

an increase of about 90 members last year, and an increase of 142 this year, making now a total membership of 2,268 in Japan. In many places the contributions of the people have increased in spite of the war.

The people are now more open to the teaching of the Bible and the old dislike to Christianity so often manifested in indifference and opposition is dying out. The native workers are filled with zeal and the work is full of promise.

Some time ago all our property in the West China Mission was destroyed by violent mobs, and our missionaries barely escaped with their lives. Punishment has been meted out to some of those who stirred up the raging mobs, our losses in property have been restored and our missionaries, with strong trust in God and love for the heathen, have returned to their dangerous posts. Eight converts have since been baptized and many probationers enrolled. They especially need your prayers and practical sympathy.

The work amongst the Chinese in British Columbia is going on slowly but is accomplishing much good.

"Come over and help us!"

INDIAN AND FRENCH WORK.

I commend to your sympathy the Indian and French Work. On the Indian Missions in all the Canadian Conferences there is a membership of about 5,000. The hospitals for sick Indians in British Columbia and the missionary boat *Glad Tidings*, which carries your workers from place to place, are great helps in the work. The Epworth Leagues and Sunday-schools are also rendering valuable assistance. The missionaries speak of those who have died, as dying happy in the Lord.

Our work amongst the French goes on slowly. A few are letting go the superstitions of the Catholic Church, but as separation from it means separation from friends and boycotting in business, not very many have the courage to publicly accept Christ. We ask you to specially pray for this trying work and to

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STATISTICS.

I am not a figure-head but I want to get some figures into your heads and hearts. Our Missionary Society employs 606 workers of all kinds on 508 missions, with a total membership of 48,319. The amount of money received from all the Conferences last year was \$185,486.53. This Toronto Conference gave \$34,929.26, and this Church gave \$..... The scholars of the Sunday-schools collected, or gave, \$21,805.78. Let us all study, pray and give more to this great missionary cause, and these amounts will be greatly increased next year.

R. N. BURNS, B.A.

Organization of the Bradford District.

THE Bradford District was organized last summer ('96) by the Rev. Messrs. Daniel Norman, W. E. Baker, and Dr. R. W. Large, assisted in some cases by Rev. Mr. Takagi, from Japan. These gentlemen visited almost every League and Young People's Society of the Methodist Church in the District, presenting the aims of the "Young People's Forward Movement for Missions," and urging the use of the *Cycle of Prayer and Pledge Book*, and advocating the two-cents-a-week plan. They also circulated campaign literature and sold many missionary books.

At the Fall District Meeting, held in Tottenham last

year, an enthusiastic League convention was held, addresses being given by some of the above-named workers. A resolution was passed, and the names of some of the eligible young men were forwarded to the General Missionary Board as being suitable persons to represent the Bradford young people in the Foreign Field.

When the Executive Committee of the General Mission Board met, and the names of all the men who were willing to take work in "the regions beyond" were submitted, it was thought best to send Rev. Daniel Norman, B.A., he being one of three whose names were sent by the Bradford District, as the representative of the Bradford District in Japan. The selecting of one of the three men suggested by the Leaguers of the Bradford District is a sign of the unanimity existing between the General Board and the Young People's campaign movement. Rev. Daniel Norman, B.A., left for Vancouver, en route for Japan, on the 3rd of September, and expected to reach Japan about the end of the same month. Let us offer special prayer for Brother Norman that he may be instrumental in leading multitudes to Christ.

H. I.

Constitution of the Systematic Beneficence Society of the — Church.

NAME.

1. The name of the organization shall be "The Systematic Beneficence Society of the — Church."

OBJECTS.

2. The objects of this society shall be to greatly increase the interest throughout our Church and congregation in the study of Systematic Beneficence as set forth in the Old and New Testament Scriptures, to circulate literature on the subject as opportunity may afford, to hold public meetings for the discussion of this question, and to influence as many as possible to give at least one-tenth of their income to the cause of God in its various departments, leaving each one to judge for himself as to the manner in which the Lord's tenth shall be apportioned to the various claims of the Church.

MEMBERSHIP.

3. All who devote at least one-tenth of their income to the cause of God, shall be eligible for membership in this Society.

OFFICERS.

4. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

MEETINGS.

5. A public meeting shall be held once a quarter, on the first Wednesday in October, January, April and July, in connection with the regular mid-week prayer-meeting, at which scriptural expositions on the consecration of property and appropriate readings may be given. The night of the meetings may be changed should occasion require. The officers of the Society, together with pastor of the church, shall be an executive committee to provide the programmes for the public meetings. Special public and other meetings may be arranged for at the discretion of the Executive.

ELECTIONS.

6. The officers of the Society shall be elected annually at the regular meeting in October. Vacancies may be filled at any regular meeting of the Society.