

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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There has been a remarkable work of grace at the Centenary church, Dublin, Ireland. Never since 1841, when the late Rev. Jas. Caughay visited Ireland, has there been such a revival. Rev. Thomas Waugh was the "Missioner." More than three hundred gave in their names to become members of the church. The majority were young men.

There has been a great revival of open-air preaching in several important centres in the Emerald Isle. It is much to be regretted that there has also been much bitter persecution. In Cork especially, lewd fellows of the baser sort were most malignant. Rev. F. W. Ainley, of the Free Church, narrowly escaped with his life. But for the intervention of some men, who rescued him from the mob, he would have been put to death.

English Methodism occupies a prominent position in respect to education. According to Rev. Dr. Waller's report, there are 825 day-schools, which contain 179,058 scholars. The collections and subscriptions amount to \$29,605, which is an increase of \$328 for the year.

Rev. T. Champness has one hundred and twenty persons employed in his Joyful News Mission; both men and women evangelists are employed. The *Joyful News* periodical is a valuable means of doing good.

A gentleman who had been travelling on the continent of Europe, described an unusual occurrence at Lausanne. He attended a week-night service for Italian workmen, at which 230 were present. In another part of the building a French service was held, which he also attended; while both these services were in progress, a bazaar was going on in another large room. He was

delighted with the various kinds of mission work, though he thought that two services, while a bazaar was in progress, was something new in Methodism.

At the Ministers' Meeting in London, there was a lengthy conversation respecting the returns. All were delighted with the increase of more than 5,000 in the membership.

Dr. Jenkins, when speaking at a missionary meeting in Manchester, said how thankful he was that the Hon. H. H. Fowler had been appointed Secretary of the Indian department. The honourable gentleman is the son of an eminent Methodist minister, and brother of the late Dr. Fowler who died a few years ago in London, Ontario. The doctor also related that some of the higher classes in India had more than once said, We don't fear your preaching missionaries so much as your other work, but we do fear your Christian women who influence our wives in favor of Jesus, and your medical missionaries who heal our sick. If you win our wives, and by your kindness win our love, we cannot withstand your faith.

President Pope recently dedicated a church at Portsmouth. The mayor, who is a Jew, and the corporation attended. The vicar of the parish sent a letter expressing his regret at not being able to be present.

It is said that one-third of 200,000 people in Cornwall are Methodists.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

The Executive of the Evangelistic Union, recommends its members to hold open-air services as much as possible during the summer months.

The church in which the Conference meets during Whitsuntide week, has been renovated, preparatory to the event at a cost of \$3,500.