

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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The Committee on the Extension of the Pastoral Term has recommended that the Model Deed be altered so as to allow minister to return to circuits at the end of three, instead of six years, as at present, and many would like the pastoral term to be extended to six years.

There are now 12,000 worshippers every Sunday in twelve Wesleyan churches of Manchester.

The Home Missionary Report shows an expenditure for the year of \$180,000. There is a deficit of \$5,500.

The gross income for the maintenance of Ministers' Children and School Fund for the year is \$150,000. The educational section requires \$125,000. The boys' school, at Bath, requires \$30,000, and the girls', at Trinity Hall, Southport, requires \$7,000.

The vicar of Bishop Burton, in Yorkshire, has done a graceful thing, by purchasing a bust of John Wesley from the stewards of the Wesleyan church in the village. He will place it in his vestry. The bust is carved from the wood of a famous elm tree which once stood on the village green.

Wesley's hymns have been translated into the Dahomian language.

A new missionary volume, by Rev. F. W. Macdonald, of the Mission House, is announced, entitled, "Work and Workers in the Mission Field."

The various branches of Methodism in Australia, viz., Wesleyan, the Primitive and Bible Christian, have been voting on the forming of a united body. The vote is very largely in favour of forming a united body.

It is contemplated to employ at least eight cars, each with two evangelists, which shall itinerate in Great Britain. During the day books will be sold, and in the evenings services will be held in the open air, or in places of worship as may be agreed upon.

The Wesley Guild has been fairly launched. An inaugural meeting was held in Wesley's chapel, City Road, London, at which the Rev. H. P. Hughes preached. Miss Hellier, daughter of the late Rev. B. Hellier, was one of the speakers.

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The *Epworth Herald* says, "India is ten times larger than Japan, China is nearly three times as large as India, and Africa twice as large as India and China combined."

Calvary Methodist church, New York, has within its membership thirty-seven subsidiary organizations, and holds in all 137 services in each active month of the year. Among its philanthropic branches are a free dispensary, where, with an attendant staff of six physicians, 2,249 patients have been treated during the year; an industrial bureau, which has furnished employment to 438 out of 918 applicants; a parish house, where are maintained a kindergarten and nursery. There are 232 heads and officers of departments and organizations.

One of the most important institutions of Chicago Methodism is Wesley Hospital, 343 patients were treated last year, of whom 130 received free hospital service to the value of \$3,021, and free medical and surgical treatment valued at \$3,002.

Lands and buildings worth two million of dollars have been secured in thirty years, for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Some of these institutions have 600 students. Thousands of young men have gone from these schools who are now preachers, teachers, physicians, mechanics and farmers.

At the service held in Baltimore, for placing a tablet on the site of old Lovely Lane meeting-house referred to in our last issue, Rev. Dr. Buckley said: "Baltimore city has to-day three times as many Methodists as were in the whole United States when the Christmas Conference met in Lovely Lane chapel, while Lovely Lane has grown to comprise 57,000 churches. Allowing fifty feet to each, if these churches were put next to one another, they would form a avenue 253 miles long." Our own Dr. Potts gave an address which is spoken on if the highest terms by the American press.

The latest intelligence from Bishop Taylor in Africa is that he was at Kamastone, where more than 1,000 were present. The Bishop was at this place