

halls and rooms attended by 112,000 persons, and 150 open-air services at which were 17,000 persons present. Several thousand copies of illustrated publications and tracts had been distributed, and a large number of persons had been induced to attend places of worship.

In London there are 12,000 cabmen for whose special benefit a mission has been established. A building has been erected in a suitable locality for public worship and social meetings. The missionary says that more than 1,000 of the cabmen have become total abstainers, and are now useful members of Christian churches. A Sunday-school is established; the services on the Sabbath and during the week are well attended. During the summer, open-air services are held and thousands of tracts and sheet hymns are distributed.

An underground church has been constructed in London to accommodate the crowded fishing population in one quarter of the city. It is built underground because land is so dear, and will cost \$40,000. The floor is thirty feet below the street level.

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Great efforts are being made in all the Conferences to increase the missionary income. We are glad that in some places, at least, there is an increase, but not in proportion to the requirements of the case. The Committee or Consultation and Finance have, however, resolved to send an additional missionary to Japan. It is to be regretted, that seeing our Church was the first to enter Japan, we are now the weakest in that empire. It has occurred to us, and we believe to many others, that some missions should be compelled to assume an independent position. Some who read the *Missionary Report* very carefully have said, that in some instances at least, too much expense is incurred in connection with missionary deputations. A writer in

one of the weekly journals suggests that for some years to come, care will be requisite about taking candidates into the ministry; and urges the Stationing Committee to avoid removing ministers great distances, as not only great inconvenience but expense is incurred both by circuits and ministers.

It is gratifying to find that in all the Conferences there are so many new churches being erected. The President of the London Conference, Rev. J. A. Williams, has been described as "ubiquitous," and is reported to have dedicated six churches, costing \$31,000, in a few weeks. In the Montreal Conference there has been great activity in the same department. In Kingston District alone, thirteen churches have recently been erected, at an aggregate cost of \$45,000; so that nearly every neighbourhood possesses its substantial and comfortable sanctuary. A church in the city of Montreal, bearing the honoured name of "Douglas," in honour of Rev. Dr. Douglas, and another in Guelph, are perhaps the most costly edifices which have been dedicated since our last issue. Rev. Dr. Ives, from New York, was present at both dedications, as also at the opening of new churches at Brampton and Paris, where large sums were raised and the churches left free of debt. This gentleman is famed for his financial skill, and has been set apart to this especial work.

St. Catharines has had to bear a calamity in the loss of a beautiful church by fire, but the friends are exerting themselves to recover the loss. Carlton Street friends, Toronto, have built a handsome Sabbath-school hall, which will be dedicated by the time our readers peruse these lines. They are also making additions to their church. Of all the cities in the West, London appears to be the most active in church enterprise. May their zeal inspire others. In Woodstock, Port Hope and Whitby, sanctuaries of great beauty and taste are in course of erection.