

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

The following are the present statistics of ministers and members of Great Britain: 1,975 ministers, 514,790 members; in Ireland, 234 ministers, 25,960 members; in foreign missions, 375 ministers, 37,788 members; French Conference, 30 ministers, 1,541 members; South African Conference, 172 ministers, 36,876 members; West India Conference, 89 ministers, 48,082 members; Australian Conferences, 605 ministers, 78,060 members. Total in connection with the Parent Body, ministers and members, 746,627.

Methodist councils, with a view to promote unity among the various Methodist Churches in the cities and towns of England, have been formed in various places; united co-operation will thus be secured on behalf of religious and social questions which now demand increased attention. Such councils will prevent circuit and congregational isolation, and tend to develop much latent talent.

The leaders of the West London Mission have more applications from ladies desirous to join the sisterhood than they can accept. Both "Houses" are full. Some of the lady applicants are willing to give their services gratuitously, but another "House" is absolutely required.

A Home for the training of women for Christian service will soon be established by a few ministers and laymen. Mr. Mewburn has offered Dr. Stephenson a considerable sum of money for such purpose.

Rev. Alex. McAulay has gone to South Africa on an evangelistic tour. He has been near fifty years in the ministry, and, possessing private means, he prefers to spend the evening of life in evangelistic labours in various parts of the world.

The success of *Joyful News Mission* is somewhat marvellous. An agent sent to China by the Rev. T. Champness has learned enough of the Yoruba language to preach and pray with the natives. Some of the Wesleyan places of worship in China are known as "Joyful News Halls" among the natives.

In seven years Mr. Champness has raised upwards of £12,000 for mission purposes, and money flows in every week, sometimes as much as £200, in small sums. Recently a gentleman sent £400, and desired to be known as "Matthew vi. 30."

Rev. W. D. Walters, Secretary of the West End Mission, at a recent public meeting stated that over 1,000 persons were attending class, 95 per cent. of whom had been gathered from the world, and every class of society from the richest to the poorest was being reached; 2,500 children were in the Band of Hope, and one large class led by Mr. Nix comprised 220, with an average attendance of 175.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

Rev. W. J. Townsend, Missionary Secretary, is announced as one of the speakers at the United Methodist Free Churches Annual Missionary meeting in Exeter Hall.

About six months ago a Sunday morning school was commenced at Barrow, with the object of teaching working-men to read and write. At the commemoration meeting just held 500 persons were present, prizes were distributed. The school has been a success.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The yearly returns of Church membership are being collected, the net increase will be about 1,000.