

"ONE CENT A DAY."

ONE cent a day the Master asks
From every true disciple a hand;
One cent a day to tell his love
And teach his word in foreign lands.

One cent a day to place a jar
The gates of mercy high and broad,
One cent a day to spread afar
The knowledge of our risen Lord.

One cent a day may send a blaze
Of Gospel light o'er India's plains;
One cent a day may free a race
For ages bound by error's chains.

One cent a day; from China's shore
We catch the cry and hear the plea;
One cent a day a few years more,
And struggling China shall be free.

One cent a day may wake the note
Of Zion's song in fair Japan,
One cent a day, O blessed Christ,
May tell of all thy love to man.

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Pleasant Hours:

A PAPER FOR OUR YOUNG FOLK. Rev. W. H. WITHROW, D.D., Editor.

TORONTO, NOVEMBER 27, 1886.

\$250,000 FOR MISSIONS For the Year 1887.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

INFORMATION FOR THE PEOPLE.

The first Methodist Missionary Society in Canada was organized in 1824. At that time two or three men were trying to reach scattered bands of Indians in Ontario.

There are now about 500 persons engaged in the work of the Society as Missionaries, Teachers, Native Agents, and Interpreters; and the income of the Society for 1885-6 was \$190,000.

1. DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—These are among English-speaking people, chiefly in the newer settlements of the

old provinces, and in the North-West, British Columbia, and Newfoundland.

2. INDIAN MISSIONS.—These are, with one exception, in the Province of Ontario, the North-West, and British Columbia. They are 38 in number, with 37 Missionaries, 17 Native Assistants, 25 Teachers, 11 Interpreters; total, 90. The membership is 4,037. About 12,000 Indians are under our care.

3. FRENCH MISSIONS.—These are nearly all in the Province of Quebec, among people speaking the French tongue. The work is peculiarly trying and difficult, but not without many encouraging signs. Missionaries, 12; Missionaries, 11; Assistants, 2; Teachers, 3, total, 16. The present membership is 405. Now is the time of sowing. "In due season we shall reap if we faint not."

4. CHINESE MISSIONS.—In the spring of 1885 a mission was begun among the Chinese of Victoria, B.C. There is now a school for men, where the attendance ranges from 40 to 100. The religious services are crowded, and already fifteen adults have been baptized; while others are under instruction with a view to the same solemn ordinance.

5. JAPAN MISSION.—This mission was begun in 1873, and has been successful from the beginning. In that important empire we have now 11 Mission Stations, 16 Missionaries (of whom 9 are natives), 15 Native Assistants, and a membership of 591. One of the most important agencies in this mission is the College in Tokyo, which was opened near the end of 1884, and is now crowded to its utmost capacity with a promising class of students.

SPECIAL OBJECTS.

In addition to the ordinary mission work of the Church, there are certain special objects, the support of which has not been assumed by the General Board, but which are commended to the liberal aid of those to whom the Lord has given the silver and the gold.

1. CROSBY GIRLS' HOME.—This is an institution at Port Simpson, B.C., into which are received a certain number of Indian girls, who are trained in habits of neatness, industry and thrift, under careful Christian oversight. A grant in aid is made annually by the Women's Missionary Society; but when enlarged accommodation is needed (and this will be soon) special donations will be very acceptable.

2. THE MISSION YACHT "GLAD TIDINGS."—This staunch little craft is doing grand work on the Pacific Coast. The cost was over \$7,000, which has nearly all been met from private contributions, except \$500 granted by the General Board. But as the cost of running the little steamer exceeds what she can earn when not engaged in mission work, voluntary contributions for maintenance will still be in order.

3. CHINESE MISSION BUILDINGS.—To make our Chinese work in Victoria permanent, buildings are necessary; but the Board cannot provide these out of the regular fund. Authority has therefore been given to the General Secretary to receive special contributions for the above purpose. For such an enterprise as this a few hundred dollars will not suffice. Good

solid contributions are needed; but "every little helps."

4. THE MACDOUGALL ORPHANAGE.—This institution is located at Morley, N.W.T. Indian youth of both sexes (chiefly orphans) are received, and, besides school instruction, are taught various useful employments. A grant in aid of this deserving work is made by the Women's Missionary Society, and application has been made to the Dominion Government for a grant of land as a site for an Industrial Farm. Donations of money, clothing, or materials for the same, will always be welcome, and may be sent to the Mission Rooms, Toronto.

5. FRENCH METHODIST INSTITUTE.—The French people must be reached chiefly through the young; and to reach the latter an educational institution seems to be a necessity. A Boys' Institute was organized some time ago in connection with the First French Church in Montreal, and a grant in aid is made from the General Fund. Latterly a Girls' Institute has been organized, under the direction of the Women's Missionary Society, with promise of good results.

Contributions in aid of any of the foregoing objects may be sent direct to the Mission Rooms.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1885-6.

Table showing Income: Subscriptions and Collections, Juvenile Offerings, Legacies, etc., totaling \$189,754.96.

Table showing Expenditure: Domestic Work, Indian Work, French Work, etc., totaling \$184,948.84.

Summary table showing Net Ordinary Expenditure, Surplus to be applied toward reduction of debt, and Net indebtedness, say \$14,000.00.

HANDSOME CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

The Boy's Book of Sports, and Out-door Life. Edited by MAURICE THOMPSON. Small 4to, pp. 352. New York: The Century Co. Price \$2.50.

This is a book that will delight every healthy boy's heart. It is full of breezy out-of-door adventure. One may almost smell the forest fragrance and feel the breezes blow as he turns its pages.

graphy, etc. "Believing in the maxim," says the editor, "that good boys make good men," he has tried to put into this book the helpfulness of a cheerful spirit and the freshness and purity of an out-door atmosphere, so that those who read may feel the influence of wind and sun and water, of woods and of birds. Boys will learn not a little of natural history from its pages. As to the engravings it is only necessary to say that they are from that prince of juvenile monthlies—St. Nicholas Magazine.

Baby World. Stories, Rhymes, and Pictures for Little Folks. Compiled from St. Nicholas, by Mary Mapee Dodge. 4to, pp. 303. New York: Century Co. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Thank God for childhood! It keeps even the old heart fresh, and makes it renew its youth again. Christ continually sets the little child in the midst to teach us every new lesson of purity, docility, and innocence. Some of the best talent in the world is devoted to the instruction and delight of childhood. A notable example is the volume before us. It is the handsomest holiday book for the very little folk that we have seen. It contains over 300 of the pictures most adapted for childhood, selected from the last seven annual volumes of St. Nicholas. It will make the eyes of the little folks sparkle. The pictures are, for the most part, the sort that tell their own story. They are quite an education, in the Kindergarten way, of the unfolding infant mind, cultivating the powers of observation, the sense of the beautiful, and the humorous. The stories and rhymes will have to be read over, we venture to say, scores of times to eager little curly heads. The pictures of child-life are really charming, and will beguile many an otherwise weary hour. The book, in paper, binding, and presswork, is every way worthy of the far-famed Century press.

"Quit Your Meanness." Sermons and Sayings of the Rev. Sam P. Jones, with introduction by Wm. Leftwich, D.D. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Subscription Edition. Price \$2.00.

Not since the days of Whitefield, we think, has there arisen a preacher who can so gain the ear of the masses and can so keep the attention of vast multitudes night after night and week after week. In this volume the marked characteristics of the Rev. Sam Jones' wonderful dissections of character and appeals to conscience are clearly shown. In quaint humour, in shrewd sense, in touching pathos, in aphoristic wisdom, we know no sermons to compare with them. The book is sure to have a large sale. It is elegantly printed and bound, has a fine steel portrait of Sam Jones and a good woodcut of his fellow-labourer Sam Small, with other engravings and a life-sketch of the great Georgia evangelist. The popular interest in these sermons is extraordinary. During the Chicago meetings great newspapers leased special telegraph wires to report them, and were amply recouped for the large expense by the increased circulation of their periodicals. This is the authorized edition, to an interest in which Sam Jones says he has as much right as to the coat on his back.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of \$2 from "A Friend," for Mr. Crosby's mission yacht, Glad Tidings.