

the District Meeting, in order that the brethren may be favoured with the presence and counsel of the representative of the Missionary Committee. In addition to the official report, which Mr. Jenkins has authority to prepare, respecting the Madras District, he will acquire very valuable information as to the state and prospects of mission work in the East generally. He expects to return to England next July.

While Mr. Jenkins is on his way to India, Rev. G. T. Perks, M.A., accompanied by several missionaries, is sailing to South Africa, with a view to visit the missions there, and probably form an affiliated Conference. Great preparations are being made for his reception, and during his sojourn he will be privileged to dedicate several churches and assist at many public meetings. The missionaries are delighted at the prospect of seeing a representative from the Mission House, who during his six months' absence will obtain an extensive acquaintance with the missions in that part of the world.

The Wesleyan Missions in Polynesia, which were formed, and for many years carried on by the parent Society, were transferred to the Australian Conference at the time of its formation. This Conference not only supports the missions thus bequeathed, but is also vigorously striving to plant the Gospel where Christ has not yet been named. The Missionary ship, *John Wesley*, is almost wholly employed visiting the missions in the Southern world.

In June last, the Rev. George Brown, accompanied by eight native teachers and their wives, sailed from Fiji to the Cannibal Islands of New Ireland and New Britain, off the north-eastern coast of New Guinea, which are at least 8,000 miles beyond Fiji. Hazardous, but glorious undertaking. A religious service was held on board the *John Wesley* before the vessel left the harbour of Lavaka. The gallant ship stood

away before a gentle breeze, followed by the prayers of hundreds, for the preservation of the missionaries and the success of the enterprise.

The missionary campaign usually commences in England in October. For many years past "the keynote" Anniversary has been held during the first week of that month in Leeds, where the Missionary Society was organized in 1813. This year the services have been of a most hallowing kind, and have resulted in nearly \$10,000 being collected during the week's meetings. The Anniversary occurred during the week that the Prince of Wales started for his regal tour in India, to which event Rev. John Walton, a former missionary in India, made appropriate allusion. Rev. H. J. Piggott, B.A., from Rome, gave some valuable information respecting the missions in that country, portraying the ignorance, poverty and superstition which popery had inflicted on the country; seven-tenths of the people can neither read nor write. Rev. P. Makenzie convulsed the audience at one meeting when he said, in allusion to the prevalence of the cattle disease in England, "The Pope's bull had died of rinderpest." Rev. John Farrar, who was present at the first missionary meeting held in Leeds, occupied the chair one evening, and from respect to him as the oldest minister in the active work, a few gentlemen added one hundred pounds to the collection in his name.

Our fathers in England not only hold missionary meetings at every preaching place, but also hold what they term a District Auxiliary meeting at the head of every district. This year, the two London districts held a united meeting in Exeter Hall, which was well nigh as numerously attended as the May meeting. A new feature in this meeting was the gathering of 1,000 children from the various Wesleyan Sunday-schools in the Metropolis, who, led by the