

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

Since the Conference of 1885 twenty-six ministers have died in England, the majority of them were superannuated, and their ages range between fifty and ninety. The average age was sixty-nine.

A movement is being actively carried, to erect a memorial church at Portrush, Ireland, to be associated with the name of Dr. Adam Clarke, the well-known commentator.

Quite a number of Wesleyans are members of the House of Commons during the present Parliament, one at least is the son of a Wesleyan minister; five persons belonging to other Methodist bodies have also been elected.

The jubilee of Methodism in South Australia is to be celebrated during the present year. The first sermon was preached on Kangawo Island, by Samuel East, in 1836, the first church was erected two years after. There are now in the Conference 336 churches and preaching places, 75 itinerant and 393 local preachers and about 19,000 Sunday-school scholars. It is proposed to raise a jubilee fund of \$300,000, which will be used to remove church debts, to make some provision for a theological training school and lay the foundation for a college for women.

In commemoration of the first jubilee of the introduction of Christianity into the Fiji Islands, which has just been held, an attractive volume was prepared by the Rev. James Calvert, for nearly forty years the devoted Wesleyan missionary among the Fijians. An edition of 3,000 will soon be distributed among the islanders.

It is gratifying to read of the aggressive movements of Methodism at Oxford, where some zealous young men have missioned several villages

with good results. Such enterprises are deserving of commendation and could be imitated with advantage by many nearer home.

We are gratified to find that a very kindly feeling prevails in many places among the different branches of the Methodist family. In some instances united Watch-Night services have been held. Ministers and laymen heartily co-operate at the anniversary and other services of the various denominations. Revivals are taking place among all the Methodist bodies.

We frequently hear of the intolerance of some High Church clergymen. It is therefore gratifying to record that recently two clergymen attended a Wesleyan public meeting. A lord of the manor was in the chair on the occasion; his lordship is also a Churchman. The Editor of the *Methodist Times* says that, "a little more Christian intercourse between Churchmen and Nonconformists would be an inestimable benefit to both sides."

A "wake" is held every year at Handsworth, near Richmond, Surrey. For several days the place is the scene of drunkenness and all kinds of wicked practices. About twenty students from the Wesleyan College undertook to conduct open-air worship during the continuance of the "wake." The appearance of the young men created quite a sensation. The singing of such well-known songs, "Tell me the old, old story," soon gathered a congregation. Brief prayers and short addresses followed each other. Next these young evangelists separated and went in companies of two each to talk to small groups that would listen. In this way they conversed with a great number of persons on spiritual things. Another service similar to