

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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The amount required for the "Wesleyan Memorial celebration" having been raised—\$50,000—a fresh scheme has been launched by the Home Missionary Committee to raise a fund of \$100,000 to be expended mainly in those parts of the country where village Methodism is weak, owing to protracted agricultural depression and other causes. The new movement has the sympathy of many of the wealthy laity of the body, and the amount aimed at will probably be easily raised.

The President of one of the Theological Colleges says the four corner-stones of Methodism are conversion, entire sanctification, evangelism and fellowship. This is a good summary of the work Methodism has done, and to which she must apply herself with increasing ardour.

It is said that Dr. Rigg is preparing a new and much-enlarged edition of his "Living Wesley," which will not only deal more fully with Mr. Wesley's personal history, but will present a comprehensive summary of the work and progress of Methodism during the hundred years which have elapsed since Wesley's death.

A ten day's mission, by the Rev. Thomas Waugh, was held at Newbury. In addition to the ordinary services special meetings of men and of women were held. The names of 136 inquirers were taken.

Rev. T. Cook, another evangelist, also conducted a ten days' mission at Burslem. Great preparations were made to secure results: 27,600 cards, bills and posters were printed and distributed. During the ten days, 373 persons, over fourteen years of age, professed conversion. A large proportion of the inquirers were

young men and young women, and a considerable number have met in class before. The majority have been trained in Sunday-schools, sixteen belonged to one class.

A new mission has been commenced in New Guinea. The Church of England and the London Missionary Society both have agents laboring there, but, by mutual arrangement, the agents of the various Societies will not conflict with each other.

The Rev. A. M'Aulay, in writing to England a short time before his death, mentions his visit to Beaconsfield, where he says, "I preached twice at our small native chapel. It is the head of a circuit of 150 members, who support their own minister. Three competent interpreters translated my sentences into Dutch and into two African languages to the mixed congregation. At Kimberley we have an English minister, who has charge of the Cape Dutch. . . . Although there are not sixty members, they support an English married minister without mission aid, on the scale of comfortable circuits in England. At another place thirty-five members support entirely and liberally an unmarried European minister. On Kimberley English circuit two ministers (married) are suitably supported by 130 members. Such liberality puts many congregations to shame.

A "Children's Sunday" is observed in England. Rev. Robert Calley, the Sunday-school Secretary, makes special arrangements for the services to be held among the million of children. Earnest appeals are made to them for an immediate surrender of themselves to God. The service somewhat resembles the Confirmation Service of the Church of England.