

nearly forty. The connexional funds are all in advance of last year. The people are kind and willing to do their best to support the cause of Christ among them.

A. L. ADAM.

Wilkesport (London Conference)—Another year is gone, and though we have not been as successful as we could have wished, still we thank God for blessings received, and take courage to labor on at His command. We have spent about \$137 in church improvement, we are also building a new parsonage, to cost \$625, of which about \$400 is already on hand or subscribed. Our mission is weak and will need help for years, unless some changes are made in the work; but it is in such a position that as a church we must stand by it.

GEO. JEWETT.

Henfryn (Guelph Conference)—Notwithstanding the weak nature and cramped position of this little mission, we are glad to report that, on the whole, the past year has been one of success. The connexional funds have improved; the parsonage has been furnished, and the debt on the property reduced; \$267.96 have been raised for mission purposes; the amount contributed for ministerial support is a little in advance of last year. Though there is a net decrease of eight members, yet some few have given themselves to Christ, and the societies are improving spiritually.

J. H. DYKE.

Facts and Illustrations.

A LARGE stone which stood in front of the chief temple of Bau, Fiji Islands, and which was formerly used to sacrifice the victims of cannibal feasts, has now been made into a christening font in the great church of Bau.

A LAW of Japan compels all men of the age of twenty to do four years' military service, except those attending certain government schools. This has the effect of drawing young men from mission to government schools.

"THE love of God is limitless as space. Possessing Christ, we must also possess that spirit which binds all nations, and names them heirs of heaven, and makes the test of sonship a willingness to carry glad tidings of forgiveness to those very far off."

THE unbelieving Theodore Parker, after reading Wayland's Life of Judson—a model biography of a peerless man—wrote in his journal: "If Christian missions had done nothing more than to build up such a character, it is worth all its cost."

BETTER read one book carefully than to read ten carelessly. Be slow to begin to read a book if it is likely you will not have time to finish it. Be careful how you spend time in reading books which are not worth reading. You had better throw away money than time: for time is worth more than money.

WRITING of a Christian lady recently deceased, Dr. Talmage said that in her religious life "she had long ago got through with all the perplexing 'whys' and 'hows' and 'whens' that make fools of many of us, and had not enough doubts left to make an interrogation point out of."

THE children of a large primary class were once requested, if possible, to *earn* some money for the missionary cause. One little boy brought five cents, and said to his teacher with honest pride, "I earned it all myself." A dollar given from his father's purse could not have afforded him so much satisfaction; neither would it have made such an impression upon his memory.

REV. W. F. THOMAS reports a revival among the Chin, Karen and Burman villages in the jungles to the south-west of Henthada. Among the men who have been converted was an idol-maker noted for being the strictest Buddhist in all that region, and "known far and near as one of the pillars of that fell system of idolatry." The missionaries have had numerous invitations to visit villages they have not yet been able to reach.

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