

## Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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### WESLEYAN METHODIST.

A group of seven ladies was recently sent to the mission fields of India and China. At the valedictory service, held in Wesley's Chapel, Mrs. Owen addressed the ladies, relating her own experience in China. She stated that on one occasion, when passing a crowd of excited and threatening Chinese, she seemed to hear the tune of *Dundee* to the words—

"Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then

Have nothing else to fear ;  
Make you His service your delight,  
He'll make your wants His care."

The Missionary Society still carries a debt of more than \$100,000, though progress is reported from all parts of the field. The missionaries and assistants number 346, there are in all 2,295 paid agents and 4,783 unpaid agents. Forty missionaries were sent out last year, and ten died at their post.

Much concern is felt respecting the small increase of the membership, which last year was only 2,741, but the wear and tear is very great, for 44,283 members were received during the year.

Another memorial window has been erected in Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London, by the Wesleyan Reform Union.

Open-air preaching has been attempted in several places in Ireland during the last summer. At Arklow the ministers who went into the highways and proclaimed the Gospel were sent to gaol, but were soon released, and resumed their work immediately. At Courtown Harbour Rev. W. Harrison was rudely assailed by "lewd fellows," who used tin cans, foghorns, etc., to drown his voice ; but he persisted and received

an ugly wound in his head from a stone.

The report of the London Mission has just been published. In the six branches there are 3,995 members, an increase of 455, with 1,005 on trial, and 818 meeting in junior society classes. There are fifteen ministers, twenty lay-agents, over sixty sisters, and hundreds of unpaid workers.

Manchester Central Hall has grown from forty-two members seven years ago, to fourteen branches and sub-branches, including cottage and slum missions. Many drunkards have been reclaimed and thousands of homes in one way or other have been blessed.

Rev. Dr. Lunn, whom the *Methodist Times* pronounces "one of the ablest and most accomplished ministers ever ordained by the British Conference," has been received by Bishop Vincent and the Italian Conference into the Methodist Episcopal Church. He will be transferred to the Swiss Conference, and will take charge of a Swiss "chautauqua." He is editor of the *Review of the Churches*.

The number of declared Wesleyans in the British army and navy is nearly 20,000.

Miss Stephenson (Sister Dora), only daughter of the Rev. Dr. Stephenson, one of the ex-presidents of the Wesleyan Conference, took part in several services in connection with the World's Fair. She also visited Toronto and several cities in the United States, where she gave most interesting accounts relative to the Deaconess Movement in various parts of the world.

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Bishop Newman says respecting South America, "I found that our Church has property worth \$700,000.