and other important centres, the reports of which are very gratifying. If there can be a revival of holiness every other interest will be sure to flourish.

Some of the ministers and laymen of the Methodist New Connexion denomination have been making arrangements for the publication of a weekly or monthly journal to be called *The Methodist Evangelist*. The special object will be to stir up the revival and aggressive spirit in the denomination.

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

There is to be yet another Methodist University in the States. The Rev. Allen Bartley has conveyed real estate valued at \$200,000 to build and endow "Mallalieu University," to be located in the town of Bartley, Nebraska.

Within two years twenty Methodist missions have been planted in Chicago, eleven mission churches have been erected at a cost, including lots, of \$58,000, and \$18,000 has been paid to support pastors and Sunday-schools in those missions.

Recently twenty missionaries sailed from New York for Africa. They gathered with their friends on the deck of the steamer and sang old Methodist hymns. As the steamer pulled out into the stream the friends of the missionaries collected at the end of the pier and sang "Nearer, my God, to Thee." By this time the noble men and women will have reached Africa, where they are to labour under the direction of Bishop William Taylor.

Recently in St. Paul's Church, New York, three Methodist Conferences held a reunion, when 750 ministers were present and represented