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Hours of Darkness. Cold, dark and dreary stillness broods arou

Only my heart throbs on in silent pain Panting to burst the fetters that surround Yet feeling all its efforts mocked and vain. The full tide of my spirit's life is pent, And surges troubled in its deep unrest, And many tones are in its voices blent-The hymn, the dirge that haunt my lonely

thought. Why is life given? Rather why this life Of aspiration? Oh! why are we not Made prisoners fitted to our bond of clay? When spirit would commune with spirit

The answer thrust back on the restless soul Be ever, "Earth to earth, and dust to

Ploweth my life in deep and silent stream, Floweth it like a subterranean river. Its waves uncrested by joy's dancing beam, Yet on in restless moaning flows forever. The hollow echoes of its darkened caves Are all the music notes that o'er it float Treasures untold may sleep beneath its waves, Yet none may draw them from their native

My life is all one question. The full tide Of thought, hope, feeling and affection ask, What do we here? We find not here our

But faint and perish in the weary task Of seeming life, yet find naught to arouse The true life of the spirit. Oh! to grie Were better than this dearth within a heart That sorrows some contrasting joy must

Shines o'er the budding and rejoicing ear Immortal in renewing youth. Thy will Is stamped anew on Nature's silent birth : Thou dost create for happiness, for good. The darkest life may win a gleam of ligh If it unfold itself to Thee, and find lts heart-pulse strong, its current warm

> and bright. -Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

### Contemporary Opinions.

for his kindly feelings towards us-while we pular style of preaching, a determi praise him for his discrimination .-- ED.

be well worthy of the study of other denomina

ing Arminian as opposed to Calvinistic doctrines. We are not aware that either Methodists or Calvinists take this ground, nor do we see why Whitefield, if he had possessed the organising and executive capacities of Wesley might not have been as successful in founding a denominathe success of Methodism is not to be found, or at least not entirely found in the doctrines in them an opportunity of presenting their views on which Methodists differ from other Evangelical Christians, they must be sought in the administrative policy of Methodism, and thus be such as other denominations might study without prejudice to their own doctrinal system. Such we are persuaded is the fact : and this fact is all the more cogent that Methodism lacks certain popular elements which other religious bodies possess, but we may advert to one or two considerations sideration, because previously tried and tested odist Society is brought under the constant over- nects it with a sister branch of the Church of sight of experienced Christian men, who impart Christ." This spirit the essayist, in common religious counsel and instruction, deepen the at- with ourselves, condemns, and shows good reatachment of the members of the class to their son for so doing, but we must defer the further denomination, and who receive from each a discussion of the subject for the present. weekly pecuniary offering for [denominational purposes, the grand total of which amounts to an incredibly large sum. It is rare that the system is permitted to become so disorganized that er intervals, and with most valuable results. Many elders content themselves with a few routine services, while some may be found who pass from the denominational zeal of the people to that of the ministers, we shall often find the same difference in favour of the Wesleyan minister. He does not think it any discredit to circulate the periodicals published under the austhe payment of those which circulate in his disof the chairman of the district, and of the Cotion of the executive officers of the society on man of a District, Financial Secretary, are not mere nominal office-bearers known only during the sitting of a Church Court, like the Moderator articulate voice, would have been faintly remembered by the mother, had they gradually died or Clerk of a Synod or Presbytery. They constitute a standing executive agency. They are away into boyhood and manhood; but that stitute a standing executive agency. They are away into boyhood and manhood; but that the motive power for the time being, by which stereotyped them; they remain unchanged.

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the whole organization is worked. They are the right men in the right place. It is not by talking in Synod or Presbytery, that they serve their denomination, but by working hard and constantesprit du corps is equal to their own, and they they are rarely, if ever found creating trouble for their brethren in the ministry, intermeddling in In regard to denominational spirit, fraternal dealing, and regard to ecclesiastical order, it is someninisters of some other denomi ations. In certain circumstances, it is an advantage to the progress of Methodism that it does not require a thorough collegiate education in the case every candidate for the ministry. It is in this way better able to meet a wide-spread religious destitution. We would not desire to see the tandard of ministerial education lowered by Presbyterians, but we think there should be larger use made of Catechists and Scripture readers, than is ordinarily done. The man who annot read the original languages of the Bible; who cannot even avail himself of learned hermeneutical helps; who knows only one language and that imperfectly, however spiritual he may be, must labour under great disadvantages in in-

terpreting the Scriptures. But on the other hand the denomination which combines both means of reaching the people—the popular and the learned-which adds to its staff of teachers men of both classes, must soon occupy a much wider field than the denomination which pursues a more stringent policy, and thus perhaps drives have rendered to it useful services. The care taken in providing for the support of the minis-And is this right? Oh, God! thy glorious try is one grand excellence of the Wesleyan system. Let any one look at the position, in this respect, of Wesleyan ministers in the Lower Provinces as compared with those of Baptists or Paesbyterians, and he will be satisfied of the truth of our assertion. When moreover the whole denomination, represented by conference congregation discharges its duties to its minister, the results are very different from what must be experienced under a system in which no such interest is taken or felt-in which the manner in the Colonial Presbyterian -- and thank the editor lustrating the progress of the system, such a poupon men as divided into only two classes-con-WHY HAS METHODISM BEEN SO SUC- verted and unconverted-and a corresponding ministerial and pastoral treatment of individuals. They would refer to their itinerant system, their We publish on our first page a resume of the denominational literature, their present education progress of Methodism, which we think would al efforts, the manifold labours of their ministers, tions of Protestants. It cannot be alleged that etc. All these causes of success we readily recognize, though not as peculiar to Methodism, the point to which we have referred, without any show of rhetorical or logical arrangement, but

any sufficient explanation of the success of Methodism is to be found in the fact of its inculcatjust as they occur to us at the moment, are such as more readily present themselves to those who are "without," and are such as appear to be well worthy of study. If any of our readers should feel inclined to say that they owe us no thanks for pointing out to them points of superiority in another system, we shall be happy to afford to the same topic in correction of our own. We would also quote for their consideration the following extract from a volume of "Essays by members of the Free Church of Scotland:" " We much fear;" says the writer, " that the spirit of generous mutual appreciation we are speaking of, is yet lamentably deficient, even as between bodies who mutually recognize each other's such as "lay representation." The causes which standing as true branches of Christ's Catholic have made Methodism successful and useful are Church. Would not any proposed improvement not so recondite but they might be explored. We in administration or practice, be often less racannot at present enter very fully into the subject, ther than more likely to obtain a favorable conbearing upon its elucidation. The services which by experience in another. . . . . . The sure way the Methodist "class-leader" renders to the to defeat any project, otherwise apparently feascause are ordinarily far greater than are rendered lible, is to give it a bad name; and we fear it by elders in Presbyterian churches. By means must be admitted as a lamentable fact, that often of the class-meeting every member of the Meth-

The dead are the only people that never grow old. • • Your little brother or sister class meetings cannot be held at weekly or long- that died long ago remains in death and in remembrance the same young thing forever. It is fourteen years this evening since the writer's sister left this world. She was fifteen years old then. She is fifteen years old yet. I have grown old since then fourteen years, but she has never changed as they advanced; and if God spares me to fourscore, I never shall think of her as other than the youthful creature she faded. The other day, I listenpices of his church; he is made accountable for ed as a poor woman told of the death of her first-born child. He was two years old. She trict; he rises in the estimation of his brethren, had a small washing-green, across which was stretched a rope that came in the middle close Delegate and President, the highest executive to the ground. The boy was leaning on the Christ with that which He has ordained to con-Delegate and President, the light and President and Presiden which he increases the contributions to demoninational objects, adds to the membership of the
church, and otherwise consolidates its interests.

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The mother told me, and I believe truly, that whom his advancement depends. Thus power- she had never been the same person since then. lost. This will we do, God being our helper. voted and exemplary Christians of other churches; ful stimulants to activity are provided. Evan- She thought of her child as an infant of two gelistic fervor is, if possible, deepened by conyears yet; it is a little child she looks for to
should be channels for the living waters, and therhood, and honour Christ by proof of love to siderations of self-interest, to which no man can be wholly insensible. The superior officers of Methodism, the President, Co-Delegate, Chair- now. He died, and he is only two; he is two

Am I young? Does my blood course rapidly in my veins? Are all life's charms, and pleasures, and vanities before my vision? If so, nd ly in carrying out its policy and enforcing its regive mellesus. How superlatively beautiful is esprit du corps is equal to their own, and they are not averse to the aid of the ministers and Do hoary hairs cover my head? Am I certain and gone. O, Jesus, stand by me now! My me Jesus. At all times, and in all places, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus.

#### Religious Intelligence.

The Annual Address of the Conference to the Methodist Societies

DEAR BRETHREN,-We hasten with joy to ou in spirit, that we who have mourned together may now be " comforted, being knit togeuring the past year, to send His blessed Spirit have been engaged.

ince many things may lead to a rapid and untrength of a church is declining. Yet we cannot edifying. Let us " sing forth the honor of His e indifferent on this point; for, when the church name," and " make his praise glorious." has "rest,"—when the ministry of God's servants

of God. The Chris nanifest in clear tokens of the growth of spiri-

so many of these should have to struggle with

religious services of the last Conference have, we believe, produced fruit during the whole year. We have sought, from a deep conviction of our need, our Master's presence and power. His direction and blessing. And we have not sought in vain. We enter on a new year with a more sensible dependence on the power of the Holy Ghost, the great administrator of the Christian lispensation. We feel we are engaged in the nighest work assigned to men, and are under supreme responsibility to Christ our master. The success of the past year has given a new impulse to our faith. We are in earnest to win the world coor faith. We are in earnest to win the world cases, be tested by the recent movement of Brit-cast aside all jealousies and evil surmising, all ty, even the most eloquent and best adapted : Spirit has always honoured in the conversion of souls. From these all others are drawn; and moral dangers of our young men in this enterfear Him." we trust we shall continue to feed the Church of prise. They may mingle with men of the reaced for a nimited period in any particular io-cality, if he surpasses his predecessor, he rises; if he comes short of him, he sinks in the estimaback the wanderers; and to seek to save the Cultivate a catholic spirit, by uniting with de-

telligent and fervent spirit, and by Christian decorum. Let us caution you lest there be a church, or of obscuring your practical preference

tians, and the first Methodists, were eminently public meetings, committees, lectures, &c., should Ireland in the Summer of 1860. of these meetings in his own hand, or asking simple and fervent in the form and spirit of de- lessen your opportunities, or your desire, for our votion: and men were compelled to confess the more special means of instruction and edification, of the British Standard, on this subject: presence and power of God when they came into their assemblies. In order to preserve the gulations. Their argus-eyes take in the entire youthful piety! Am I middle aged, and the spirit of our devotions, we must carefully guard Others are not aware of the benefit of these peinterests of the body, and their Briarean hands head of a family? Give me Jesus. Surely I the form. The Methodists were from the because of the body, and their Briarean hands head of a family? Give me Jesus. Surely I the form. The Methodists were from the because of the body, and their Briarean hands head of a family? carry it into effect. They are respected and secneed him to assist me in setting an example beginning used to stand to sing the praises of God,
duty of Christian fellowship, but the blessed adunited prevents in the city of Dublin and its visini. onded by the preachers and missionaries whose fore my children. Without him I cannot train to kneel in prayer, and to sit to hear the word vantages of our form of communion. Methodists preached. We have been concerned to witness in some of our congregations a disposition to I cannot sojourn long in this vale of tears? O, depart from this fitting behaviour. Some, posgive me Jesus! Yes, I want him for a constant sibly strangers to our manner of worship, sit companion. The friends of my youth are dead during singing, especially where a hymn or chant occurs between prayer and reading the Scriptures feet are tottering on the brink of the river of This is a new thing, and looks lazy and indiffer- at first; but you would soon become reconciled Death. Jesus, stay and support me: accompany me to the other side: help me safely to my Fa- to leave this inspiring part of public worship to ther's house. Rich or poor, loved or hated, sick the choir, as if it were not congregational, and or well, learned or ignorant, give me Jesus. In might be left to those who are already too ant to times, we grieve to say it, very different with the Eastern city, on the Western prairies, give turn public praise to God into a professional performance. This would be a miserable substitute for the rich volume of congregational singing, which has been a glory to us and a rejoicing. It will much conduce to the edification we seek, if ployed, the danger of that miserable self-decepest evinced by the people, showed how cordially we maintain that severe simplicity of taste which distinguished our Founder, in the selection of our tunes, and in singing them with life and spirit. Mr. Wesley, however, lived long enough to have to complain of a departure from original lieves it is therefore well with himself. We en-Methodism both in respect to tune and time; and treat you first of all to care for your own piety prosperity to Zion; and they shall prosper who in his excellent "Directions for Congregational and safety. "Keep yourselves in the love of in love to her pray for her peace. too slow. This drawling way steals on all who safely, steadily, successfully. Do all things to tinues to average between three and four thou our Lord and Head, that it has pleased Him, are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from the glory of God, and work heartily for Him. sand on Tuesday, at night; and at noon it ceramong us, and sing all our tunes just as quick You are not at liberty to neglect or forsake His tainly exceeded two thousand the last day I was n rich measures upon the seed sown, and to as we did the first. Above all, sing spiritually. crown with large success the labours in which Have an eye to God in every word you sing. we and you, in our several spheres of holy toil, Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any in to set an example to other members of the officient proof of the special blessing of God; congregation; and we purpose ourselves to be greater is your influence, and the more valuable excited to attention; and sympathy in the move more exact and faithful in our endeavours to

> Let us beseech and persuade you, brethren, to argement. We record with humble joy an in- not consist in what is within only-in the joys of 516 members; and in Ireland, of 3,129; while but God; but in what is outward and manifest to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the the Gospel, but chiefly obedience to the law of Spirit remaineth among you : fear not." part of the fruitful blessing of God. The Christians; the proof of your present faith; and that we may be "filled with the Spirit," in all pied an hour. The prayer of the imprisoned savour of the knowlege of Christ" is made the measure of your future reward. Honour His gifts and graces, and that our labours among Apostle for the Eplassian believers served to We believe that Ministers and people were never that whether in your own or other denominations. prayer, and to the ministry of the word." We for believing importunity founded on the large

services of God's house, set a worthy example. to the right hand or to the left, but "look right The Sabbath is to be kept holy, and not to be on." Brethren, our calling is high and noble; support in secular reading or visits of pleasure; the world not not give glory to redeeming love. During the services, when the services in secular reading or visits of pleasure; the world not not give glory to redeeming love. During the services when the services in secular reading or visits of pleasure; the world not not give glory to redeeming love. but once on the Lord's-day. You constantly where, at home, abroad—in our cities, in our fore the engagements of the meeting terminated, where the villages,—the work of saving souls seems but many brief and appropriate prayers having been food graciously excites the appetite. They are just begun. We see the condition of our counmany brief and appropriate prayers having beer most precise to Sabbath services who are most the dense of scales of most negligent of Sabbath services who are most try, the danger of souls—a fearful sight, and frequently absent on week-evening. Your children and servants will be your imitators, and will plead your precise if it he on the side of those He has redeemed. We look upon the will plead your practice, if it be on the side of state of Christendom and of the world, and for these services and those at the Metropolitan

consistent piety. A devout attendance at the thren, let us be united in our several Circuits domestic altar will be a "rod of strength," in and Societies, in mutual love, and in combined your endeavours to order and save your families. action. Love will increase by cultivation, by Your power of family discipline may, in some ish patriotism in the formation of Volunteer Ri-

We are most anxious that all our ordinances so that you may the better love the whole bro-

particularly our week-night services, whether preaching, prayer-meetings, or class-meetings. trained to their use, feel that they only grow distasteful when they are most needed, to rouse ual strength. Their neglect would trouble you other service rendered to the church. And in whatever walk of usefulness you are thus em- ed by those who led the prayers, and the inter tion which supposes that labouring for others all sympathised with their Pastor in his aspiramay atone for the neglect of our own vineyard is tions for a revived and prosperous Church. increased by success. He who instrumentally When prayer is heard, and the promise has saves or blesses the souls of others, readily be- been fulfilled on which God's people have been Singing," he observes, "Take care you sing not God;" and this will enable you to work for Christ cause; and in that cause nothing is a substitute there. Special services are held in the same for personal service. No amount of counsel, or place on other evenings; and on Sunday afterother creature." We entreat our Societies here- empt you from personal service. You cannot sinners are invited to lay hold on the hope which buy yourself off; and the higher your station, the is in Jesus Christ, all classes of Protestants are

are your labours in stimulating others. Nothing ment prevails among multitudes. Arrangement healthy increase in this respect, while the real make our public worship solemn, spiritual, and will have a more direct and blessed tendency to were in progress to secure this hall for these improve all your graces than vigorous action in purposes during the whole year-till next Midtriving to save souls, and to promote the wel- summer; and wealthy friends had all but comfare of the church. Ours has ever been a work- pleted the requisite subscription in the week not hindered, nor the fruit of their labours set before yourselves the highest standard of ing church; and none are excused from meet la- which I last spent in Dublin. rested from them,—we ought to expect en- Christian holiness. Remember that holiness does bour. This secures the divine favour and blessing on each and all. "Yet now be strong, O Kingstown and at this hall from the 17th of Aurease during the year, in Great Britain, of 17,- religion, and the state of heart manifest to none Zerubabel, saith the Lord; and be strong O Jos- gust till the 21st. By arrangement with Mr. hua, son of Josedech, the High Priest; and be Smith, while he was returning from an engagethere are 30,892 persons on trial, seeking the full to men. Christianity is eminently a practical strong all we people of the land, saith the Lord, ment at Cavan, I consented to take the prelimiprivileges of membership. To Him who has religion. Your light is to shine-your salt to and work; for I am with you saith the Lord of nary service at twelve o'clock on Friday, the 17th. hus wrought for us, be the praise and glory. be savoury, and diffusive of good. Holiness is hosts. According to the word that I covenanted The congregation for attendance would in many Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us not merely the enjoyment of the consolations of with you when ye came out of Egypt, so My places be reckoned a good Sunday morning as savour of His knowledge by us in every place." the Gospel. It is the end of your calling and And now, dear brethren, we ask your constant was well filled. Devotional exercises, accom-But this large increase of numbers exhibits but conversion; the only consistency in professed prayers, that we may have uninterrupted peace, panied with a brief exposition of Scripture, occu-

church, generally, we have peace. Union of cially in your standard of commercial morality, ness, "to spread scriptural holiness through the abundantly above all that we ask or think acwatering places, whither so many thousands resort, and where many are disposed occasionally
to attend our ministry who will not hear us at
their own homes. Some of our people are also
directing their attention to the ordinary provision

Trade for neaven, sanctulying an
your gains by high principle continual prayer,
and a systematic beneficence; and so shall you
their own homes. Some of our people are also
directing their attention to the ordinary provision

These weekly visits to places
at a distance seem to be eminently blessed to
Christianity. We allow each other the latitude
and liberty we individually claim, without loss of
the mentioned that he In what are deemed innocent recreations, in age truth nor violate charity. We are of no parthe difficulties of a scanty income, and be op- the enjoyments of the table, and in all your sopressed with the cares of the world. Already cial intercourse, guard against the spirit and come down to the meanness and narrowness of that they may attend the Prayer-meetings in the some Circuits have made progress in these generous purposes; and the more comfortable mainand its utter disregard of religion. Especially lenance of their Ministers is a point determined in your observance of the Lord's-Day, and of the all, the enemies of none." We may not swerve meeting found relief from their guilty burdens services of God's house, set a worthy example. to the right hand or to the left, but "look right and their distressing fears, and were enabled to

religious indifference. Your greater power with them for good is drawn from the influence of the enemy soldiers should be united. Brechem to the soldiers should be united. Brechem to the computed them about fifty weekly, intercourse, by working together. Let us, then, intercourse, by working together. Let us, then, have, in all probability, been 2,000 persons who, recriminations and party spirit; and let us work

> pare its tribes to receive Thee. Hush the tu-Dublin and other places to attend the services at 1867. United Free Church Methodists, honour, and glory and blessing." Amen.

WILLIAM W. STAMP, President, JOHN FARRAR, Secretary. London, August 10, 1860.

THE IDLE CHKISTIAN.—To be idle is to

Notwithstanding the indifference or sceptical insinuations of men called Protestant, and Ministy held during each week; and almost every cal churches has greatly increased in numbers test of spiritual appetite, and the means of spirit-and intensity of devotion, and not a few parish week-evenings. I preached in a Presbyterian to their disuse, as you declined in fervour, and church on Sunday, August 19, morning and learned to put something else in the place of the evening, and the congregation manifested a corspirit and power of vital religion. Some of you dial sympathy in the most spiritual truths. In will be led to substitute diligent efforts on behalf the evening the Ministers presided at a protractsinners, or working religious institutions, or gregation remained for this service till after nine o'clock The earnestly devotional snirit display

> The attendance at the Metropolitan Hall cor bution, can ex- noon, when the Gospel is set forth, and guilty

sembly, and gradually it increased till the chapel manifest in clear tokens of the growth of spiri-tual power and Christian graces in our Societies. wealth, talent, office, or even usefulness,—and God: "We will give ourselves continually to grant supplicants; and an argument was urged diffidence, addressed me, and introduced two persons one of whom has just found to the coming year may be largely owned of suggest counsels suited to recent converts and with great diffidence, addressed me, and introduced two persons one of whom has just found to the coming year may be largely owned of suggest counsels. more united than at the present time. The "confusion" and "evil works" which result from "envy and strife" no longer harass us, or you will soon be conformed to the life of the present our people from receiving the tenth of the tenth our personal picty. Let us be "of one petitions with which the inspired dent on our personal picty. Let us be "of one mind and of one spirit, striving together for the works" which result that whether in your own or other-denominations. Keep broad and obvious your separation from description that whether in your own or other-denominations. For the work word." We for believing importunity founded on the large duced two persons, one of whom has just founded on the large for believing importunity founded on the large for believing importantion with which that prayer is closed, and the world in spirit, manners, and association; dent on our personal picty. Let us be "of one mind and of one spirit, striving together for the world." We for believing importunity founded on the large for believing importantions in the world. The world in spirit is a spirit founded on the large for believing importantions of the world. The world in spirit founded on the large for believing importantions of the world. The world in spirit founded on the large for believing importantions of the world. 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"Speak land;" and let nothing lead us away from the cording to the power that worketh in us—unto workmen have had the meet reward of their laevery man truth with his neighbour." Eschew duties of our high calling. Political strife is Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus practices of deception and injustice which may most unfriendly, if not fatal, to spiritual religion; throughout all ages, world without end." The Our general financial state is also matter of be excused before men by special pleading, but and contention about church matters is, perhaps, train of thought was found in delightful harthankfulness. Our funds are healthy and prosperous, and we have thus opportunity to extend trade beyond your means, or with fictitious capital day's service the children, who gathered on the day's service the children, who gathered on the their beneficial operations. Our faithful Trus- tal; never venture on great speculations in the importance and deep interest. But let us "for- was engaged on the previous evening, and he platform to receive their annual and special adtees, who nobly struggled with difficulties in hope of uncertain large profits. Renounce everyformer years, are in course of being freed from thing that has even the air of being selfish, mean, their conversative burdens. We trust seem to and unworthy of a Christian Let the moral restraint on the exercise of many of their conversative burdens. We trust seem to and unworthy of a Christian Let the moral restraint on the exercise of many of their conversative burdens. We trust seem to and unworthy of a Christian Let the moral restraint on the exercise of many of their conversative burdens. their oppressive burdens. We trust soon to have the means of affording the stimulus of public aid in improving the state and operations of Methodism in some of our sea-bathing and other watering places, whither so many thousands resort, and where many are disposed occasionally to attend our ministers who will not be stated for the association of the improvement of their oppressive burdens. We trust soon to have the means of affording the stimulus of public aid in improving the state and operations of Methodism in some of our sea-bathing and other watering places, whither so many thousands resort, and where many are disposed occasionally to attend our ministers who will not expedient; they might not expedient they are allowed the submitted, and unworthy of a Christian. Let the world our individual rights, in order that we may subject everything to Christ. We forego many the proceedings. Mr. Smith submitted, during the day more than forty letters in behalf found peace in believing, narrated scenes which had passed under his observation on the previous day, where he had addressed repeated assemblies of anxious and broken-hearted sinners, and had led them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a present and allowed them to Christ crucified as a p miles on the Tuesday and return the same day Metropolitan Hall. He also told of many others state of our Connection is to be attributed to the blessing of God in answer to the prayers of His but consecrated to God in worship, and in works

spent in secular reading or visits of pleasure; the world yet needs our full labour. Not one, but consecrated to God in worship, and in works

-the most influential, or the humblest and least written by persons deeply anxious for their own blessing of God in answer to the prayers of His blessing of God in answer to the prayers of His blessing of God in answer to the prayers of His blessing of God in answer to the prayers of His blessing of God in answer to the prayers of His people, and the efforts they have made to secure the success of their prayers.

The year was well begun. The solemn and The year was well begun. The solemn and The year was well begun. The solemn and Islander of God in worship, and in works of piety and mercy. Let it be seen that you have "another spirit" in you, and that you follow the Lord fully." Beware of the growing fashion of attending the sanctuary of God in worship, and in works of piety and mercy. Let it be seen that you have "another spirit" in you, and that you follow the Lord fully." Beware of the growing fashion of attending the sanctuary of God in worship, and in works of piety and mercy. Let it be seen that you gifted—not one of us, and no part of our service, can be spared. Much has alaeady been done for the evangelization of the world, and we have shared in these moral triumphs; but every-lave the pulpit of nearly a hundred young and the pulpit of nearly a hundred

from whatever motive, have implored the prayity, even the most eloquent and best adapted; and we adjure all the elements of mere popularity. We seek no new thing; but are resolved to stand in "the old paths." The truths we preach are chiefly those of experimental and practical are chiefly those of experimental and practical religion; those cardinal truths which the Holy Spirit has always honoured in the conversion of souls. From these all others are drawn; and souls. The strength of the kingdom. The for God as we never did before. Love is the strength of the church, and tells upon the world as no other power does or can tell upon it, test us seek the baptism of love; for "love is of religion; those cardinal truths which the Holy Spirit has always honoured in the conversion of religions these all others are drawn; and souls. From these all others are drawn; and souls. From these all others are drawn; and souls. From these all others are drawn; and souls. The providence to meet a national crisis. We thank God for continued peace, by whatever motive, nave implored the world as more recriminations and party spirit; and let us work for God as we never did before. Love is the strength of the church, and tells upon the world as no other power does or can tell upon it, Let us seek the baptism of love; for "love is of God." So shall we be for His praise; and "God shall bless us, and all the eads of the earth shall bless us, and all the eads of the earth shall fear Him."

Conference, Total number of Ministers, Total number of the church, and tells upon the world as no other power does or can tell upon it, Let us seek the baptism of love; for "love is of God." So shall we be for His praise; and "God shall bless us, and all the eads of the earth shall fear Him." Hasten, O Lord Jesus! the fulness of this of the children of men, while there is besides all usages, but differ from it in matters of Church these a leavening influence which pervades society government: blessed day. Shed the beams of Thy truth and in all its circles. I found on the rail, going and 1797. Methodist New Connexion; (say) 28,000

which, for sixty weeks, will number 3,000 letters

No doubt many have been written by the same

umberland-avenue, after spending the after- 1817. Primitive Wesleyans (in Ireland), ing, and men of all tongues shall sing, "Wor-noon in private converse with Mr. Smith, and thy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, receiving from him many details which enable and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and me to test the nature and progress of the work. Ministers in all these in 1859, onour, and glory and blessing." Amen.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conferbath service at eight o'clock. My expectations were this evening a little disappointed. A gen-tleman had persuaded Mr. Smith to postpose Total number of Methodists of all the usual service, that he might address the assembly on another subject, and I left him still Total number of Methodist Ministers, speaking, after he had occupied the attention of be the audience more than an hour. To my mind -not like Christ. "Wist ye not that I must be this was a convincing illustration of the wisdom

vices when the people specially assemble for prayer and addresses suited to convince, awaken

and direct anxious sinners.

The day following was spent at the Metropoli tan Hall, from twelve till four, and from eight to eleven o'clock. The attendance in the morning exceeded two thousand, and in the evening have reckoned them at more than three thou people. The only abatement I had of pleasure in this day's whole work grose from the low tone of voice in which two gentlemen offered prayer thousand persons present could not hear, and of devotion. I much regretted their feeblenes of utterance, for their language and spirit, their and would have been profitable to an audience otherwise greatly disappointed. Many went away with this feeling. In the audience I saw several clergymen and several England. I was gratified to see and hear the Rev. Mr. Harding, recently settled in the pulpi of the late excellent Rev. W. H. Cooper. He seemed to identify himself with the services. The same lively and joyous tones of praise, and prevailed in the worship as I had observed before; and I hailed with sincere pleasure many of the kind and loving helpers whom I had pre viously met in the hall. They expressed to me their unwearied sympathy and enjoyment in the services which they mingle in or render in for warding the good work. They continue their vatchful co-operation and personal intercourse with all whom they can discern as sorrow ful or solicitous, and are present for hours after the more public services have terminated; and, when it is desirable, they follow up inquiries and impressions by a prayerful correspo and sisterly council and solicitude

One lady mentioned to me that, prior to evere attack of indisposition, from which she seemed to have only partially recovered, she had enjoyed the satisfaction of knowing that the inquirers, in whom she had taken a personal interest, had all been made to rejoice in Christ as their Redeemer, and amongst them she had mani fest joy in including three sisters, whom she had singled out in my former visit as oppressed with fears of their hopelessly lost condition, and with one of whom I had conversed. The Christian which was given by an Apostle to some early and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. duced two persons, one of whom has just found read; and then the address, designed to suit such as had been called, but had refused, was delivered with great power and fervour.

## General Statistics of Methodism.

The following statement, the most comprehenive which we have lately seen, and probably ap-

"We find in the Irish Evangelist a general statistical view of Methodism, correcting somewhat late American statements of the kind, so far as they relate to British Methodism. With such corrections as we can give, the following tabular outlines are probably correct

I .- 1739. Parent Wesleyan Methodist Church Total number Church Members in England, Wales, and Scotland; at

ncrease in ditto this year. 15,469 19,731 3.060 63,406 1.436 1851. French Conference, 28.138 45.295 Canada Conference, Eastern British American Con 14.816 42,296

43,000 12,000

19.068

14,000

239,931

1,163

ncluding about 15,000 Lav Preachers branches in Great Britain and Ireland. 769,980

and probably about 60,000 Leaders