

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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The calls for help from Southern India are incessant. Rev. Mr. Burgess who visited Canada a few years ago, and greatly delighted those who were privileged to hear him in Toronto and Montreal, writes that the baptisms this year number two hundred, and will probably be doubled before the year ends. The missionaries have to decline to enter villages because they have not means to supply evangelists. Already five houses are required in as many places, where there are small native churches. Scores of inquirers are enrolled, and hundreds more are anxious to learn of Christ.

Another anniversary of West London Mission has been held, and was eminently successful. In three years wonderful things have been accomplished. There are now four ministers, two lay-agents and seventeen sisters at work, and all the meetings are crowded. At least five hundred persons have been redeemed from sin and misery. A call is made for \$15,000 to reimburse the general account, and \$5,000 more for Mrs. Hughes' Shelter Home.

One-fifth of the entire population of Cornwall attends Wesleyan places of worship, and one-third of these are members of society. Out of five hundred local preachers, only eighty-two are incapable of service. Several chapels are used for reading-rooms, young men's societies, Rechabite and Good Templar Lodges, etc.

The Fund "in memory of John Wesley," is making progress. Over \$50,000 have been promised. A scheme has been inaugurated for to raise \$50,000 for the "London Missions," and another for a "Children's Memorial" to John Wesley. Mr. McArthur suggests that the children's pence thus contributed, should

be expended in "A Memorial Window" in City Road Chapel.

Leeds Methodists have lately been unusually active in church extension. A bazaar was held at Brunswick Place, which in four days realized \$11,150.

Fifty-four new books had been published, one of which is Rev. E. R. Young's, "By Canoe and Dog Train," which has had a good sale. The largest sale has been hymn-books. The *Wesleyan Methodist Magazine* should command a better sale, with a constituency of more than a million adherents, and yet it has only 9,000 subscribers.

The income of the Missionary Society has declined \$40,000. The ex-President said that "many of the subscriptions represent the parings of superfluity rather than offerings involving genuine self-denial."

Mr. Lethaby, a local preacher, who has been labouring as a missionary in the land of Moab, has been enjoying a short furlough in England, and has returned to his field of labour. He wanted a reinforcement of labourers, but was obliged to return alone. He declares that the Arabian fields are "white unto the harvest," and entreats British Christians to pray that labourers may soon be raised up.

Our friends in Japan are labouring for the future. They are taking steps to establish a Book Room, and contemplate soon to have a Church paper published.

Among the recently elected members of the Japanese House of Representatives there are ten members of Churches, one of whom at least is a Methodist.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the General Missionary Committee has been held