

increase in the membership for the quadrennium just closed stands thus,

Western Confs.....	24,700
Japan Conf., (3 years).....	268
Eastern Confs.....	1,856
	<u>26,824</u>

The International Missionary Union met in Conference at Clifton Springs. Rev. Dr. Sprague, who attended the Conference, sent a letter to the *Wesleyan* in which he says, "No speaker was more eagerly listened to than our own Dr. E. R. Young."

WESLEYAN METHODIST.

As these notes are being prepared for the press, our fathers in the parent Conference are meeting in the city of Birmingham. The retiring President, Rev. H. J. Pope, is justly pronounced by the editor of the *Wesleyan* as a great master of facts and figures. He (the President) says, in respect to the solid progress of Methodism,—"It had been said, with some degree of truth, that their fathers built chapels and left them to pay for them. This generation of Wesleyan Methodists had cleared off a debt of \$12,500,000 incurred by their forefathers, and in addition had raised \$45,000,000 for chapel building. The present debt on all Wesleyan property was only about \$4,000,000—just about one year's trust income."

The Southport Holiness Convention, which is held annually and is attended by Dr. E. Jenkins, and many others of all branches in Methodism, is doing much to keep the doctrine alive in the churches. The reports of the proceedings are always inspiring.

Rev. T. Cook visited Kent Town, Australia, and 390 persons entered the inquiry-room, and most of them professed to have found salvation.

During Dr. Stephenson's visit to America a reception was given him at Sherman House, Chicago, when a splendid collection was taken up for the Training School for home and foreign missions. One gentleman gave a plot of ground worth \$20,000,

and the subscription amounted to \$12,000.

THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

The Centenary Church, Dublin, was the place of meeting. Rev. H. J. Pope presided; he was accompanied from England by Revs. Dr. Rigg, F. W. Macdonald and S. Whitehead. Rev. R. C. Johnson was elected Secretary. The increase in the membership is 235, but 2,019 had been received. Three young men were ordained. These distinguished ministers, Revs. Dr. McKee, W. G. Price, W. Graham, and Geo. Allan, retire from the active work. Rev. W. Nicholas, M.A., D.D., was elected Vice-President.

A new central mission is proposed to be established at Londonderry; eight new churches, five new schools and three new manses have been built during the year.

A breakfast-meeting was held at Wesley College, when \$15,000 was subscribed to liquidate the debt.

Bishop Andrews and Rev. J. F. Berry, D.D., of the M. E. Church, attended Conference. The Bishop preached in the Centenary Church. They afterwards went to England. Bishop Andrews preached to a crowded congregation in Wesley's Chapel, London.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

The Conference was held at Longton. Rev. M. Bartram was elected President, and Rev. E. Holyoake, Secretary. Death had robbed the Church of two valuable ministers. No less than fourteen ministers of other denominations applied for admittance into the Conference; all were refused, as there was no room. Six young men were ordained, and eighteen others were continued on probation. The ordination service and the missionary meeting were both seasons of great enjoyment.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The Conference of this denomination met for the first time in the ancient city of Chester. Rev. John Wenn was elected President, Mr.