

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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President Pope has long been the efficient secretary of the Chapel Committee. He says that in thirty years \$45,000,000 have been added to the trust property of the Church, which now yields \$850,000 in the shape of pew rents.

A friend, writing respecting the long career of Dr. Gregory, late editor of the *Magazine*, says that from the date of the coronation of Queen Victoria, the doctor has not known a day of entire ease from physical pain. He further makes the startling statement that all the best intellectual work in the world is done by invalids.

Rev. Thomas Cook has been granted permission to spend a year in Australasia and India, in evangelistic work.

The Prince of Wales recently conferred the Order of St. John upon two Methodist Nurses in London—Sister Retura, lady superintendent of Wesley Deaconess Institute, and Sister Emma, sister in charge of the Children's Home Hospital.

The eighteenth annual report of the Sunday-school Union has been published. There is an increase of twenty-seven schools, 502 officers and teachers, 8,570 scholars, and of no less than 6,038 scholars meeting in society and junior classes. More than one-half of the church membership is connected with the Sunday schools. Including officers and teachers there are over one million of persons connected with the Sunday-schools. The annual cost is very near \$500,000.

Pasteur Hocart has lately supplied some interesting facts respecting Methodism in France. The members are very poor, many of them domestic servants, and yet one dollar

per member each quarter is a common subscription. English Methodism gives \$17,500 annually to help Methodism in France. At least 200 Protestant ministers have been brought to God by its instrumentality. Every year Protestant churches thus receive accessions to the ranks of the Reformed and other churches, besides largely supplying them with Bible-women, colporteurs and other lay agents who labour in hospitals and help the pastors in parish work. Pasteur Hocart, though eighty-one years of age, preaches three times on Sabbath and attends Sunday-school. He has been President of Conference fifteen times and has been French delegate to at least twelve English Conferences.

Mr. Hocart and his daughter have established a Children's Home similar to Dr. Stephenson's. Miss Hocart was for some years connected with the Children's Home in London. At first the Home was in Mr. Hocart's house and contained three orphan children. It now occupies a large house outside the city gates. The incidents connected with the Home are very affecting.

Rev. W. Darlow Sargeant, Birmingham, has for some time been engaged holding missions and Bible-readings. He is now stationed at Hinde Street circuit. There is one house of business near in which 1,200 young people are employed. For these young people Mr. Sargeant has commenced a 'Social Hour.' He has taken a house and hopes to secure the services of a few respectable young ladies who will by music and readings interest the young people and in this way draw them to church. Such methods have been adopted elsewhere with good results.

A valedictory service was recently