

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

In thirty-one years eighty-seven new churches have been acquired in London, and several others have been enlarged.

It is stated that more than half of the ordained missionaries are natives of the countries in which they labour, and that more than half of the entire cost of the work of the Society is met by gifts and contributions on the mission field itself.

The *Missionary Notices* for January contains an account of sixteen missionaries who have recently left England for various stations in the foreign field.

The publishers of the *Methodist Times* have sent a cheque to the Treasurer of the Aged Ministers' and Widows' Fund, for the sum of \$1,684.50.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Rev. Dr. Buckley and Rev. Dr. Gross Alexander will write the history of the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church South, respectively, for "The American Church History" series, to be issued by the Christian Literature Company of New York.

The Newark Conference is raising an endowment fund of \$100,000, for the better support of the superannuated preachers and their widows.

During Bishop Vincent's late visit to Europe, he held the Italian Conference in Rome, where he laid the foundation stone of a building which will be a great religious centre. In digging for the native rock, it was necessary to go to a depth of nearly seventy feet, through the ruins of a Roman Catholic church, and, below that, through the remains of an ancient pagan temple.

The mission of Rev. C. H. Yat-

man in New York is very successful. The expenditure is nearly \$30,000, of which \$6,000 was given at the basket collections, and the remainder has come from contributions. Three men have given \$5,000 each. There have been more than 1,000 inquirers during the year, and 350 members have been gathered.

A gentleman in Brooklyn recently gave \$1,000 for village chapels in India. His gift will provide twenty chapels. Another gentleman gave \$500, which will provide ten more.

Secretary Spencer, speaking of Bishop Mallalieu, said that in the South land our coloured constituency call him "Bishop Hallelujah."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

A correspondent of the *Nashville Christian Advocate* asserts that the very name of the Methodist Episcopal Church South has a "political significance," and he suggests that it be changed to "Wesleyan Episcopal Church." This, he thinks, would give his branch of Methodism a free course in the world and would obliterate the local prejudices now entertained against it.

The agents of the Publishing House want ten thousand additional subscribers, so that the appropriation to the Conference Fund may be increased from \$17,500 to \$25,000.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.

The second triennial Conference of Australia was held at Sydney. Resolutions in favour of organic Methodist union were passed, and the hope was expressed that the Wesleyan General Conference of 1894 will indicate a definite time for the union to take place.

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