

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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Most of the young men whose names were on the President's list of reserve at the late Conference for whom circuits could not be provided, have been sent to various places to commence real aggressive work.

City Road Chapel, the cathedral of Methodism, has become the scene of great home mission work. Mission bands and tract societies have been formed. Already much good has been accomplished, and it is hoped that by the various evangelistic meetings which will be held during the winter, that the time-honoured sanctuary will be the birth-place of many souls.

A mission is to be inaugurated among the aristocratic portion of the people in the West End of London. A systematic visitation of the districts is to be made not only by the "Sisters of the People," but by influential Wesleyans.

The Rev. Thomas Champness has opened his new *Joyful News Home* at Rochdale. Several influential ministers and laymen took part in the dedicatory services.

Birmingham mission, which is in charge of the Rev. F. L. Wiseman, son of the late Dr. Wiseman, who visited Canada during Dr. Punshon's presidency, has had a career of great prosperity. In two years, two large congregations of more than 1,000 each have been raised in the centre of the town. A third place has been taken, and another hall is about to be opened in one of the lowest quarters of the town.

Liverpool Methodists are proposing great things for Christ. A convention of all the circuits in the city has been held, to make arrangements for holding a series of evangelistic services during the winter.

It is contemplated to adopt extra means to recreate an intelligent and prayerful interest in foreign missions, by urging ministers to preach special sermons on the subject and hold prayer-meetings and missionary conventions in large centres.

The venerable James Calvert saw eighty prisoners killed, roasted and eaten, at one time, in one of the Fiji Islands; but he lived to see cannibalism vanish, 1,250 churches rise for Christian worship, and 103,000 out of 113,000 of the inhabitants regular attendants at the sanctuary on the Sabbath.

Two English laymen offered a prize of \$250 for the best essays on class-meetings. No less than 203 essays were sent in for adjudication. The essayists were residents of England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Newfoundland, Sierra Leone, Canada, West Indies and China, an evidence of the deep interest that is felt in class-meetings.

A good man in London has commenced holding open-air services in a poor neighbourhood on Saturday nights at 11.15. Lighted torches are used, and efforts are made to get the poor people out of the public houses at closing time and see them safely home. This is certainly very practical philanthropy.

Four Church of England clergymen recently attended a Wesleyan bazaar in North Staffordshire, and indulged in very pleasant compliments with the Wesleyan ministers and laymen present. This is a novelty for England.

Mr. Stead, the editor the *Pall Mall Gazette*, says, "There are more Methodists in the world to-day than there were Englishmen of all creeds when John Wesley was at Oxford." The rapid growth of Methodism has