

modern Methodism. It began quietly in Lambeth in 1869, and two years later was transferred to Bethnal Green, where it still has its headquarters. It has a branch at Edgworth, near Bolton, a reformatory school near Gravesend, an orphanage at Birmingham, a happy little settlement at Ramsey, in the Isle of Man, and an emigration dépôt in Canada. The number of boys and girls in residence is over a thousand; the income exceeds £24,000. Sunday schools send more than £3300 a year to the treasury, and the Home is strong in the affection of both young and old. Its operations are by no means limited to Wesleyan children. It considers every appeal, and does its utmost, so far as funds will allow, to help every waif and every orphan, as well as every juvenile offender.

The Allan Library.—In 1884 Mr. T. R. Allan, son of the Wesleyan lawyer who was one of the first members of the Committee of Privileges, gave to Methodism, through Dr. Rigg, the valuable library which he had been collecting for many years. It was established in its present spacious quarters at the Book-Room in 1891, and was opened on 4th March. It is now available for preachers and people on payment of a small subscription, and arrangements have been made to send the books out to members in all parts of the country. It is full of literary curiosities. Few libraries are so rich in biblical treasures, editions of the Fathers, and Reformation literature. It is beginning to attract Methodist books from all quarters, and a considerable infusion of modern works has been added. Its value as a great Methodist reference library will become more manifest as years pass by.

Methodist Periodical Literature.—Wesley published the first number of his *Arminian Magazine* in January 1778. In its pages the distinctive teaching of Methodism was explained and defended, and biographies of preachers and people acted as an inspiration to holy living and zealous labour for God. The magazine has really been the Westminster Abbey of Methodism, preserving the memory of its saints and workers from one generation to another. It has been published monthly for one hundred and twenty years, and under the editorship of the Rev. W. L. Watkinson it has been enlarged and popularised by illustrated articles. *The Christian Miscellany*, *The Church Record*, *Early Days*, *Temperance Magazine*, and other periodicals published by the Book-Room are well adapted to the times, and the localised form of *The Church Record* is proving a great blessing to many circuits. *The London Quarterly Review*, which is linked with the names of Dr. W. B. Pope, William Arthur, and Dr. Rigg, came under the care of the Connexional Editor with its one hundred and eighty-first number, issued in January 1899. The subscription price is eight shillings a year. It has