

at large. We beg to assure these beloved brethren that they will be followed by our earnest prayers and best wishes, and we trust and pray that they, and those members of their families who accompany them, may arrive safely in their chosen field of labor, and that they may be eminently successful in the noble work to which they have devoted their lives.

The mover and seconder spoke briefly but appropriately in support of the resolution, which was cordially and unanimously adopted. The spirit of the meeting was admirable, and was emphasized by a collection of \$112 for the China work.

#### MISSIONARY DAY AT GRIMSBY PARK.

WHILE enjoying the quiet and restful shade of the grove at Grimsby, visitors have every opportunity to cultivate and strengthen all Christian graces; and while the cooling breezes from the lake invigorate and build up the system, in the Temple where the great congregation gathers daily, the soul is oft refreshed with breezes from the better land. Among many other remarks of the Rev. Sam. Jones, whose visit here will long be remembered, was one which particularly arrested our attention: "God's ultimate object in our salvation is to get *help* to save mankind." God needs *my* help in this great work. Though through the instrumentality of the Spirit and the Word men have sometimes been led to a saving knowledge of the truth, comparatively few have been saved otherwise than through man's instrumentality. This being the case, it is eminently suitable that where so many Christian people gather, and so many meetings are held, one day should be devoted to enkindling missionary enthusiasm, and considering this great work of the evangelization of the dark corners of the earth. I would respectfully suggest to the management of the Park, that "Missionary Day" be an annual occasion, and that the day be fixed at such a time that large numbers will come under the influence of the meetings. I believe that a strong missionary programme would "draw." It was evident from the deep interest evinced by the many hundreds of people who listened to the missionary addresses on Thursday, August 6th, that the influence of the day will be far-reaching. Let all our brethren in the ministry remember that there is nothing like bringing this great theme before our people time after time. It is strange that thousands of congregations do not hear a single earnest, practical talk on this all-important theme once in twelve months, while they hear subjects that we may call of ordinary, or even of secondary, importance spoken on fifty times. We have all read the story of the man to whose house guests came unexpectedly at night. Rising, he went to his neighbor's, and knocking and asking a loan of bread, received the reply, "Oh, don't

trouble me at this time of night; I'm in bed and the children are all asleep," and he turns over to compose himself to sleep again; but that troublesome neighbor keeps knocking, and the sleepy man says to himself, "I see its no use, he'll wake up the whole neighborhood soon, I may as well give him what he wants." If only all our ministers would keep knocking at the door along missionary lines, even the selfish, dwarfed church members, who call themselves Christians, would be aroused to do something through their importunity; and this year should be memorable in Canadian Methodism as the great missionary year, the year when our Chinese mission was started, and when the coffers of the Society were so filled that they had an opportunity to begin operations on a scale more worthy of our great Church. We ought to have, and I believe we shall have, a great missionary revival this year. Oh! let us pray for it. Let the meeting at Grimsby Camp be the key-note of all the meetings that shall be held. Earnest, sensible, practical missionary talks, dealing with the main question, "How far can I imitate the Great Example in sacrificing self for my brethren?"

Dr. O. L. Kilborn, B.A., M.D., was the first speaker for the day. A consecrated layman, who gives up golden opportunities in his own land that he may heal both the bodies and souls of his less favored brothers in China. By means of maps and charts he showed that Christians have as yet but touched the hem of the heathen world. He gave an interesting sketch of the plan on which he and his medical co-laborers propose to work—opening a hospital in the interior of China and reaching the soul through doing good to the body.

The Rev. G. Hartwell, B.A., B.D., another of the missionaries-elect to China, also addressed the morning gathering, showing the obstacles in the way of mission work, which God in His providence has rolled away for us, and pointing out the stones which we ourselves must roll away, or be held guilty at God's bar.

In the afternoon, D. W. Stevenson, M.D., was the first speaker. Like a good Methodist, he told us some of his experience, and there was no mistaking the sentiments of the audience when he said he considered it an honor to refuse \$1,500 a year in a hospital here and accept a salary of \$500 in China, that he might save some soul from death. He said it was his ambition to be carried to the grave by Chinese who should declare, "I owe my conversion, under God, to him." All true hearts at home will pray that that day be long distant; that the lives of these four dear brethren who are just leaving us for China be precious in His sight, who says, "Lo, I am with you always."

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