

We look to the time when the new school building may be begun, and when we shall have a well-planned, well-equipped new building.

Supplies, \$100.00.

This item refers to books, maps, slates, desks, blackboards and other furniture for the school.

Organ and Freight, \$100.00.

The organ is for the teaching of music to the children.

Gateman, \$25.00.

This employee sits at the school gate and has charge in much the same way as the gateman has charge of other institutions.

Coolie, \$20.00.

As before, the coolie will be required for cleaning, scrubbing and for sundry jobs of all sorts.

The total estimated expenditures for the school for missionaries' children for its first year are \$570., i.e., apart from Miss Ker's salary, but including her \$60 for personal teacher. No receipts were estimated, but there will certainly be a sum of money taken in as receipts from the five children in the school. Whatever is taken in as receipts will be turned over to the society.



## MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH.

### The Benefit of a Furlough to Both Missionary and Home Church.

The furlough for foreign missionaries has been dubbed a "necessary evil." According to regulations made by our General Board, married missionaries may return to Canada just before the end of the first term of seven years; subsequent terms are a little less than nine years. In each case they are given about fifteen months in Canada. This includes one whole summer and part of another. The *evil* of it is in the dislocation of the work because of their enforced retirement for this time from China. But this so-called evil is, I believe, much more than counterbalanced by the *good*. In the first place, the missionary is brought in touch once more with the atmosphere of a Christian country. He finds it a tremendous change from the atmosphere of non-Christian China. The fifteen months spent in Canada are a stimulus and a tonic to his mental and spiritual nature. Most West China missionaries return to Canada in good physical health; but even for these, I