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Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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For many years the missionary anniversary held in Leeds in October has been designated the key-note anniversary of the season. This year the President of the Conference, the Rev. Dr. Young, asked two questions of special note, viz., Why should not the missionary income be raised to £200,000?—equal to one million of dollars. Why should not Methodism, for Christ's sake, have a year of self-denial?

A new mission, of which the Rev. W. R. Winston is placed in charge, has been inaugurated at Upper Burma; he will be assisted by a native minister. He will also have another assistant who will give special attention to military work in connection with the Burmese expedition.

A "Wesley Home" has been established at Cairo by the Rev. W. Jackson, mainly on his own responsibility. He intends it for the special benefit of sailors and soldiers. It will be a centre of all kinds of evangelistic work.

An orphanage was established at Karen some ten years ago when the terrible famine raged in India during which it is believed that five millions perished. There were hundreds of destitute children for whose special benefit the orphanage was estab-

lished. It has since become a home for orphans where children of both sexes are educated and taught useful branches of industry. A Christian settlement has been formed a few miles away, where some of the young people who have married from the orphanage have made themselves homes.

The Rev. Owen Watkins is on furlough from South Africa and is raising a fund for a native institution on the mission with which he is connected. His graphic narratives of missionary work are producing a thrilling effect on English audiences. He tells of a native minister called Daniel, who has literally left all to follow Christ. He was a man of wealth, but divided his property among his family and went into the wilderness to work upon a remote and lonely station at a stipend of \$250 per annum. He is about the only man whom the Boers will go to hear speak on any subject whatever. Crowds flock to hear him preach, and the testimony constantly heard is, "Daniel's a good man." Such native converts are epistles indeed.

The Children's Sunday is now a recognized institution in British Methodism. The day is devoted to "harvesting" among the children of the Sabbath-schools, and every