

We were much struck with the prevalent air of thrift and industry of the Chinese population. They seemed all hard at work, and many of their business firms are of great wealth and do a large volume of trade, receiving whole cargoes of tea, rice,

etc., direct from China. It is true that the poorer class huddle in miserable rookeries and defy all sanitary laws; but that, it seems to us, could be easily remedied by rigorous municipal regulation and inspection.

## Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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Notwithstanding the crippled state of the Mission Fund, additional missionaries are being sent out to different parts of the world. Recently a valedictory service was held in the City Road Chapel, London, when four missionaries and their wives who were returning to former fields of labour were present. A new mission is to be established in Burmah. Two veteran missionaries addressed the meeting, viz., Rev. Owen Watkins, who has just returned from South Africa, and Rev. George Brown, of Sydney, whose thrilling experiences in New Britain have produced a profound impression and evoked much missionary enthusiasm in Great Britain. During the recent session of the British Association in Birmingham, Mr. Brown delivered three lectures which were highly appreciated by the members of that learned society. The missionary committee ask for an increase of 20 per cent. on the past year's income, and they hope that there will be a general advance all along the line.

Great preparations have been made for the missionary meetings, hundreds of which are held in various parts of England during the fall and winter months. They are usually seasons of intense religious enthusiasm.

The new Central buildings at Manchester consist of a spacious hall with seating capacity for 1,500, a smaller chapel to seat 250, and a great variety of rooms suitable for all kinds of evangelistic work. Ar-

rangements are to be made for three Sunday services, in the morning for regular attendants, in the afternoon for working men and women, and in the evening for the masses of the people who crowd the streets, aimlessly looking for some way of spending the time. During the week there will be a daily noon prayer-meeting and a Saturday evening temperance meeting. Rooms will be provided for young men, to be used as reading rooms and for classes in the common English branches. Similar provision will be made for young women. Much good is expected from this central work, and it is hoped the enterprise will vindicate itself as a successful experiment to reach the unchurched and ungospelled masses.

Property has been purchased near the old Epworth Rectory, and it is proposed to erect as a memorial to John Wesley, a church, a school, and a parsonage.

A striking pledge of a happy future was recently given at an unprecedented gathering of trades' unionists in Hull to proclaim their attachment to the religion of Jesus Christ. Two thousand workmen enthusiastically endorsing the teaching of one of their number, who is a Methodist local preacher and member of Parliament, is a sight to fill all real Christians with glad hope. The President of the Trade Congress also avowed his loyalty to the teaching of Christ in his inaugural address.

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