

THE Toronto Conference gave Sunday evening to the Missionary Anniversary this year. A full house, and addresses by Rev. Dr. Carman, Hon. J. C. Aikins, and the General Secretary.

THE Rev. George Meacham, D.D., well known to many of our readers, for some years pastor of the Union Church, Yokohama, Japan, is home on a furlough granted by his congregation. He is looking remarkably well, and is good, we should judge, for many years of effective service.

THE Rev. Jesse Heyfield, of Lower Island Cove, Newfoundland, writes: "A good work of grace has visited us since 1892 came in. Backsliders have been reclaimed and sinners converted to the number of about 160 on this circuit so far. Other circuits have been reaping spiritual harvests also, and our joy has been great."

A SIGN of the times is the increasing vigor and aggressiveness of the Prohibition press. *The Son of Temperance*, started in January, 1892, has been enlarged with the June number. It is a bright and clean sheet, uncompromising in its Prohibition politics, a hard hitter, and will probably be popular as an Abstinence and Prohibition educator. A cartoon by Bengough is promised for the July issue. A column is devoted to Dumb Animals. Issued monthly; 25 cents a year. W. E. Smallfield, Publisher, Renfrew, Ont.

THE Missionary who goes to a distant field sometimes finds that to be able to say to his people "come," instead of "go," even in manual labor, is preaching a very effective gospel, as in the case of our Missionary at Norway House, who writes: "The logs are cut for Cross Lake church. I went down in April, taking a good sharp axe, and some of the muscle and experience of other days, and astonished the Indians. They wondered to see a preacher chop like I did. We cut, scored and hewed 104 logs. Sawing the lumber is our greatest difficulty."

*The Missionary Review of the World* for July contains the following specially interesting articles: "Apostolic Missions; or, The Gospel for Every Creature," by Rev. Joseph Angus, D.D., of Regent Park Baptist College, London, with editorial introduction by Dr. A. T. Pierson: "Decentralization of Missions," by Rev. A. J. Gordon, D.D.; "The New Hebrides Mission," by Rev. Robert Steel, D.D., Sidney, N. S. W.; "William Carey—III.: The Translator of the Bible and the Benefactor of Asia," by George Smyth, LL.D.,

F.R.G.S., Edinburgh, Scotland; "Discerning the Signs of the Times," by Dr. A. T. Pierson; "Twentieth Anniversary of the McCall Mission in France," as reported by Anna W. Pierson; "Answered Prayer," by A. Bunker, D.D.; Toungo, Burma; "The Work in the Diamond Mines," by Mrs. H. B. Allen, Meriden, Conn.; "A Protest Against Needless Exposure in Mission Work," by W. R. Lee, M.D. The other departments, besides "Literature of Missions," have the usually wide range of topics. The Chinese Exclusion Bill comes in for a considerable attention. Published by the Funk & Wagnalls Company, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. \$2 per year; 25 cents for single numbers. In clubs of ten, \$1.50.

## Editorial and Contributed.

### LATEST FROM CHINA.

ON the eve of going to press we received the following post card from the Rev. Dr. Hart of the West China Mission:

SU-CHEU-FOO, CHINA,

April 30th, 1892.

DEAR DR. SUTHERLAND,—We have reached this city in good time and perfect safety. This is a large city on the Yang-tse and Fuh rivers. We have already left the Yang-tse and are anchored in the Fuh. The Yang tse comes from the south and the Fuh from the north. Our course now will be north until we reach Chentu two weeks hence, if all goes well. We are in perfect health, peaceful everywhere. Lovely country. Pray for us. Our last news from Shanghai was March 18th.

Sincerely yours,

V. C. HART.

REVELATIONS concerning the slave trade in Northern and Central Africa make it clear that the civilized nations who have taken possession of that country have a difficult task before them. The Arabs are the chief offenders, and they are showing at the present time a revival of savage energy in slave-hunting which shows that they are determined not to abandon the traffic unless compelled to do so. The cruelties perpetrated by these demons are almost beyond belief. The caravan route from Tripoli may be traced for hundreds of miles by the bleaching skeletons of slaves, victims of thirst and slaughter. The greatest enormities appear to be perpetrated in that part of Africa which is under German influence. In Central Africa the British Commissioner has been striking heavy blows at the slave-traffic, and if he is supported as he ought to be by the home Government, will probably extirpate slavery in that region.