

The Conference is decide about sending members to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference to be held in 1891.

Rev. W. N. Barleycorn has been employed to make a translation of the Gospel according to St. Luke into the Bubi language. The British and Foreign Bible Society has undertaken to print the translation free of cost to the Missionary Society. It is intended also to translate into Bubi an additional number of Methodist hymns.

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The annual missionary meeting was held in Exeter Lower Hall. The report was read by the Rev. F. W. Bourne. Two new missions have been opened; a town mission has been started at Blackburn, which has succeeded beyond expectations. The China Inland Mission in Yun-nan, China, has been successful. The income of the society exceeds \$35,000.

The four missionaries employed in China have been there four years, and have succeeded in learning the language, and now preach the Gospel to thousands of the Chinese, many of whom are inquiring after the way of salvation.

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Nearly one hundred and twenty-five men have been graduated from the Presbyterian, Baptist, and Congregational Theological Seminaries in New York. Of the twenty-three from the Congregational Seminary, four were from the German department, five from the Danish-Norwegian, and four from the Swedish. The number is not large, as two hundred are needed by the American Home Missionary Society alone in a single State in the North-West.

The income of the English Church Missionary Society for the past year exceeds all former years by \$18,000. During the past year twenty-six lady missionaries have been sent out. They were no ordinary women. One was a B.A., a second was a physician, and a third was the daughter

of one Indian Governor and the niece of another.

During the past year 905 new publications were issued by the Religious Tract Society. The Society has published in 196 languages, dialects and characters, of which 25,840,000 were tracts. The total receipts were \$1,009,405. Tracts and books have been granted at home during the year to the amount of \$138,335, and extensive work has been done all over the world.

An event of importance in the Roman Catholic world has just taken place in the appearance of a new translation into French of the four Gospels, of which numerous editions have been published and are rapidly circulating. Henri Lasserre, the translator, has given fifteen years to this work, and it is claimed that he has been singularly successful in producing a clear, simple translation, freed from the old formulas, the Latinisms, Hellenisms, Hebraisms—in a word, a translation into good French."

It is announced that John D. Rockefeller, of New York, the millionaire President of the Standard Oil Company, is to give \$20,000,000 for the endowment of a great Baptist university.

Mr. W. Bird, a merchant in Manchester, has conducted evangelistic services in that city sixteen years. On a recent Sabbath he held the 818th service in the Free Trade Hall, and addressed a congregation of 4,000 people. He appealed for help, as the rent of the hall is \$2,500 a year, and the philanthropic work in which he is engaged costs him another \$2,500. The weekly offertory amounts to \$50 per week, and he provides the balance.

The largest congregation in the world, numbering 4,500 members, is on the Island of Hawaii. Over 90,000 Fijians gather regularly for Christian worship. Madagascar, with its Queen and 200,000 of her subjects, is ranged on the side of Christ. In the Friendly Islands there are at least 30,000 Christians, who contribute \$15,000 a year to religious objects.