

of the Society, and special donations, of large or small amounts, are earnestly solicited for this special object.

TORONTO has been honored with a visit from Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, head of the China Inland Mission. Many of our readers are aware of the wonderful work, in the providence of God, he has been the chief promoter of in China. He spoke in some of the churches and in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, and has, no doubt, awakened an interest in missions which we trust will be lasting, stirring up many from the calm, but truly lamentable, indifference to the call, ringing through the length and breadth of our land; "Come over and help us." Mr. Taylor impresses his audience as a man of God, mighty in faith and spiritual power. Mr. Taylor left the city by the C.P.R., *en route* to China, on the evening of 25th September, taking with him fifteen missionary volunteers from the United States and Canada for that extensive field.

THE eleventh World's Y. M. C. A. Conference, held at Stockholm, in August, was not the least important of the many councils and conferences of 1888. We are proud and thankful to note that the American continent is at the front in this great work. The United States and Canada, taken together, in the statistical table, head the list among the associations throughout the world, with 1,240 associations and 152,721 members. Canada has the honor of organizing the first Association of the American continent, in Montreal on the 9th of December, 1851. The Geneva Executive was instructed to make choice between Amsterdam and Paris for the twelfth World's Y. M. C. A. Convention.

## Editorial and Contributed.

### NOTES FROM WINNIPEG.

THE meeting of the General Board of Missions, in the famous Prairie City of the West, has been the event of the week in that region. In addition to the members of the Board, a considerable number of ministerial visitors from the East, and a large number from Manitoba and the Territories, were in attendance and manifested throughout great interest in the proceedings. It was evident the good people of Winnipeg were resolved to make the occasion memorable and to leave only pleasant memories in the minds of all their visitors. Private hospitality was supplemented by public attentions, and from first to last the citizens vied with each other in promoting the happiness of their guests.

Much has been heard in the East of the collapse

which followed the "boom" of some eight years ago; but a stranger visiting Winnipeg would never think that any calamity had overtaken the place. He would see, indeed, that the city had spread out very widely, and might infer that it was laid out at a time when prospects were brilliant, and when everything was on the rush; but on the other hand he would see evidences of solid prosperity, and of business push and enterprise, which would lead him to predict great things of the city's future. It may be safely affirmed that the position of Winnipeg is assured, and that here, one of the mightiest inland cities of the continent will have its permanent site.

It was very gratifying to the members of the Mission Board and other visitors to find the religious interests of the city so well cared for. Of churches there is no lack, and these churches are well attended by devout and earnest worshippers. The results of all this is seen in other directions. Schools are numerous and commodious, and charities are well sustained; reliable Christian men come well to the front in municipal and other public affairs, and the tone of public morals, as far as one could discover from a brief sojourn, is as healthy as in any other city of the Dominion. The Sabbath is well observed. On that day all places of ordinary business are closed, the street cars do not run, and no cabs are seen on the streets, unless especially ordered. In eight or ten days I have not seen one drunken man.

Notwithstanding the numerous attractions afforded by the city and its surroundings, and the unstinted hospitality of its inhabitants, the Board pursued its work with close and unflagging industry. Out of forty-two members, thirty-seven were present, and every man gave his best attention to the work in hand. Not a few of the visitors expressed astonishment at the amount and variety of work involved, and the painstaking conscientiousness with which it was done. As might be expected, the appropriations received careful consideration. The income of the past year was nearly \$220,000, a gain of about \$18,000 over the previous year; but as some \$14,000 of this was in the form of legacies, which are not permanent sources of income, the full amount could not be safely taken as a basis of computation.

After careful deliberation, it was resolved to make the appropriations on a basis of \$205,000, which sum represents last year's income from regular sources, and is an advance on the appropriations made by the Board a year ago of about \$7,500. About one-half of this advance was given to the Domestic Missions; but in the final summing up it was found that the grants,