

MISSIONARY ADVANCE.

The Chicago Interior prints the following on this subject:

The leaders of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, in view of their attempt to force up at a great single leap the giving of Protestant churches to the foreign missionary enterprise, are naturally much concerned to see if the returns of the various boards and societies will show visible results from their strenuous "booming." They have therefore been waiting eagerly for the yearly computation made by the Missionary Review of the World to show the combined contributions of Protestant Christians for the foreign cause. And the appearance of those figures as published in the January issue of the magazine, it is a pleasure to say, brings to the men thus interested great joy and gratitude. The movement is beyond question having effected. The increase of missionary giving last year over the year previous amounted in all the world to \$1,767,000, lifting the grand total from \$22,846,000 to \$24,613,000. And what particularly demonstrates the influence of the Laymen's Movement is the fact that the United States and Canada, the principal scenes of its operation, furnish 71 per cent. of the world's increase, although the missionary giving of these two countries is but about 46 per cent. of what Christendom gives. Canada and the United States advanced from \$10,061,000 to \$11,317,000—which is more than twice the gain of any single year before. The number of missionaries on the field has, by virtue of this increase, been enlarged within the year by 1,653 effective workers. The increase of converts has been record-breaking, amounting to a weekly addition of 2,600 persons to the communicant rolls of mission stations straight through the year. If in this addition all persons were counted who have expressed in public a desire to be known as Christians, the accessions of the year on mission fields would run near to 600,000.

A MAP OF CANADA IN STAINED GLASS.

An excellent specimen of the stained glassworkers' handicraft is afforded by a novel map that has been prepared for the west-end office of the Grand Trunk Railway System on Cockspur street, London, S.W. On a solid sheet of glass 1 1/2 inches thick, measuring 12 feet in length and 6 feet broad, a faithful reproduction of the map of the Dominion of Canada has been executed. The names of places in great numbers, the rivers, the lakes, and the mountains are clearly shown, while the distinctive colors for the various provinces comprising the Dominion and adjacent territories of the United States have been burned in to ensure fixity. Stretching across the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific may be easily followed the route of Canada's all-rail route, the Grand Trunk Pacific, by means of which millions of square miles of new grain-producing territory are being opened up to the settler. The work not only affords a graphic idea of the vastness of the great Dominion, but also gives an impressive idea of this 3,600 miles of new road. The preparation of this map was a delicate task, since it is the largest piece of ceramic work that has ever been attempted. It required the combined services of eight expert operators continuously for five months, and it is one of the most costly reproductions of a map that has ever been undertaken. In its manufacture the great difficulty was to obtain a result which would be quite legible in daylight, and which would yet be sufficiently transparent to allow of illumination by means of twenty-four 25-candle power lamps by night. The delicate blending of the various tints, the definition of the finest hair-like lines, and the distinctness of the names render it a work of artistic and educational value. Owing to its fragile character and large size, combined with its great weight of one ton three hundredweights, its transport from Birmingham, where it was manufactured, to London had to be carried out by special means.—"Canada," London, Dec. 4, 1909.

SPARKS FROM OTHER ANVILS.

Michigan. Presbyterians.—No minister can do his best work if he has to work his brain every day over the problem of meeting the family expenses. Nor is it to the honor of the church that a minister should ever be in want of even the bare necessities.

The Interior.—"Nothing is more depressing and enfeebling than to cherish a complaining spirit, or to dislike people and things; while to hate anything and anybody is positively exhausting. Love of people, love of life, love of work, love of common things is the best, the only true inspiration of a happy and satisfying life."

Cumberland Presbyterian: The man to be envied is the young, hardy preacher, without too heavy family cares, who is ready to be thrown to the front—the light-armed soldier, ready for orders on the instant. His bread shall be given him; he shall plant and water, the Lord giving the increase, where no man has been before him.

Christian Guardian:—Words have magic power. They can soothe the restless heart, and cause the sufferer to half-forget his pain. They can flood the dungeons of Giant Despair with light and hope. They can check the flying forces of the vanquished, and cause them to reform and make another stand. They can so inspire the despirited as to send the men that were almost conquered back again to assured victory. And they can point the way to a better land, and lift men's thoughts from food and raiment to the land where pain and sorrow, hunger and cold, weariness and loneliness, exist only as memories.

Herald and Presbyter: Baptists expend too much energy in trying to disprove infant baptism and to make uncomfortable those who have been scripturally baptized. A long article this week in a paper of that denomination urges those who "have never received anything that ought to be considered as Christian baptism" to "arise and be baptized." As it is only by Christian charity that immersion is to be regarded as baptism, and as Presbyterians have too much Christian courtesy to try to disturb Baptists in their views or to urge them to be rebaptized on entering their Church, this sort of an appeal from a Baptist minister grates harshly on the feelings.

Lutheran Observer: The Church may and ought to vindicate marriage as a divine institution which contemplates a life-long and indissoluble relationship. She can and must reiterate the woes that fall on society and on individuals when the awful sanctions with which God has surrounded the institution are set at naught and men undertake to put asunder what the Almighty has joined together. And especially must she warn against the light and easy assumption of the marriage vows. Nothing could be more shocking than the levity and irreverence with which they are frequently taken, as though they were the preface to a brief diverting comedy and not the formal and solemn union of a man and woman which, in the divine intention, is to last until death shall them part. "Not by any to be entered into unadvisedly, or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly and in the fear of the Lord"—this admonition of her marriage service the Church needs to enforce by every power at her command.

TRAINING MODERN MECHANICS.

Just as Canada is a great melting pot for the making of men, taking in the raw aliens, immigrants, and moulding them into Canadian citizens, so have the big railway shops become training schools for boys. The boy just out of school, who becomes an apprentice in a railway shop, is, within a very short time, turned out an intelligent useful citizen, capable of earning good wages in any country.

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REV. C. A. TANNER.

At Windsor Mills, on Saturday, occurred the death of Rev. C. A. Tanner, minister of the Presbyterian church at that place Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and father of Rev. J. U. Tanner, of Lancaster, Rev. W. P. Tanner, of Dundee, Que., Dr. C. A. H. Tanner, Windsor Mills, Que. He is also survived by his widow, formerly Miss Jane Shaw, of Montreal, E. Tanner, manager Eastern Township Bank, Actonville, and two daughters, Mrs. Budden, of Niagara Falls, Ont., and Miss Jennie Tanner, at home. Deceased was educated at Queen's University, Kingston, and after his ordination in 1869, became minister of St. John's French Presbyterian church, Montreal, subsequently accepted the principalship of the Point Aux Trembles Institute, leaving there later to take charge of the Presbyterian church in Sherbrooke, Que. He was also for some time principal of St. Francis College, Kingston, Que. He was a member, and had been chairman, of the Board of French evangelization, in which work he always took a deep interest. Last April he was elected moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, which met in Calvin church, Pembroke. Mr. Tanner was an able preacher, a good organizer, never sparing himself in the work of the Presbyterian church. His genial manner, unaffected kindness of heart and willingness to aid whenever aid was needed, will not soon be forgotten.

About one hundred members attended the annual meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial W. F. M. Society last week in St. Andrew's church, Smith's Falls. On Tuesday afternoon there was a short devotional meeting at four o'clock; and in the evening a public meeting was held and addresses were given by the president, Mrs. E. W. Mackay, and Miss Macmurchy, of Toronto. Greetings were tendered by the other women's missionary societies of the town. On Wednesday morning the business session was held, and in the afternoon reports were received from the different societies in the district, and an address given by Miss Hardman, of India. In view of the discussion regarding the reorganization of the society into provincial boards, which was held at the general meeting of the society held in Ottawa last year, the following resolution was passed: Resolved, that the members of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial of the W. F. M. Society, assembled in St. Andrew's church, Smith's Falls, January 18 and 19, 1910, are in favor of the proposed reorganization of the W.F.M.S. into provincial boards each Presbyterial society having representation on the provincial board and each provincial board having equal representation on the Dominion board. A resolution was also passed endorsing the resolution of the general meeting of the W.F.M.S. held in Ottawa last year that during the present year the society be empowered to receive such organizations as may be desirous of becoming associated members of the W.F.M.S., and that this resolution be embodied in the constitution of the society. The following are the officers for the current year: President, Mrs. A. Greenhill, Smith's Falls; first vice-president, Mrs. R. Ross, Pembroke; second vice-president, Mrs. C. Simpson, White Lake; third vice-president, Mrs. Young, Pakenham; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Riddell, Perth; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. C. Wilson, Renfrew; recording secretary, Mrs. W. C. Irving, Pembroke; secretary mission band, Miss Beatty, Pembroke; treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Greig, Almonte. In the evening Rev. W. Knox, of Pembroke, conveyed greetings from the Presbyterial, and another address was given by Miss Hardman. A question drawer was conducted by Mrs. Greenhill at this session. It was agreed that the next meeting of the society would be held in Calvin church, Pembroke, in response to a cordial invitation from the auxiliary in that town.