

effective was Mr. Tucker's appeal that, upon the conclusion of his speech, the Lord Bishop of Quebec asked permission to make a few remarks, and stated that if Dr. Davidson would consent to receive subscriptions for the special Chinese work mentioned by Mr. Tucker, he was sure the amount could be raised, and he, then and there, offered his own subscription of \$50 per annum for three years. Since the meeting another subscription of \$5 has been received from a young lady working in an office in Montreal, who was present and deeply touched by Mr. Tucker's appeal. Two other sums of \$2 and \$1 respectively were given by persons present at the meeting and it is understood that one subscription of \$25 for three years, and another of \$10 for a like period will be made. This work amongst the Chinese in our own land and at our own doors would appear to be one of primary importance, and which ought not to be neglected, and any subscriptions, large or small, for this purpose may be sent to the address, Dr. Davidson, Q.C., 181 St. James St., Montreal, who has been authorized to receive subscriptions for this purpose in behalf of the Diocese of New Westminster, all of which will be acknowledged in the columns of this MAGAZINE.

The music at this meeting was furnished by the surplised choir of the church of St. James the Apostle under the direction of its able organist, Mr. Reyner.

It has been said as an excuse for lack of interest on the part of Church people generally in missionary work that the appeals were indefinite and that no particular instances were given where assistance was required. We do not admit that this claim is well founded, inasmuch as in almost every number of the Magazine will be found particular instances of special wants. This excuse, however, cannot prevail at the present time, for our readers will find a number of appeals in behalf of *particular named* work, and as arising from the meetings of the Board and Woman's Auxiliary. Mr. Waller pleads for assistance for a hospital in Japan; Miss Paterson pathetically appeals for *immediate* help that the work which she has so well undertaken may not prove a failure; Mr. Tucker pleads for the present needs of the new Dioceses of the Diocese of New Westminster in regard to which it appears to be a case of 'now or never,' and also for the Chinese work in that Diocese. A pleasing instance in connection with the Board meeting, was the announcement of a gift of \$100 from a lady in Hamilton, (if we remember correctly) for one year with a prospect of the gift being continued for three years for *some special work* under direction of the Board, and which sum was applied towards a missionary in the Kootenay.

The Bishop of Algoma pleads—and his appeal is supported by evidence of increased contributions on the part of the people themselves—for continued help in his Diocesan work and there would appear to be no lack of opportunities for any who really desire to assist the missionary cause and the work under the control of the Board of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Another pleasing incident in connection with the last meeting of the Board was the reception and reading of an Address from the native Christians of the Nippon Seikokwai at Nagano and Matsumoto, in which they express their thanks to the Board for having sent out Mr. Waller and Mr. Kennedy, adding, "Though it is only four or five years since then, by the earnest efforts of these two missionaries, the work at both Nagano and Matsumoto as well as at their out stations, has made significant progress, and an abundant ingathering is expected in the near future. Besides, at Nagano a beautiful Church was lately built and consecrated. This is indeed attributed to the never-tiring endeavours of Mr. Waller and the liberality of those kind brothers and sisters in Canada, which fact we shall never forget but shall tell to our children and grandchildren about." The address which is dated July 20th last past was signed by the following: "Masazo Kakuzen, J. Isao Mizuno, Paul H. Okugawa, Stephen S. Imaki, Sutejiro Soga, Tomihachiro Usui, Seishiro Ushiyama, Fudekichi Shiba, Kikutaro Takenouchi, Ewataro Kawarago, Ryohei Tanaka, Hikotaro Takahashi."

In an able article contributed to the *Church Standard*, of Philadelphia, by the Rev. L. B. Ridgely upon Missionary work, Parish work and Seminary training, the writer insists upon the necessity for making a thorough study of the whole subject of missions a part of every seminary course. He says: "Finally, no seminary course is complete without a thorough study of the whole subject of missions. The history of the missions of the Church, the men who have led them, the methods adopted, the success attending, the failures following, the work to-day being done, the fields in which it is being done, the people among whom it is being done,"—all these are to be studied.

Comparative religion will be a help to this. The study of history leads to it, and embraces it, in part; but it logically belongs to the department of Pastoral Theology, because it is the study of the field in which the Christian faith is to be planted and the peoples upon which it is to be engrafted.

Without such a study of missions the whole outlook of the Christian mind becomes narrow.