

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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The arrangements for the late Conference at Bradford were the most complete; the total cost of Conference was not less than \$3,000. A sumptuous tea was provided daily at the expense of Sir Henry Mitchell, which it is believed cost at least \$1,000.

There were 1,281 messages sent from the Conference telegraph office, and 800 received. There were 862 press messages, embracing 221,298 words. The *Methodist Recorder* wired no less than 100,000 words. One day between 2,000 and 3,000 letters were received.

The number of chapels and other preaching places in the Church is 8,118, which will seat 2,074,949. In ten years there was an increase of 264 chapels, and an increase of 213,989 in the number of hearers.

The number of probationers received into full connexion and ordained was thirty-eight.

There were 104 candidates for the ministry. Twenty-seven were declined.

Professor Randles, of Didsbury College, delivered the Fernley Lecture on "The Design and Use of Holy Scripture."

The District Meetings will in future be known as District Synods. The society tickets will be headed "Wesleyan Methodist Church" instead of "Society."

The Rev. Geo. W. Olver, Senior Missionary Secretary, is to visit India and attend the Decennial and Triennial Missionary Conferences. Mr. Olver has a son and a daughter in the mission field of India.

The principal new mission commenced during the past year was that of Mashonaland, in South Africa. A church has been built in Spain, the first Methodist place of worship erected in that country.

A native Kaffir minister, the Rev. James M. Dwane, is in England soliciting funds for an industrial school in the Seplan Circuit, of which he is superintendent, with two native ministers, eighty local preachers and class-leaders, and 800 members.

Rev. J. C. Elliott, from India, gave an interesting account of the progress of religion among the soldiers. He said at least 15,000, or one-fourth of the army, were teetotalers, and at a meeting which he attended thirty-five pledged themselves to live lives of purity, and further that he had not seen a drunken soldier in India in five years.

Most of two sessions were occupied with the itinerent question, or the term of ministerial appointment to a circuit, and it was finally referred to a committee to report next Conference.

Dr. Stephenson, the ex-President, stated that during the year 173 children passed through the Home. In March 832 were resident in the several branches. Others had been in attendance preparing for embarkation to Canada, so that more than 1,000 had been cared for. This makes 3,061 who have been received since the Children's Home was established. The institution has seven shelters, three hospitals, six schools, four chapels, two mission halls, one convalescent home, three training farms, an emigration home and thirty houses filled with orphan and outcast children.

The following donations were received by the Conference from the Methodist Trust Assurance Company: \$3,500 for the Worn Out Ministers' Fund. The proprietors of the *Methodist Recorder* sent \$750 to the Annuitant Society and a similar amount to the Auxiliary