

wait. Has this public observance of the day not something to do with the marvellous order which prevails in the largest city which the world has ever seen?"

We hope that Mr. Macdonald will continue his labours in this righteous

cause till, as far as may be practicable, every man in the Dominion may have guaranteed to him the right to the quiet restful Sabbath that his Maker designed him to enjoy.

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

It is anticipated that the net increase of the membership of this Church for the last year will exceed 4,000.

There are fifty Wesleyan chapels and other preaching places in Italy, and eighteen in Spain and Portugal.

The missionary contributions of Fiji Christians was \$20,000 last year, and yet the first missionary to the Pacific group of isles is still living.

Rev. Thomas Champness, organizer of evangelistic bands for home and foreign work receives encouraging intelligence from two recently sent out to Africa, to work among the Zulus. Mr. Champness advocates the establishment of a new order of foreign missionaries—young lay evangelists who will be willing to work among the heathen without any guaranteed salary.

At a recent meeting of the Foreign Missionary Committee, in view of the responsibilities and opportunities which are likely to tax vigour and enthusiasm to the utmost, only younger men were nominated to vacancies in the Secretariat. Rev. E. E. Jenkins, M.A., intends to leave the mission-house at Conference.

The Rev. A. McAulay and Mr. Sampson have enjoyed great seasons of spiritual success in Jamaica. They have gone from town to town in the various circuits, and, in every instance, showers of blessing have accompanied their labours. At one place there were 210 horses in the chapel yard, while their owners, some of whom had come twenty

miles, were attending Divine service. On Sabbaths, especially, the churches are crowded to overflowing.

A large special committee, under the President of the Conference, has sat for days in the Centenary Hall, to consider and report as to the way by which waste and friction in the workings of the various sections of the Methodist Church may be lessened or prevented. Great unanimity attended the deliberations. A series of resolutions were adopted, which embodied the following: "Henceforth representatives are to be received by the Conference from all the other branches of Methodism in England, of which there are four. Common action is to be taken by all the bodies on matters advantageous to Methodism; fraternal intercourse is to be encouraged and extended, and means are to be adopted to prevent henceforth the needless multiplication of Methodist chapels when there is already sufficient accommodation."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The summary of foreign missions indicate a large increase for the year. These missions are nineteen in number, of which four are in China, seven in Europe, three in India, and one each in Japan, Corea, Africa, Mexico, and South America. Attached to these missions, or rather to fifteen of them, is a force of 327 missionaries, including assistant missionaries and appointees of the W. F. M. S. The missions in Germany, Switzerland, Sweden and Norway and Denmark are conducted by