

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, whose official designation is "The President of the Methodist Church in Ireland." The number of ministers in Great Britain is 2,523; in Ireland, 236. On Foreign Missionary Stations, 751. 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, 57,647; Lay Preachers, 95,695; Church Members, 10,690,701; Sunday School Teachers, 982,684; Sunday School Scholars, 10,386,134. 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, 28th April, 1925.

The Conference for 1925 will be held in Dublin, commencing on Tuesday, the 16th June, at 10.0 a.m.

The Stationing Committee will meet on Saturday, the 13th June, 1925, at 10.0 a.m.

APPOINTMENTS AT THE 155th (143rd ANNUAL) CONFERENCE, HELD IN CORK, JUNE, 1924.

The Rev. Ferrier Hulme, President of the Conference.

Rev. William Corrigan, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, Portadown.

Rev. Robert M. Ker, Secretary, Grosvenor Hall, Belfast.

DUBLIN DISTRICT.

Dublin (Stephen's-green Centenary Church and Kingsland Park), Wm. J. Oliver, B. Brooke Morton (Dolphin's Barn); Wm. B. Lumley (Kingsland Park); Wm. Crawford, M.A., and Joseph W. R. Campbell, M.A. (Supernumeraries).
 Wesley College, T. J. Irwin, D.LITT., Principal
 Home Missions, Wm. R. Budd, General Secretary.
 General Mission, P. Ernest Donovan.
 Dublin (Abbey-street and Blackhall-place) Herbert H. Cornish, Robert C. Roddie (Inchicore), John E. Glanville (Clonliffe); Samuel T. Boyd, B.A. (Lucan), (Supernumerary).
 Dublin (Clontarf), John W. Carrothers, M.A., LL.D.; Supplies (Sutton).
 Dublin (Central Mission, Sth. Gt. George's-st.), Lindsay H. Cullen.
 Dublin (Rathmines), James M. Alley; R. Lee Cole, M.A., B.D. (Rathgar); James C. Waugh, John Sanderson and Richard Green (Supernumeraries).
 Dublin (Sandymount), William L. Coade; Benson E. Gentleman (Ringsend), and Charles A. Cronhelm, B.A., (Supernumeraries).
 Kingstown, John A. Duke, B.A., Albert E. Carson, B.A. (Blackrock); Alexander Egan (Dalkey); Ed. de Courey (Kingstown); Wm. Harpur (Dalkey); John E. Green (Blackrock) (Supernumeraries).
 Bray, Wm. J. Christie; J. O. Park, B.A., D.D., and Hugh Moore (Greystones), (Supernumeraries).
 Drogheda, R. J. J. Teasey; Henry H. MacMahon (Supernumerary), (Skerries).
 Wicklow and Rathdrum, B. C. Moran, Henry Shire and John W. Johnston (Rathdrum), (Supernumeraries).
 Arklow and Gorey, Edward White (Gorey), Robert A. Knowles.
 Tinahely and Newtownbarry, Wm. T. Cairns, S. J. W. Nabney (Newtownbarry).
 Tullamore, J. A. Gordon.
 Portarlington, Albert E. Glanville.
 Athlone, William T. Clarke, Ballinasloe; Supplies.
 Army Work, J. Dwyer Kelly, Chaplain to the Forces, Egypt.
 James M. Alley, Chairman of the District.
 Herbert H. Cornish, Secretary of the District Synod.

II. WATERFORD DISTRICT.

Waterford, James H. Munro; Wm. J. Ewart (Dun-
 garvan).
 Carlow, Wm. H. Massey; Frank Bennett (Athy).
 Maryborough, James Johnston; Hugh J. Ritchie (Mountmellick).
 Wexford, Alfred Harbinson, B.A.; D. Hall Ludlow (Enniscorthy).
 New Ross, Supply.
 Clonmel, John A. Boullier.
 Abbeyleix, Richard H. Ludlow; Albert J. Patton.
 Kilkenny, Supply.
 William H. Massey, Chairman of the District.
 Alfred Harbinson, B.A., Secretary of the District Synod.

III. CORK DISTRICT.

Cork, William Corrigan, William W. Hutchinson.
 Hill.
 Passage West, Supply.
 Mallow, Supply.
 Queenstown, Berehaven (Naval and Military Chaplain), Thomas Moran.
 Bandon, William Moore.
 Dunmanway, Henry G. Martin.
 Clonakilty, Edward Bennett; Frank McIvor (Ballineen).
 Skibbereen, James D. Foster, M.A. (Supernumerary); Charles F. Maguire (Schull); (Ballydehob).
 Bantry, Wm. Buchanan.
 Youghal, Robert J. Elliott, B.A.
 Tralee and Killarney, George A. Joynt, M.A.
 Killarney, Supply.
 Kinsale, John Woodrow.
 William Corrigan, President, Chairman of the District.
 William W. Hutchinson, Secretary of the District Synod.

IV. LIMERICK DISTRICT.

Limerick, C. Henry Crookshank.
 Roserea, John England.
 Birr, William S. Morris.
 Cloughjordan and Borrisokane, Robert Moore, B.A.
 Adare and Rathkeale, J. Arthur Hynes (Rathkeale); William H. Green, B.COMM.
 Galway, Percy S. Shipway.
 C. H. Crookshank, Chairman of the District.
 Robert Moore, M.A., Secretary of the District Synod.

V. SLIGO DISTRICT.

Sligo, Samuel G. McIntyre, Robert Greer.
 Castlebar and Mayo Mission, Robert J. Black.
 Ballina, Ernest Shaw.
 Longford, R. McCheyne Gilliland.
 Drumshambo and Boyle, J. W. Norcott, B.A.
 Manorhamilton, F. Astbury Hanna.
 Ballinamore and Newtowngore, W. J. Woods.
 Ballymote, Thomas M. Edwards.
 Samuel G. McIntyre, Chairman of the District.
 F. Astbury Hanna, Secretary of the District Synod.

VI. ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

Enniskillen, Ed. Whittaker; Robert McVeigh.
 James Bradshaw (Supernumerary).
 Blacklion, Thomas, C. Elliott.
 Maguirebridge, Wm. T. Dennison (Lisbellaw).
 Brookborough, Thomas Moore.
 Fivemiletown, Francis J. Johnston; Thomas McCracken.
 Irvinestown, John Montgomery; D. Wesley Morrow (Trillick).
 Ballinamallard, William Caldwell.
 Fintona, John Coulter.