

THROUGH the exertions of Rev. Dr. Cartwright, rector of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, a missionary conference was held recently in that town. It began on Tuesday evening, Oct. 17th, by divine service in the church, at which the Bishop of Nova Scotia preached. The conference began on Wednesday, and concluded on Thursday evening. A number of useful subjects were introduced and discussed. The Bishop of Algoma was present, and preached at the closing service. It is to be hoped that other conferences of the same kind will be held at other Church centres. Such gatherings must help materially in arousing and strengthening the missionary spirit.

WE have received a copy of a Japanese newspaper, *The Kob. Herald*, an evening journal printed in English. It seems to be an expensive journal as well—subscription \$24 a year, postage extra. It has an abundant supply of advertisements, some of them signed by Japanese names, but most of them apparently English. The familiar "Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada—head office, Montreal"—meets the eye. The paper gives an account of the laying of the corner stone of an Anglican church, St. Michael's, "at the corner of Nakayamate dori, Rokuchome." It seems natural, after such words, that the next sentence should read as it does, "Some of those invited had a little difficulty in finding the place." We are told that the bulk of the funds for this church was contributed in England, by foreigners (Europeans) in Japan, and by a bazaar, which realized \$737. Japanese friends themselves subscribed \$137. "Church notices" are given—two Church of England, one "Catholic," and one "Union Congregation service."

THE Church people in England seem to depend almost entirely upon endowments for the payment of clerical stipends. The consequence is, owing to shrinkage from investments, alarming distress among hundreds of deserving clergy. Why cannot congregations pay their clergy in rich old England as they do in the United States, and, as a rule, here? The ordinary English Churchman seems to expect to live on what his ancestors did for him. A better education would be to teach him to pay for his own Church privileges himself. The work in this country goes on slowly because Churchmen think that they must have endowments for the bishops. How much more slowly would it have moved if the same rule had applied to the support of the clergy! In most cases congregations are abundantly able to provide stipends for their clergy, and where this is done there is a more liberal spirit in the whole parish than in those cases—happily few with us—where the rector enjoys an endow-

ment. The enjoyment, however, is usually with the congregation, who speedily learn not to give when the necessity for doing so is not apparent—a lesson which is hurtful to them and Church work generally in many ways. The extraordinary success that Methodists and other religious bodies have had is largely due to the fact that they have been thrown entirely upon their own resources, and have had to pay for everything. Our own Church in the United States is having a phenomenal growth from the same necessity. It is a great question whether the few parochial endowments we have in this country have been a benefit to the Church or not. In places where there is no endowment, or where it is small, there is usually a better spirit among the people, and a more vigorous Church work done.

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—II. Cor. v. 14.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF GENERAL OFFICERS.

(Continued.)

The corresponding secretary reports that, in accordance with instructions received at the last triennial meeting, letters of condolence, enclosing the resolutions passed at the meeting, were sent to Mrs. Medley, wife of the late metropolitan; Mrs. Williams, wife of the late bishop of Quebec; and to Mrs. Cummings, diocesan secretary of Toronto. Most appreciative answers were received from all three.

The question of the incorporation of the W.A. was laid before the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Board, whose learned counsel replied that it was not advisable until the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society itself was incorporated, but that the matter was then before the Board, and when the act for the society was drawn up the W. A. would be included.

The request of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Board for an increase from \$900 to \$1,080 for the salary of the lady missionary to Japan was laid before the six dioceses, five of whom responded most heartily.

Since the last triennial meeting, Miss Sherlock has resigned, and Miss Jennie Smith has taken her place. Miss Smith left for Japan in May last, and letters have been received from her showing that she is taking hold of the work with intelligence and enthusiasm. Much correspondence has been carried on with the various dioceses and mission fields of labor.

Invitations were received from the following organizations, viz.: The Woman's Committee