

Three new missions were taken up. Three probationers were ordained. The ex-President, Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A., delivered the Ordination charge. Mr. Bond, though a youthful President, delivered an admirable address.

The Stationing Committee was compelled to leave six vacancies in its appointments, to supply which a cable despatch was sent to England for six young men.

WESLEYAN METHODIST.

The Report of the Home Mission and Contingent Fund for the past year is a voluminous document, from which we make the following extracts. The names of 5,547 villages are on the various circuit plans, 837 have been added since 1860, and in 468 of these churches have been built. The membership in those villages is no less than 165,395, which is more than one-third of the entire Methodist membership of Great Britain. Since 1860 the net increase in the villages has been 35,464. The only district in which there has been a decrease is Cornwall, where the population has been largely reduced by means of emigration during the last twenty-five years.

The Irish Conference was recently held. Dr. Hunt, of New York, was present and delivered an eloquent fraternal address. Ten young men were received as candidates for the ministry; eight ministers had finished their course and died in the triumphs of faith. The Conference almost unanimously condemned Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill. A most gratifying incident occurred, viz., Sir William McArthur offered, at his own expense, to erect a ladies' institute on the grounds of the Methodist College, Belfast, for the education of ministers' daughters and other Methodist ladies. Sir William is prepared to expend \$75,000 on this object.

At the time of writing these notes the Wesleyan Conference is in session in London, England, in the old historic mother church of Methodism, City Road Chapel, in the house adjacent to which John Wesley died,

and in whose graveyard he is buried. We have no detailed report of the Conference proceedings further than the cablegram that the Rev. Bishop Foss and the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church and our own Church, respectively, were received with distinguished courtesy. Bishop Foss in his patriotic address set forth the marvellous growth of his country and of Methodism therein, and claimed that America was destined to become the home of a great nation. The no less patriotic representative of our own Church took occasion to inform the Conference that America was destined to become the home of *two* great nations, and that our Canadian nation was territorially considerably the larger of the two.

The French Wesleyan Conference has resolved to undertake a foreign mission among the Kabyles, an interesting tribe in Algeria, who are represented as the descendants of early African Christians. The French Conference, notwithstanding its poverty, undertakes the whole financial responsibility of this mission.

The Wesleyan Methodists in the West Indies are celebrating their centennial. Dr. Coke with three missionaries landed at St. John's, Antigua, December 25, 1776, and there was established the first Wesleyan mission in the West Indies.

An English Methodist writes from Australia: "It cheers one's heart to see how widely Methodism has spread itself, and how firmly it has taken root in these colonies. There does not appear to be a town or village without a Methodist chapel or a 'Wesleyan Church' as it is called here."

Applications for foreign missionaries are more numerous than can be supplied. Recently one was sent from the neighbourhood of the Old Calabar River, Western Africa, signed by various chiefs, asking for the appointment of Christian evangelists.

An attempt is being made to establish a Wesleyan chapel and reading room at Rouen, France.