

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

According to the returns made at the various Circuit Quarterly Meetings, the net increase for the year 1889 is 5,046, with 33,591 on trial.

The thirty-fourth annual report of the Church Extension Committee has been published, from which we learn that official sanction has been given to 322 new enterprises, involving an outlay of \$1,100,000.

The Rev. Peter Thompson, Superintendent of the London East Mission, has now added a medical department to his work. Some well qualified persons have offered their services for this department. There are six centres, one of which is the Seamen's Church, at which Mr. Thompson and his associates labour, and it is not the least important of their stations. The poor sailors who visit London from all parts of the world need friends to protect them from the land-sharks who are very plentiful at all sea-ports. Mr. Thompson has ten lady workers in connection with his mission, some of whom support themselves, and the others receive a nominal allowance.

Cleveland Hall is now added to the Western Mission. This hall will be an important centre, as it is situated in a crowded locality far from any Wesleyan Church. It was formerly occupied by the Secularists, but it will now resound with the echoes of the Gospel. May it be the birthplace of many souls. The Conference will be asked to station another minister to this mission.

On a recent Sunday, Mr. Hughes requested the regular worshippers at Wardour Hall to absent themselves from the evening service, in order that strangers might have the privilege to attend. It was estimated that from 700 to 1,000 stayed away

and went to other churches or visited the sick and friendless; but, before the hour for commencing the service the hall was packed, and the stewards believed that the majority present were strangers. It is intended to repeat this experiment in the future.

Rev. G. M. Pearse conducted a Home Mission Service at Blackheath. He was accompanied by two sisters who labour at the Mission. The sisters dislike speaking in public, but their narratives produced deep emotion among the people. The experiment is worth repeating.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

A special mission has been held for some weeks at Packington Street, London, conducted by Mrs. Dawson and her brother. One Sabbath a Gospel meeting was conducted, the singing of which was led by a brass band. Several conversions were reported.

A service of song, illustrative of "Old Methodist Times," was held at Yarmouth, which gave great satisfaction. A choir and string band numbering fifty persons gave the musical part.

The corner-stone of a new church to cost \$12,000 was recently laid at Blackpool, Rev. J. Medcraft, formerly General Superintendent in Canada, and others took part in the service.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

A remarkable evangelistic service has been held at Lincoln, at which one hundred persons professed conversion, among whom was a man eighty-four years of age, and another who had been a noted pugilist, and another who was a well-known sceptic.