

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

The Wesley Memorial Chapel at Epworth, Lincolnshire, in honour of John and Charles Wesley, both of whom were known there, was dedicated September 5th, by the Rev. Charles Garrett, one of the ex-Presidents of the Wesleyan Conference. There were about 3,000 persons present at the various services. The total cost of the church and school is \$20,000.

During the past twelve months the Wesleyan Methodists acquired much valuable property, having built a chapel, a parsonage, or a school-house for every working-day in the year.

Unusual difficulty was experienced in stationing the ministers; some circuits refused to receive those appointed to them, and some ministers objected to the places to which they were assigned. One correspondent in England writes that, "the time has come when a minister to be received by a circuit must be worth having or sit down."

The Leysian Mission in London has commenced its benevolent work on an extensive scale. A site has been secured. The total cost of the scheme will not be less than \$35,000. The work to be carried on will be religious, social, and philanthropic. There will be a medical mission a *crèche*, a boy's brigade, a working-men's club, a cricket club, and a gymnasium.

The Methodist Church in Ireland had last year a net increase of 60 in the membership, with 624 on trial. Total now in Society, 25,306; new members, 1,954. There are 364 churches, 1,894 other preaching places, 49,391 hearers at Sabbath services, 74,232 sittings in the churches. There are 231 schools,

2,856 teachers and officers, and 25,298 scholars.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

Miss Waller, daughter of the late Rev. Ralph Waller, a most successful minister, who possesses in a very high degree the evangelistic spirit of her father, and was for some time an earnest worker in the McAll Mission, Paris, has now accepted the position of Head Teacher in the Girls' School at Tientsin, China.

The Rev. John Innocent writes from China, and states that some of the hopeful mission stations in the district of the Yellow River have been desolated by the floods resulting from the bursting of the river banks. He asks earnestly for more workers.

The foundation of a new Sunday-school building was recently laid at Birmingham. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., made an address, and said: "One of the most remarkable features of modern history is the unexampled development of voluntary religion in England." This he attributed to the influence of Methodists, who had entered into the highways and byways, and had quickened the spiritual life of the neglected poor. The close communion and sympathy with the masses of the people had, he said, imposed upon Dissenters the great responsibility of endeavouring to solve the great social problems of the time by inculcating thrift, industry and temperance among the people.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.

There is to be an Australasian General Conference of the Churches in Australia, to be held every third