

Southern Italy. The Wesleyans have twenty-one Circuits, and in May last the first District Meeting was held in Rome, which was attended by twenty-four Missionaries, twenty-one of whom were native Italians. The persecutions endured by the native converts are of the most aggravated description.

The truth is progressing; and while English noblemen like the Marquis of Ripon, bow the knee to the Pope, men of great distinction are becoming weary of their thralldom, and throwing off the papal yoke. Recently, Don Alceste Lanna, late Professor of Theology in the Vatican, followed the example of Ex-Canon Grassi, and connected himself with the Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, under the Rev. Dr. Vernon, at Via Cremona. Dr. Lanna is said to be a man of more than ordinary ability, and possesses great influence among the leading families of Rome.

The calls for help are more numerous than the Wesleyan Missionary Society can answer. It is only a few years since, that a Mission was commenced at Vienna, and now the whole of Austria could be occupied; and elsewhere doors of usefulness are opening which no man can shut.

Fiji is at last annexed to the British Empire, with Sir Hercules Robinson as the Governor. The group of islands, numbering some two hundred and twenty-five, is designated by a Missionary as, in physical aspect, "a remnant of paradise." The triumphs of the past forty years have been marvellous; and now there is added to civilization, by the preaching of the Gospel, a country which may soon be made capable of supporting 3,000,000 or 4,000,000, where there are now less than 300,000 inhabitants.

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The Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the Missionary Society of this Church was issued in January, 1874. The Foreign Missions are situated in Africa, South America, China, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, India, Bulgaria, Italy, Japan, and Mexico. The Domestic Missions are connected with all the Home Conferences, but are chiefly among the Foreign population of the Union, such as the Welsh, Germans, Scandinavians, Chinese, and the Indians. The total number of Missionaries at home and abroad is 3,170. The income for the present year is \$675,080 32; but