

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

In Great Britain and Ireland there are nearly half a million Wesleyans, over 100,000 Primitive Methodists, nearly 75,000 members in the Methodist Free Church, and over 36,000 attached to the Methodist New Connexion, and on Good Friday a union meeting of the four Methodist bodies was held at Wakefield. A Wesleyan minister presided, a Methodist Free Church minister preached, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

In the Fiji Islands, out of a population of 120,000, 105,000 attend Wesleyan places of worship. An English earl visited Fiji and said to a chief, "You are a great chief, and it is a pity that you have been so foolish as to listen to that story about Jesus Christ. No one nowadays would believe any more in that old Book which is called the Bible," etc. The old chief's eyes flashed, and he answered; "Do you see that great stone over there! On that stone we smashed the heads of our victims to death. Do you see that native oven over yonder? In that oven we roasted the human bodies for our great feasts. Now, you! you! if it had not been for these good missionaries, for that old Book, and the great love of Jesus Christ, which has changed us from savages into God's children, you! you! would never leave this spot. You have to thank God for the Gospel, as otherwise you would be killed and roasted in yonder oven, and we would feast on your body in no time."

Thomas Mercer, a blind native preacher in Antigua, West Indies, has been conducting evangelistic services in that island. He can read the Bible with ease and efficiency by means of his fingers. Great in-

terest was felt in the services. He was taught to read by the late Rev. Alex. McAulay.

In the Forward Movement Mission in London, 15 ministers are employed, with 20 lay agents and 80 sisters of the people. At least 5,000 persons are meeting in class. An increase of 300 members is reported. Conversions take place every Sunday.

The success of the "Sisters," at the Grove Mission, Southwark, has been such, in the courts and alleys, that it is now proposed to form a brotherhood. Their work will consist in part in visiting the hospitals, workhouses, infirmaries, and befriending friendless lads coming to London, also holding bright services in lodging-houses, and distributing Gospel literature among Sunday morning excursionists and at railway stations.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

At a recent North India Conference 45 native ministers were ordained. The Rev. Dennis Osborne of Allahabad has been appointed general evangelist for all India. While a local preacher he resigned a government office and became a minister.

The property of the Methodist Episcopal Church amounts to \$130,018,070. The Episcopalians are the richest in property in proportion to their membership; the Roman Catholics possess property valued at \$118,386,516.

It is astonishing how Canadian Methodists are being absorbed in American churches. Recently 550 certificates were received by fourteen churches in one city, and of the number 185 were from Canada.

The Chinese Government has been so favourably impressed with the edu-