

some, able and interesting monthly. It is more highly valued in my home than the high-priced American magazines. The latter are so intensely American that it is a relief to get something Canadian in sentiment. I am glad that our MAGAZINE is *Canadian* as well as *Methodist*."

In the May number will be begun another story, by Mrs. A. E. Barr, not inferior in interest, we think, to any she has written. It will continue

throughout the year. It will present some interesting aspects of Methodist life and character in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Its religious teachings will be pronounced and definite.

Dr. Williams' third article on the Minor Poets of Methodism—a very soul-stirring one—came to hand too late for this number. It will appear, with many other good things, in the May number.

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

An annual convention of Wesleyans serving in the Army and Royal Navy was lately held in City Road Chapel, London. About 180 men were present, belonging to various garrisons and naval contingents. The principal address was delivered by the Rev. E. E. Jenkins, M.A., on "The Work of the Christian Soldier."

A theatrical mission has also been established. It is a non-sectarian institution, but several Wesleyans take an active part in the services held on behalf of the 6,000 persons who are known to be professional actors and actresses. Over a thousand persons, chiefly Christian ladies, visit the actresses and members of the ballet in their professional apartments in London, Manchester, Liverpool, and other large cities, their kindly efforts being greatly valued. In three weeks more than 5,000 persons attended the services held in London.

Much attention is now being given to the erection of mission-halls in the thickly populated districts in London and other cities, where evangelistic services are held every night in the week.

"Paddy's Goose," *alias* "The White Swan," a London gin-shop of infamous notoriety, was recently

opened with well attended and impressive services.

Conventions on holiness and evangelistic work are numerous held in various parts of England. The services in some instances are held all day, and not only give an impetus to the work of God where they are held, but also suggestions are given for the better qualification of band workers, which may be of great service to persons thus engaged.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

A large meeting of Newcastle-on-Tyne District was held in the city, when a resolution in favour of Methodist union was unanimously adopted.

There is a debt of £8,000 sterling resting on the Missionary Society. It was resolved at a late meeting of the committee that the debt should be paid during this jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign. Some circuits recommend a week's self-denial to be observed to accomplish the object.

Rev. John Innocent, Chinese missionary, is about to return to the Celestial Empire. He appeals for two additional missionaries and a medical missionary to accompany him. He expects to establish a girls' industrial school at Tientsin, and a lady teacher is also required to superintend its arrangements.