

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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The net increase of members is only 688, though the total increase in some districts is nearly three thousand; the decrease in others reducing the net gain. In forty years since 1855, the increase was 163,445, or more than sixty-two per cent.

The number of young people in Junior Society classes stands at 62,406, an increase on the year of 1,605.

The West London Mission has 1,002 fully accredited members. The "Sisters" are doing a noble work amongst the soldiers, the policemen, and the "cabbies." They have also started a boys' club. A social hour is held at Prince's Hall service on Sunday evenings. *Advance*, the organ of the mission, has a circulation of 10,000.

The Joyful News Mission has an income of \$50,000, and has 101 evangelists at work and in training. Rev. J. C. Clapham says that "the agency is one of the most valuable movements of modern Methodism. Ministers, and laymen, and foreign missionaries testify to its utility. Rev. D. Hill, of China, says, "Thank God for such gifts to His Church."

The Wesleyan University Settlement in Bermondsey promises to be a useful institution. There will be twenty residents in the house, in addition to the warder, all of whom will be employed in home mission work. A women's settlement will soon be organized, where ladies will be accommodated who will labour among the poor women in the locality.

During the existence of the Extension Fund upwards of \$460,000 have been expended in aiding 1,200 cases, and has helped to introduce Methodism into needy localities where previously it had no footing.

From the thirty-seventh annual report of the Educational Society we learn that the amount expended on day and Sunday-school buildings during the past year was \$225,575.

The Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Society is doing a good work; 165 persons are on the sick fund, and 370 on the annuitant list, making a total of 535 on the funds. At the annual meeting held in York, in May, 970 pulpits were supplied by members of the annual meeting.

It is a matter of universal regret that the income of the Foreign Missionary Society is more than \$50,000 deficient. British Methodism to-day contributes \$20,000 less to this fund than it did twenty-two years ago. If the contributions to-day were proportionately equal to those of 1878, they would show an advance upon their present figure of \$125,000. The London, Baptist, and Church Missionary Societies also report large deficiencies.

Happily the missions abroad are prospering. In ten years as many members have been added within the bounds of the Madras District as were added in the previous seventy. Converts are multiplying among the Hindoos, and missions have been started among the Pariah people. A new mission is to be established in Mashonaland, Africa.

The University of Glasgow has conferred the degree of D.D. upon the Rev. J. Agar Beet.

All the branches of Methodism in Great Britain are preparing to send about two hundred delegates to the Ecumenical Conference to be held in Washington, United States, in September next.

The *Christian Intelligencer* has the following interesting paragraph: "The Wesleyans in England, who claim the honour of having the best Sunday-schools in the world, regu-