

## Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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### WESLEYAN METHODIST.

The annual meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society was held in Exeter Hall. The income, though it reached \$659,000, fell below the expenditure \$30,500. There is an increase in places of worship during the year of 114; of missionaries, 9; of paid agents, 175; of unpaid agents, 208; of church members, 1,037 with 577 on trial; and of pupils attending schools, 1,580. There had been an unusual mortality among the missionaries.

The ladies' auxiliary is doing a good work, and maintains agents in Spain, Ceylon, India, China, and Africa, who are engaged in school work, Zenana visiting, medical work and the various evangelical services of Bible women. There is pressing need for female agency, especially in India, where child marriage and enforced widowhood are so fearfully prevalent.

The Rev. Thomas Champness is sending additional *Joyful News* agents abroad. The last company was sent to India.

The services in connection with the London Wesleyan Mission appear to have been of a most enthusiastic kind. The sermons, public meeting and an experience meeting were all seasons of special interest.

A Rescue Home has also been established, which, though only of recent origin, bids fair to do much good in saving poor unfortunates from a life of shame.

The Metropolitan Chapel Building Report contains many items of interest. The income exceeds \$80,000. There are now fifty-two circuits in the metropolis, twenty-eight of which owe their large churches to this fund.

It is anticipated that there will be at least 150 candidates for the minis-

try recommended by the various district meetings, not more than half of whom will be required for the home and foreign work.

At Wardour Hall, Mr. Morley Punshon greatly delighted the audience with his recitations. The *Methodist Times* says, "He inherits his father's elocutionary gifts."

The London Mission is now regarded as an institution of so much importance that others besides Methodists are taking a deep interest in its progress. On a recent Sabbath collections were made in a Congregational church on its behalf which amounted to \$525. Mr. Corry, Cardiff, has given \$5,000 towards a permanent building for the west mission.

The Prince of Wales has granted a ninety-nine years' lease of a site for a Wesleyan mission chapel at Fordington Cross, Dorchester, at a nominal rent.

### METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

Dr. Shrubsall has gone to China as a medical missionary. The valedictory service held in London prior to his departure was a season long to be remembered.

Some of the quarterly meetings have been agitating for the name of the denomination to be changed to "the Methodist Church."

There is a movement on foot to establish Sunday-schools for working-men, and to make them part of the regular church organization.

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The General Conference was in session during the entire month of May. The pastoral term is extended to five years; an order of deaconesses has been established; five new bishops were elected, three missionary secretaries instead of two were ap-