

Editorial and Contributed.

Editorial Notes.

OUR readers will peruse with mournful interest the letters on another page detailing the tragic death of the Rev. Edward Eves, Missionary at Norway House. His sun has gone down while it is yet noon, and from the midst of labor he has been suddenly called to rest. But God makes no mistakes, and though he buries his workmen the work goes on.

RETURNS of missionary income are not yet complete, but enough has been received to show that while the income from regular sources will be about the same as last year, there will be, as was anticipated, a heavy decrease in legacies, hence the gross income will be considerably less than in 1891-2. Legacies are an uncertain source of income, and the decrease will excite no surprise; but that the income from ordinary sources should have held its own in a year of wide-spread business stagnation and low prices, is matter for thankfulness.

WANTED, a man prepared by training, sympathy, and, above all, by spiritual insight, to write a commentary on the Acts of the Apostles from the standpoint of missions. It is a missionary book from beginning to end; contains the great underlying principles, and teaches the true methods of missionary work, and gives a condensed but inspiring history of missionary effort in apostolic times. A commentary by one in full sympathy with his theme would be an inspiration to the Church of to-day.

Missionary Map of Japan.

PREVIOUS to his return from Japan the Rev. J. W. Saunby prepared a couple of maps of the country one on a very large scale for lecture purposes, showing the work of all Missionary Societies throughout the Empire, the other smaller, showing the missions of the various Methodist bodies, namely, Methodist Episcopal (North and South), and the Canadian Methodist; also the work of our Woman's Missionary Society. This smaller map has been neatly lithographed by Rolph, Smith & Co., of this city, and will be on sale in a few days at the mission rooms. The size is about 40 x 40 inches, and the outlines, names of provinces, cities, etc., are very distinct. The names of places occupied by our Society are printed in red, with a black star to indicate the places occupied by the Woman's Society. The Committee of Finance at its recent session approved of the map and commended it for general circulation. It will be a valuable acquisition in Sunday Schools, ministers' libraries, and the homes of the people generally, and cannot fail to stir up increased interest in our Japan work. Prices are as follows:

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| No. 1. Paper, unvarnished, post-paid | 60c. |
| 2. Mounted for folding, and varnished (convenient for ministers), post-paid . . . | \$1.00 |
| 3. Mounted, with rollers and varnished (expressage extra) | 1.25 |

No. 3 can be sent only by express. As a wall map it is better than the other styles. The prices above quoted are only a very little above cost for the whole edition, and it is hoped that orders will come in promptly. Address,

THE GENERAL SECRETARY,
Methodist Mission Rooms,
Toronto.

Death of the Rev. Edward Eves.

VARIED, indeed, in tone and contents, are the letters that reach the Mission Room, in ever-increasing numbers, from all parts of the field. Many are confined to business affairs—chiefly financial—yet these at times afford glimpses of the inside of missionary life that are often pathetic and always instructive. Some are the outpourings of a missionary's heart, telling of his joys and sorrows, failures and successes. Others are veritable bulletins from men in the thick of the fight, telling how goes the battle, and what brave men have fallen. Of the latter character is the following telegram from the Chairman of the Winnipeg District, just after our last number was printed:

WINNIPEG, *Man.*, July 6, 1893.

To REV. A. SUTHERLAND, *Wesley Buildings, Toronto.*

Rev. Edward Eves, of Norway House, was drowned 6th June.

J. SEMMENS.

No room for sentiment or even for particulars in a ten-word dispatch; but what pages of tragedy and pathetic home sorrow one may read between the lines! Particulars were sure to come by mail, and these were not long delayed. A few days later a brief letter from the Chairman, with enclosed documents, gave the desired information:

WINNIPEG, *Man.*, July 7, 1893.

DEAR DR. SUTHERLAND,—You will receive by this letter an account of the death of poor Eves of Norway House. I also send for your information a copy of an affidavit, made before a J.P. for Keewatin, concerning the same matter. It is needless for me to say anything, as the facts speak for themselves. They leave little room to doubt that the risk taken was too great. Fraternal yours,

JOHN SEMMENS.

Of the documents referred to by Mr. Semmens, the first is a letter from Mr. W. H. Fry, Mission School teacher at Cross Lake:

NORWAY HOUSE, *June 19th, 1893.*

DEAR BROTHER,—I am sure you will be surprised to hear of the fatal accident that happened Bro. Eves. He came to Cross Lake, May 31, and brought two men to cut lumber for the church. He could not get any bacon for the men, so he thought of trying to get some sturgeon. I was unable to have school on account of the children being ill with measles, so Bro. Eves asked me to accompany him, which I did. We left Cross Lake on the 6th June, and went north in the direction of White Mud Falls. I never saw Bro. Eves in better spirits than he was that morning. Each of us had our own canoe and an Indian. When we came to the first rapid we all got out and examined the river. Bro. Eves and myself agreed to run our canoes over. Our guide told us not to try, but we thought it was all right. We went out to the centre of the stream, and Bro. Eves said, "We had better go back." I agreed to this, and we paddled back to shore. Just before we landed, Bro. Eves said, "We can run down this side all right; there is nothing to hurt us there." So down we went. When we got to the foot of the rapid