

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

On the first Sunday in September, 651 ministers opened their commissions in new circuits. A Welsh church is to be built in Manchester, and the lease of the ground is unique, as it extends to 10,000 years. On a recent Sunday 12,000 persons attended the services of the Central Mission, Manchester.

Rev. Thomas Cook, the Conference evangelist, has returned from his eastern tour. In Ceylon, especially, his labours were greatly owned of God even when he had to preach through an interpreter.

Professor Beet is reported to have accepted an invitation to deliver a course of lectures next August, at the Ocean Grove School of Theology, on "The Aim, Correct Method, and Some Results of Doctrinal Theology." It is hoped that Professor Beet will favour Canada with a visit.

One of the great advantages of Methodist union in England, we think, would be the consolidating of the various publishing interests, and the issuing of periodicals of such commanding excellence that they would capture the patronage now largely given to secular periodicals. We think it the duty of the Church to furnish good reading as well as good preaching to its vast constituency.

A curiosity has been found in the vaults of the Book-Room, London, viz., about one hundred manuscript sheets containing Charles Wesley's hymns, all in the author's well-known handwriting.

Thirty-four of the mayors recently elected or re-elected by English cities and boroughs, including the re-elected Lord Mayor of Manchester, are Wesleyan Methodists. The majority of them are officials, local preachers, class-leaders or Sunday-school superintendents.

The Wesleyan, Free Methodist, and Bible Christian Churches in New Zealand are preparing for organic union, which it is hoped will be consummated in April, 1896. Hones are entertained that the Primitive Methodists may also be induced to join the united Church.

In September eight missionaries went from England to missions in India and

West Africa, and in October five others were sent to South Africa and the West Indies. Some were returning from their furlough, but most were commencing their missionary career.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Bishop Merrill, in his short address at the reception of the Church Extension Board, said there were more Methodist churches in Chicago than in any other city in the world. This was news to many.

A new church for the Bohemian work in Chicago is about to be erected. There are 30,000 Bohemians in the locality where the church is to be built.

Fifty-one of the annual conferences are west of the Mississippi River. All this work has arisen in the lifetime of Methodist preachers who are not over sixty-five years of age.

At the session of the Mexico Conference, under Bishop Joyce's ministrations, a revival commenced, and twenty-seven belonging to the orphanage were converted. Soon after Moody and Sankey conducted revival services in Mexico.

A Korean woman, instructed by the Methodist missionaries in Seoul, is now in the United States studying medicine, hoping to become fitted and return as a medical missionary.

One of the secretaries of the Church of England Missionary Society in a recent public meeting stated that he had visited India, and declared that the Methodist Episcopal Mission in that country was second to no other that he knew, and he claimed a world-wide acquaintance with missions.

Garrett Biblical Institute has received a very valuable present from William Deering. It is a clay medallion of John and Charles Wesley, by Acton Adams. It is the original model of the marble copy in Westminster Abbey.

Mrs. Willing has been sending good literature to Methodist pastors who have families to support on \$300 a year and less. Her list has numbered as many as six hundred.