

## THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Methodist Church.—The Methodist Society was founded by the Rev. John Wesley, in 1739. The ministers are itinerant, three years being the longest period they can remain in one circuit under ordinary circumstances. One, two, or more are appointed to a Circuit, which comprises several Congregations; and they are assisted by lay preachers, leaders, and prayer leaders. Out of these, with representatives elected by the Societies, is formed the Leaders' meeting, at which the ministers attend, one of them, called the Superintendent, presiding; and this Board manages the affairs of the local Society. The Quarterly Meeting composed of the same officials, together with the Trustees, &c., manages the affairs of the Circuit. A number of circuits forms a District. The Conference meets annually, and is the supreme ecclesiastical court. The Wesleyan Methodist Church in the United Kingdom forms one Connexion, but with two Conferences, one for Great Britain, and the other for Ireland, the President of the British Conference being also President of the Irish, during its sessions. The duties of President are, in the interval, fulfilled by the Vice-President of the Irish Conference. The number of ministers in Great Britain is 2,520; in Ireland, 248. On Foreign Missionary Stations, 655. At the Census of 1911 the number of persons in Ireland who returned themselves as Methodists was 62,382. The Primitive Wesleyan Methodist Society, the Primitive Methodist Society (English), and the Methodist New Connexion are now united with the Wesleyan Methodist Society in Ireland forming the Methodist Church of Ireland. The latest statistics of Methodism throughout the world are as follows: Ministers, 55,063; Lay Preachers, 97,461; Church Members, 10,138,161; Sunday School Teachers, 918,604; Sunday School Scholars, 8,896,011. The total number of Methodists including members and adherents, is, at the lowest estimate, thirty millions.

The District Synods, preparatory to the ensuing Conference, will be held on Tuesday, 3rd May, 1921.

The Conference for 1921 will be held in Cork, commencing on Tuesday, the 14th June, at 10.0 a.m.

The Stationing Committee will meet on Monday, the 13th June, 1921, at 10.0 a.m.

APPOINTMENTS AT THE 151st (139th ANNUAL) CONFERENCE IN IRELAND, HELD IN DUBLIN, JUNE, 1920

The Rev. William T. A. Barber, M.A., D.D., President of the Conference.

The Rev. Henry Shire, Vice-President, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Rev. James M. Alley, Secretary, 2 Wellesley-terrace, Wellington-road, Cork.

## DUBLIN DISTRICT.

Dublin (Stephen's-green Central Church and Kingsland Park), Randall C. Phillips, Albert E. Carson, B.A. (Dolphin's Barn); James Oliver, Wm. Crawford, M.A., and Wm. B. Lumley (Kingsland Park) (Super-numeraries).

Wesley College, T. J. Irwin, D.LITT., Principal.  
Home Missions, Wm. R. Budd, General Secretary.  
General Mission, P. Ernest Donovan.

Dublin (Abbey-street) Alexander Cairns, Richard M. L. Waugh, B.A. (Clonliffe).

Dublin (Clontarf), Thomas E. Gibson; Supplies (Sutton).

Dublin (Central Mission, Sth. Gt. George's-st.), Lindsay H. Cullen.

Dublin (Rathmines), J. A. Duke, Ernest W. Young, M.A. (Rathgar); James C. Waugh (Super-numerary).

Dublin (Sandymount), C. H. Crookshank; Benson E. Gentleman (Ringsend); Wm. A. Bracken, Joseph W. R. Campbell, M.A., Charles A. Cronhelm, B.A. (Super-numeraries).

Dublin (Blackhall-place and Inchicore), Bertram C. Moran.

Garrison Chaplain, J. Dwyer Kelly, Assistant Principal Chaplain to the Forces.

Luan, Samuel T. Boyd, B.A. (Super-numerary).

Kingstown, John W. Carrothers, M.A., LL.D. (Blackrock), B. B. Morton (Kingstown), Alexander Egan (Dalkey), Henry Evans, D.D., and John E. Green (Blackrock), and Wm. Harpur, Alex. Fullerton (Dalkey), Hugh McGahie, Ed. De Courcy (Kingstown) (Super-numeraries).

Bray, Wm. S. Carey, B.A.; J. O. Park, B.A., D.D., (Super-numerary).

Drogheda, John Linahan; H. H. MacMahon (Super-numerary) (Skerries).

Wicklow and Rathdrum, Richard H. Ludlow; William M. Wilson; Hugh Moore (Rathdrum) (Super-numeraries).

Arklow and Gorey, George L. Webster, M.A.; John W. Johnston (Gorey).

Timahely and Newtownbarry, Thomas J. M'Cord; Frederick T. Parker (Newtownbarry).

Tullamore, William R. Martin.

Portlinton, J. W. B. Moore.

Athlone, Richard Green, Benjamin Northridge (Mullingar).

Curragh Camp, Wm. J. Robinson, B.A., Chaplain to the Forces.

Chaplain to the Forces not attached to Circuits:—Robert H. Spence, Wm. P. Moran, B.A.

Wm. R. Budd, Chairman of the District

C. Henry Crookshank, Secretary of the District Synod.

## II. WATERFORD DISTRICT.

Waterford, William H. Massey, Richard Little (Super-numerary) (Tramore).

Carlow, Wm. J. Young, John England (Athy).

Maryborough, Robt. Moore, B.A., Robt. G. McDonagh (Stradbally), R. C. P. Crawford (Mountmellick).

Wexford, Charles S. Greaves, Frank Bateman (Ennis-corthy), John Olliffe Price (Super-numerary).

New Ross, Supply.

Clonmel, Wm. S. Morris.

Abbeyleix, William T. Cairns, Albert E. Nelson, John Glass (Rathdowney).

Kilkenny, R. Wesley Oliver.

William H. Massy, Chairman of the District.  
Chas. S. Greaves, Secretary of the District Synod.

## III. CORK DISTRICT.

Cork, J. M. Alley, William J. Oliver, George Kell.

Passage West, Supply.

Queenstown, Berehaven, Glengarriffe Bay and the Shannon (Naval and Military Chaplain), Thomas Moran.

Bandon, J. H. Munro.

Dunmanway, Alfred Harbinson, B.A.

Clonakilty, John Woodrow, John J. Beacom (Ballineen).

Skibbereen, Wm. Clarke, Albert E. Glanville (Schull), George M. Fennell (Ballydehob).

Bantry, R. M'Cheyne Gilliland.

Youghal, Henry Shire, Hugh J. Ritchie (Dungarvan).

Tralee and Killarney, Bertram G. East, \* \* \* (Killarney).

Fernoy and Mallow, James D. Foster, M.A.

Kinsale, Ernest C. Gimblett.

Henry Shire, Chairman of the District.

William J. Oliver, Secretary of the District Synod.

## IV. LIMERICK DISTRICT.

Limerick, R. J. Elliott, B.A.

Roserea, William L. Coad.

Birr, Joseph Mathers, B.A.

Cloughjordan, Daniel B. Hewitt; John A. Poullicr (Borrisokane).

Adare and Rathkeale, John Cullen, Arthur I. Johnston.

Ballinasloe, Samuel J. Nabney.

Galway, Francis Moran, M.A.

John Cullen, Chairman of the District.

Joseph Mathers, B.A., Secretary of the District Synod.

## V. SLIGO DISTRICT.

Sligo, James Cathcart, Ernest Shaw.

Castlebar and Mayo Mission, Robert Haire.

Ballina, James A. Gordon.

Longford, George James.

Drumshambo, Henry G. Martin.

Manorhamilton, Charles F. Maguire.

Ballinamore and Newtowngre, W. H. Quinn.

Ballynate and Boyle, J. Arthur Hynes.

James Cathcart, Chairman of the District.

J. Arthur Hynes, Secretary of the District Synod.

## VI. ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

Enniskillen, Jones Whitla; Robert A. Knowles; James Bradshaw (Super-numerary).

Blacklion, Alexander Abraham.

Maguiresbridge, Edward White (Lisbellaw).

Brookeborough, Edward Bennett.

Fivemiletown, Charles Wilson, Thomas C. Elliott.

Irvinstown, William T. Denison, Samuel J. Leighton.

(Trillick).

Ballinamallard, William Moore.

Fintona, Thomas Moore.