

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

Butterworth Mission, in South Africa, has made marvellous progress since its commencement, in 1827. 3,520 persons meet in class, and about 10,000 attend public worship, to whom the European missionary, three native ministers, twelve evangelists, and 145 local preachers minister.

Harmony has been completely restored at Tonga. The king has instructed the Minister of Lands to restore all the lands taken from the Wesleyan Mission under Baker's regime. It is not expected that the mass of the people will return to the Wesleyan Church during the King's lifetime, but there will be perfect religious liberty.

The mission to New Guinea is to be pushed forward. Tongan teachers are volunteering, as are also Fijians and Samoans.

When Rev. James Calvert was asked to give, in one sentence, a proof of the success of missions, he said, "When I arrived at the Fijian group, my first duty was to bury the hands, arms, feet and heads of eighty victims, whose bodies had been roasted and eaten in a cannibal feast. I lived to see those very cannibals who had taken part in that inhuman feast gathered about the Lord's table." Truly the Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

Wuchang, China, has been the scene of persecution. Dr. Morley and Mr. Warren both suffered severely. Dr. Morley was bound hand and foot, and tied up to a crossbeam of a temple. The house in course of erection was considerably damaged by the mob. The missionary, the Rev. David Hill, believes that even this persecution will be a prelude to a large ingathering.

The missionaries at Bankura, India,

recently baptized a Brahmin. The friends and relatives were greatly excited, collected a mob about the church, assaulted the missionaries with stones, sticks, ropes, hot ashes, etc., and after a day or two the mission property was burned. The young man, nevertheless, remains faithful.

Rev. T. Champness has started a "Mission Car," which he calls "Faith, No. 1." The car travels among the villages, and is attended by two brethren, who dispose of useful literature, and hold meetings where they tarry for the night. This agency is accomplishing much good.

Rev. H. P. Hughes says that it has taken the Anglican clergy one hundred years to destroy the kindly feelings of English Methodists for the Established Church, and now, for the first time, if the question of disestablishment were raised, two-thirds of them would vote with the Liberation Society.

The second young woman in Great Britain to get the degree of LL.D., is a young Methodist girl of Ireland. She is a worthy descendant, ecclesiastically, of the brilliant household at Epworth, where the young ladies were as gifted as their famous brothers. The true Epworth spirit encourages the highest culture and its consecration to the King of kings.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The Book Committee lately held its annual meeting. The profits of the New York and Western concerns were, respectively, \$140,276.48 and \$130,124.55; \$120,000 were appropriated to the Annual Conferences, for distribution among the aged and infirm ministers. The number of church members is 4,980,240, an increase in two years of 365,000, or 500 per day.