

selves chiefly by looking round the city, being kindly escorted by their hosts and other friends.

RECEPTION SERVICE.

At seven o'clock in the evening a reception service, given by the Methodist Churches of this city, was held in grace church. The united Young People's Associations entertained the delegates and visitors with a fruit social, in which great enterprise was blended with charming taste. The large lecture room was brilliantly decorated with bunting and banners, mottoes and flags, fruits and flowers, while the sainted names of distinguished missionaries—such as Cope, Evans, Wood, Losee, Rundle, Ryerson, the McDougalls, and others—graced the walls. After two hours of greeting and feasting, the Rev. T. Argue, President of the Manitoba and North-West Conference, opened the reception service in the spacious audience-room of the church, where fully fifteen hundred people assembled. After the singing of the first hymn, the Rev. G. Webber offered an earnest prayer that the blessing of God might richly fall upon the Church of Christ everywhere. The President, on behalf of the Conference, extended a hearty welcome to the members of the General Board and the visitors who accompanied them. Mr. R. P. Roblin, M.P.P., in a speech of much power, spoke of this great country and the duty of the Church in relation thereto. Responses were given to the addresses of welcome by the J. A. Williams, D.D.; Mr. J. E. Irvine, of St. John, N.B.; the Rev. Dr. Potts, D.D.; Mr. J. E. Peters, a member of the House of Assembly, St. John's, Newfoundland; the Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D.; the Rev. S. F. Huestis, of Halifax; and Rev. T. G. Williams, of Montreal. All the addresses sparkled with good humor, and breathed a spirit of rich appreciation of the hearty welcome given. The united choirs of the Methodist churches rendered several anthems with excellent effect, the "Gloria" from Mozart's Twelfth Mass being specially grand. The leading singers of each choir distinguished themselves in solos, trios and quartettes, drawing from one of the speakers the remark that better singing could scarcely be met with anywhere, not even in the Metropolitan. The reception service strikingly illustrated the liberal hospitality of western life, and was unique in the fact that it was the first time the Board had assembled in Winnipeg, and also the first occasion when such a reception had been extended to the members of the General Board of Missions. After the closing hymn had been sung, the Rev. A. Carman, D.D., pronounced the benediction, and the congregation dispersed at 11 p.m.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

On Tuesday evening the annual meeting of the Missionary Society attracted a large congregation,

members having come from the surrounding towns and country circuits, to be present at this most interesting gathering. After the opening hymn, the Rev. G. R. Sanderson, D.D., of Sarnia, offered prayer. The Rev. Dr. Sutherland apologized for the absence of Lieutenant-Governor, who had unexpectedly been called away from the city, and introduced the Rev. Dr. Williams to preside over the meeting. The chairman referred to the advancement of Christ's kingdom, through the agency of the Methodist Church, and urged afresh the motto of the Missionary Society—"A quarter of a million for missions, and a revival in every congregation."

REPORT.

The Rev. Dr. Shaw read an abstract of the annual report, which was concise and full of interest. The increase of membership for the entire Church last year was over 10,000, a fair proportion of which had been obtained on mission fields. The advance in missionary money was gratifying, but it was very inadequate for the needs of the work, and greatly below the amount which the Church, with its increased wealth, is able to give. The manifold operations of the Society are marked by encouraging success.

JAPAN.

The reports from Japan fully justify the policy of the Church in regard to that interesting field, whose opening doors and whitening harvest cry loudly for reapers to gather the sheaves of golden grain into the Master's garner. The numerical gain is 497 in a district comprising but 10 missions, 24 missionaries, 11 native assistants, 6 teachers, and 1,283 members. One encouraging feature is the rapid advancement of the native churches toward self-support. Shidzuoka has already declared her independence, and retired from the list of missions, expressing thankfulness for the aid given by the Society.

THE CHINESE WORK

In Victoria has been hedged round with great difficulties, but God's blessing on the efforts put forth has resulted in fair success. A Girl's Rescue Home will soon be erected, and when ready for use will be largely sustained by the Woman's Missionary Society. New Westminster has a school on week-nights and a Sunday-school, which the Chinaman appreciate so much that already they contribute toward the support of these and other schools.

THE INDIAN WORK

Is producing grand spiritual results, and while some of the missions may appear slow in developing self-reliance, yet signs are not wanting that the leaven of the gospel is working gradually towards a civilization, in which the ancient independent spirit of the Indians,