

Toronto East District has declined \$510.72, it includes within its bounds the banner church—Sherbourne Street—which leads the Connexion at present in missionary givings.

The three Maritime Conferences are behind somewhat, as follows: Newfoundland, \$21.31; New Brunswick, \$88.51; Nova Scotia, \$204.43. Considering the poverty of vast numbers of the people, Newfoundland has done well to so nearly hold its own. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick work against odds, in the removal of so many of their young people; still the former Conference nearly holds its own in membership, while the latter shows an increase. We suspect the Sustentation Fund has had some effect on missionary givings.

Lastly, there is the Manitoba and British Columbia Conferences, retrograding by \$1,306.51 and \$1,292.19 respectively. As regards Manitoba and the North-West, the people during the past year have put forth a splendid effort in behalf of Wesley College, and although we regret the decline in missionary givings, we sympathize with the grand enthusiasm of the people in their college enterprise. In British Columbia three causes have operated: the collapse of a "land boom," the establishment of a college, and special efforts on behalf of the Sustentation Fund. For this Fund the sum of \$1,023.25 was raised, exclusively to supplement the stipends of missionaries. This has afforded a little temporary relief, but the corresponding decline in missionary givings leaves just so much less for the General Board as a basis of distribution for the coming year. In regard to the duty of the hour, we refer our readers to another article in this number.

The Campaign for 1893-94—An Appeal.

WE have elsewhere announced the fact, by no means agreeable, of a heavy falling off in the income of the Society for the past year, as compared with the preceding one. Out of this arises a question which we would fain press with all earnestness on the conscience of every Methodist: WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? To sit down disheartened would be cowardly; to be satisfied with the present state of affairs would be unwise; to say that we cannot do better would be untrue; to take a desponding view of the future would argue culpable lack of faith. There is but one course to take: face the emergency with a good courage; confess our unfaithfulness before God; inscribe on our banners, "THAT QUARTER MILLION MUST BE RAISED!" and then in the strength of the Lord go forth to the grandest and most inspiring missionary campaign ever conducted in the history of our Church.

Such a campaign is no hap-hazard affair. It cannot organize itself. We must plan, *plan*, PLAN, as well as pray. Let the District Meetings take it up, and sound the key-note, planning for a vigorous campaign; let Quarterly Meetings and Missionary Committees take it up, talk about it, pray about it, and organize for a thorough canvas of every circuit and

mission; let Epworth Leagues and Societies of Christian Endeavor take it up, and throw into the movement their young enthusiasm and power for work; let every pastor take it up, as though the whole matter depended upon him alone. Don't leave it to the great men and the rich churches. "What is everybody's business is nobody's." If you leave it to others, it will not be done at all. We need co-operation, and it will greatly aid if all concerned will take prompt action and send us word. From every quarter—from District Meetings, Quarterly Meetings, pastors—let us have resolutions, suggestions, promises of help. We will send these forth again through our connexional papers, and they will greatly stimulate others.

Presidents of Annual Conferences, what do *you* say? Will you endorse the appeal, and send it ringing through your conferences? Chairmen of Districts, what do *you* say? Will you organize your districts for the campaign? Pastors and preachers, what do *you* say? Will you sound the note in your congregations, and by sermons and exhortations, prayers and admonitions, seek to rouse your people to a noble enthusiasm in this glorious cause?

Men, women and young people of Methodism! will you all respond to the voices of your pastors, and of those charged with the weighty responsibility of administering the missionary affairs of the Church, saying, "We are with you in this matter; the quarter million line *must* be reached!" If such is your determination, *say so*. Put yourselves in communication with the Mission Rooms. Write words of cheer that will encourage others. We shall look for a thousand letters of this sort within the next month, and if you will emphasize your words by special gifts to the missionary treasury, so much the better, only do not let these interfere with your regular givings, except to increase them.

The object of this brief appeal can hardly be misunderstood. We are aiming a blow at the monster of *Apathy*, which clasps the Church in its deadly folds. Some will say, the Church is not apathetic in regard to missions. Perhaps not; but there is often an *appearance* of apathy that is almost as harmful as if it were real. Let us shake ourselves free from it forever. Do no say, by and by, "There were so many better able than I to write, and speak, and give, that I thought it unnecessary for me to do anything."

"Evil is wrought by want of *thought*,
More than by want of *heart*."

Let it not be so in your case.

A Missionary Sunday.

A PROPOSAL comes from the World's Missionary Congress that Sunday, Oct. 1st, be observed as Missionary Sunday throughout the world. This is well. The multiplication of Christian agencies in recent times, each calling—almost clamoring—for the attention of the Churches, has created a real danger that strength and resources may be frittered away, and that in trying to do too many things at once, none of them will be done well. In order to avoid con-