

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

Rev. John Bond, secretary of the Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund, received \$100,000 of the late Sir Francis Lycett's legacy, making a total of \$400,000 thus received for the benefit of the said fund. New sites for churches have been secured and preparations made for the erection of several large and small places of worship.

The Mission at Oxford Place, Leeds, has been so successful that new schools are being built at a cost of \$20,000. The people have provided \$15,000; the church has to be rebuilt. The whole scheme will require \$100,000.

Dublin (Ireland) has appointed a committee "to welcome all Methodists coming to reside in Dublin." This is a good move—a City Look-Out Committee.

Cheering intelligence comes from Fiji. One missionary reports a walk of one hundred miles which he had made to the mountains in Central Fiji, where he had preached to thousands and had been most cordially received. In one of the towns, a day's march from where Thomas Baker and his brave companions fell under the clubs of the savages, he saw 2,000 mountaineers stand up and take off their turbans when the Methodist school-children sang "God save the Queen."

A request has been made from Rewa circuit for another edition of John Hunt's sermons to be printed in the Fijian language. It has also been resolved to print an edition of 3,000 of Dr. Fison's "Life of Christ" in Fijian.

The Australian Methodists in their minor courts carried union by something like three to one on an average. The Victorian Synods have also voted, with the result of about 124 for and 90 against.

The lepers in the Asylum at Asansol, India, took great interest in mission debt-paying day, and brought in corn, vegetables and rice, which they bought back and put the money into the collection. The school-girls worked to earn a few pice to give, and the village women who had no money planted a little debt-paying rice to bring as their offering. One poor woman brought four annas and said, "Sahib, God will count what I give, won't he?"

Travellers in Ceylon every now and then see a coconut tree marked with a large X, which means that they are the Lord's trees. All the fruit of these trees is given to His cause. A woman preparing dinner for the family, threw a handful of rice in the pot for each member of the household, and threw two handfuls into another pot in the corner of the room. She explained that that was the Lord's rice pot. Thus they gave "as the Lord prospered them."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

During the last four years the membership increased 474,042. There was a total income from all sources of \$24,000,000. The Church maintains fifty-one deaconesses' homes, hospitals and orphanages, of which fifteen are in foreign lands.

Plans for organizing a Publishing House at Shanghai, China, are being perfected. Both sections of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be united in its management.

"You belong to the conquering faith. I belong to the dying faith," said a Brahmin to Bishop Hurst. "How do you know, comrade?" "I see it everywhere," was the answer. "The missionaries of the Cross are aggressive. They have faith in their faith, while we cultivate only an inward hope, and that hope means very little."

In 1846, the Rev. W. Nast, the founder of German Methodism in America, preached in a small room in Cincinnati. A young man was in the congregation who earnestly took notes. This young man was secretary to an infidel club who intended to take down the whole sermon for the purpose of turning it into ridicule in the club. But he was converted to the faith which he hoped to destroy. This was L. S. Jacoby, who became the founder of Methodism on the continent of Europe, and the first person to establish Sunday-schools of any kind in Germany. Now in Germany and Switzerland alone are three Annual Conferences.

The Martin Institute—a Methodist Theological School in Germany—is a monument of God's marvellous goodness. Mr. J. F. Martin, Brooklyn, furnished