

## Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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### WESLEYAN METHODIST.

The English Methodist Year Book for 1897-98, just issued, gives the following figures as to the position of the denomination: The number of members is 607,090. Of these, 438,960 belong to Great Britain, 27,164, to Ireland, 44,573 to foreign missions, 1,766 to the French Conferences, 47,872, to the South African Conferences, and 46,746 to the West Indies. The number of members on trial is 67,304; the number of ministers, 2,326; on probation, 362; supernumeraries, 384.

The Roko of the district of Nabouwalu, Fiji, has lately erected at his own cost a large Wesleyan church. The size of this building is an indication of the congregations which now gather in once cannibal Fiji. It is 100 feet long by 70 feet wide. About 1,000 people were present at the opening, and the services were prolonged throughout an entire week.

A Fijian native teacher stationed at Kiriwina tells, in a most interesting letter published by the *Methodist*, how the Rev. S. B. Fellows ran in between two hostile tribes of natives armed to fight, and stopped a war in which several men had been killed. They said to him, "If you had not come, many more would have died to-day."

A farewell service of unusual interest was held in Wesley's Chapel, London, in the early part of October. Mrs. Parson, of Jabulpur, India, spoke of the famine, with which she had had much to do. The company included Misses Cornaby, Greenwood, Myers and Rosevear, who were going to India, and Miss Sallie Wilson, to China. The Famine Orphanage in India is named in honour of Mr. Jevons, who gave the money for it. Two of the ladies went out at their own expense.

Rev. Richard Green, a scholarly minister has published a bibliography of the most exhaustive sort, touching the works of John and Charles Wesley, with a list of the early editions, descriptive and illustrative notes, etc., making a volume of 246 pages. From this it appears that the two Wesleys are responsible for 326 prose works, 61 poetic, and 14 musical—401 in

all. But the 50 volumes of the "Christian Library" and the 14 volumes of the "Arminian Magazine" are, in each case, counted as only one work; so that the expanded total would be nearer 500 than 400. John Wesley wrote 233 original works and edited 100, while there are 30 works published by the brothers jointly or whose precise authorship cannot be determined.

A new pipe organ has been constructed for the Wesleyan church in Pretoria, South Africa, by Mr. G. W. Price, of Grahamstown, at a cost of over \$5,000.

A lady has presented a furnished house for the purposes of the Western Mission in London.

The *Methodist Times* says that the "Wesley Guild" is the old wine of Methodism in new bottles, and declares its belief "that more young people have been busy during the past summer working, singing, speaking in the open air, on village green and in country market-places, than at any period since the earliest days of Methodism."

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

St. Paul's Church, New York, was dedicated October 3rd. Bishop Foss preached in the morning and Bishop Foster conducted the dedicatory ceremonies. The cost was \$340,000, and it was dedicated free of debt. It has a seating capacity of 1,200 and a Sunday-school room for 700 scholars.

The Methodist population of the United States is double that of the Catholic. There are nearly 25,000 ministers, with church property valued at \$132,140,179. The capital stock of its two publishing houses, in New York and Cincinnati, amounts to \$3,500,000, and during the last fifty-two years the sales have amounted to more than \$60,000,000. There is an average membership of 164 to every pastor.

The Foochow missionaries state that the abundant wealth of prayer which has ascended from the churches in all parts of the world since the massacre of August 1st, 1896, has been manifestly followed by a widespread general movement towards Christianity among all classes of the