

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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The calendar for 1889, just published, gives the following as the amounts raised from all sources for the connexional funds last year:—Foreign Missions, \$659,335; Home Missions, \$176,540—an effort is being made to raise the income to \$250,000; School Fund, \$108,290; Ministerial Colleges, \$55,800; Children's Fund, \$144,845; Auxiliary Fund, \$128,375; General Chapel Fund, \$41,645; Education Fund, \$32,525; Extension Fund, \$7,910. Fifty-six ministers have died during the year, viz.: in Great Britain, 39; in Ireland, 10; in Foreign Missions, 7. In church building, enlargements and new erections, and liquidation of debts, a total of \$2,047,085 has been expended during the past year in Great Britain alone. The number of members, in Great Britain, 505,150; ministers, 1,982. In Ireland, on Foreign Missions, and affiliated Conferences, 232,488, and 1,470 ministers. There are 50,000 Methodists in Ireland. They are mostly poor, yet they raise annually, for Church work and benevolence, £50,000—an average of \$5 each!

A movement is talked of to liquidate the debt on English Wesleyan property, amounting to \$4,000,000. The proposition is to form a syndicate of leading laymen, who shall issue bonds for \$5,000,000, at three per cent., thus effecting a saving of \$40,000 annually in interest.

The late report of the London Mission contains proofs of extraordinary success. Five well-nigh deserted churches have been refilled, and ten other places made centres of Christian philanthropy. More than 1,500 persons are meeting in class.

Methodism in Leeds has joined the "Forward Movement." Two new churches are about to be erected, at a cost of \$60,000.

An old church in Manchester was made the head of a Mission, and glorious results have been accomplished. The locality abounds with theatres, music-halls, circuses, beer-houses, and houses of shame. Several of the poor unfortunates have been drawn to the house of God, some of whom have commenced a new life. Prodigal sons and daughters have asked for letters to be sent to their parents. One poor woman who was saved herself aided in the reformation of six others. A policeman testified to the good effect by the noble band of workers. Of necessity much is done to relieve the temporal wants of the poor. Among the recently converted are some of the worst characters of the city, including well-known burglars, pugilists, drunkards and unfortunates.

During the "Cotton Famine," in Lancashire, the Rev. Charles Garrett was stationed at Preston, he gave one pound to assist a friend in establishing an orphanage for poor children. The institution was commenced on a small scale, and now a gentleman has given \$500,000 to found an orphanage, which is to supersede the former. Surely the grain of mustard seed has grown to a great tree.

Bigotry is not yet dead, even in England. For many years a small society at Hatfield has been greatly inconvenienced for want of a place of worship. Lord Salisbury is the principal landowner in the neighbourhood, and he refuses to sell a piece of ground to the Methodist people.

Miss Waddy, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Waddy, and sister of the well-known and eloquent member of parliament and Q.C., has recently occupied the pulpit of Eastwood Methodist Church, on the occasion of the annual missionary services.