

had been added during the year, but five hundred and sixty-nine had been lost by death and other causes, so that the net increase was only four hundred and twenty. There are seven hundred and ninety-six teachers and six thousand and thirty-five Sunday-school scholars.

The Union is in hearty sympathy with other Churches which oppose Jesuit aggression and the liquor traffic.

WESLEYAN METHODIST.

The ordinary income of the Missionary Society is in advance of that of last year, but was not sufficient to meet the expenditure. Family offerings were made last Christmas amounting to more than \$20,000. The amount received from this and other sources has enabled the Committee to balance the accounts for the year, and reduce the debt; but there is still an encumbrance of \$45,000 resting upon the Society. If the income for the current year be brought up to \$550,000, there will be no further addition made to the debt.

A new church has been opened at Hatfield, where for many years the cause has been greatly hindered for want of a suitable place of worship.

Such is the growth of the Mission work under the superintendence of Rev. H. P. Hughes that it has been resolved to ask the Conference to appoint another minister to the mission.

The health of the Rev. Theophilus Woolmer, Book Steward, has so failed that he intends to retire from the Book Room at Conference.

A farm belonging to the Wesleyans at Cape of Good Hope is rich both in silver and gold, and it is stated that a portion of it will be sold for \$500,000.

Twenty years ago, the Rev. C. Garret attempted to establish a Band of Hope at a certain Sunday-school. He was unsuccessful, as the superintendent favoured moderation. One boy however, signed the pledge. The other day visiting that Circuit, he found the old superintendent a hopeless drunkard, able to take the

Bible from under the pillow of his dying daughter and to sell it for drink. The boy is now a circuit-steward and holds a high position in one of the largest cotton-mills in the country.

A new departure is being made in Leeds Methodism in the opening of Wesley House Association, designed to furnish rational recreation, as well as to promote the various forms of Christian work.

A new weekly British journal is to be commenced, edited by a layman, and to be called the *Methodist People*.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

Arrangements for the Conference which is to be held at Dudley have been completed. A Holiness Convention is to be held on the day preceding. Open-air services are to be held every day, both morning and evening in the market-place. Rev. J. Robinson, who has been twelve years in China, will be present, and give an account of the progress of Christianity in that country.

The Conference will consist of about one hundred and seventy-five ministers and laymen. The net increase in the membership of the Church is nearly four hundred. The profits of the Book Room exceed last year.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The Conference is to meet in Bradford. The large hall of the Technical College has been secured for the gathering. Over two hundred delegates have been elected to attend. Public meetings are to be held in Bradford, Bingley and Shipley Circuits. Services are planned in about twenty churches of other denominations.

The class-meeting question will be discussed; many wanted it to be regarded as a privilege, but not as a test of membership.

Several elections will take place, among others the Missionary Secretary, Governor of Elmfield College, and Principal of Manchester Theological Institute.