

October to June will be neglected. They will not be gathered in respect of their temporary winter habitations around the little church building, in which their children can be assembled for daily instruction and the people generally for instruction and worship. The services of the valuable Missionary, Mr. Rogers, will be lost—the Mission paid most of his expenses from England, and he is pledged to a continuance of three years—and it will be difficult to find a successor. Indeed if they are recalled it is apparent that it involves an abandonment of the Mission. What is to be done? All that has come into the treasury from the churches in Montreal, and Sunday schools, and from Sunday schools elsewhere and contributors, amounts in the last year from August to August to \$180. The Missionaries' salaries are \$400 per annum, and the supplies cost a year about \$300. The American Seamen's Friend Society give \$100. A sum of \$300 sent immediately would enable us to go on through the winter in faith that other monies would be forthcoming. The question is put with much anxiety, yet not without hope.

The Treasurer is Mrs. Wilkes, 249 Mountain Street, Montreal.

Montreal, Sept. 19th, 1884.

The above appeal reached Toronto too late for the September issue. But decision as to the continuance of work during the winter was absolutely necessary before the end of the month. With an entirely empty treasury and some indebtedness to the missionaries, it was nevertheless resolved to go on in faith. The supplies will be sent, usually costing some \$240. Since this decision \$12 has been received from Edgar Sunday school, and \$50 from the Newburyport Ladies' Bethel Society. This last mentioned sum added to a previous \$30 is for the new Mission Boat, the *Elizabeth Jones*, which has been in use all summer. It will be seen that the need of further help is clamant. Address Mrs. Wilkes, Treasurer, 249 Mountain Street, Montreal.

Official Notices.

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

This Association will hold its semi-annual meeting in the Congregational Church, Wingham, Oct. 21st and 22nd. Opening service at 3.30 p. m. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. H. Hughes, of Paris, on Tuesday evening, which will be followed by the Communion service. Rev. J. Morton will "review" Drummond's "Natural Law in the Spiritual World." Rev. C. L. Ross will read a paper on "Certain Features of Scottish Religious Life and Character." The following subjects will be "discussed" and the discussions opened as follows: "Special services;

their place, and how best to conduct them?" by Rev. Dr. Gunner. "How best to develop the religious life of young Christians?" by Rev. George Fuller. "Missions; and how best to interest our churches in them?" by Rev. Mr. Hunter. "What is to be done with church-members who are too modest, or too fond of their ease to engage in active Christian work?" by Rev. J. R. Black. An *evangelistic service* will be held on Wednesday evening when fifteen-minute addresses will be delivered as follows: "The sinner's need of Christ," by Rev. W. Wetherald. "The sinner's need of decision for Christ," by Rev. J. Morton. "The Christian's consecration to Christ," by Rev. W. H. Allworth. "Full assurance of hope in Christ," by Rev. D. McGregor.

Ministers and delegates are requested to forward their names without delay to Mr. John Ritchie, Wingham, Ontario.

Arrangement has been made with the Grand Trunk Railway, by which those attending the meeting can procure "round-trip tickets to Wingham, at one first class fare and a third," on "presenting at the starting point certificates signed" by me, as Secretary. Tickets good for a week.

Churches, according to resolution, are kindly requested to defray such travelling expenses.

D. MCGREGOR, Secretary.

Guelph, Sept. 19th, 1884.

EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

This Association will meet, D. V., in Kingston, on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 28th and 29th, commencing at nine a.m., on Tuesday; and it is hoped there will be a full attendance of all the members. The following is the programme of exercises adopted at the last meeting:—1. A paper by Rev. A. L. McFadyen on, The Baptism of Power in Our Churches Needed for More Efficient Service. 2. An exposition of scripture, by Rev. W. Way. 3. A paper by Rev. A. Pedley, on The Present State of Unbelief. 4. A review of Max Müller's Work. What we can learn from India, by Rev. W. Stacey.

B. W. DAY, Secretary.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION MEETING IN PINE GROVE, OCT. 14 AND 15, 1884.

Tuesday Afternoon.—2 to 2.30 p.m., Business. 2.30 to 3.30, Local Mission works of our churches. 3.30 to 5, "Present Temperance Reform and Our Relation to It, Specially in Regard to the Scott Act," J. I. Hindley, M. A.

Evening.—Devotion meeting presided over by the pastor, (W. H. Way,) with reports from the brethren of the work of Christ in our churches.

Wednesday Morning.—9 to 10, Business. 10 to 11,