

plans for work while I stay. . . . Last night I had a splendid audience at Bro. Watson's church, and spoke for nearly an hour on Japan. I had a most sympathetic hearing, and am assured by the hearty hand-shakes and 'God bless you,' that I am on good missionary soil out here in the far west." We are sure Bro. Cassidy will receive a hearty welcome, and many a "God bless you," all along the line as he travels towards his Ontario home.

THE General Society has a very quiet but effective way of capturing workers of our W. M. S. The Rev. H. H. Coates, B.A., who went to Japan on the self-supporting plan, and has been accepted by the General Board as one of its regularly-appointed missionaries, paid a flying visit to Canada this summer in order that he might take back with him, as a helpmeet, Miss Aggie S. Wintemute, one of the most faithful and efficient workers for five years in the Japan work of the Woman's Society. Miss Wintemute has been on furlough during the past year. In advance, we wish Mr. and Mrs. Coates God-speed, and a long, happy and useful life in the important field in which they have been called to labor.

THE *Missionary Review of the World* for September has been received. Christians, and mission workers in particular, should not fail to secure this magazine for a monthly visitor. It is characterized by its truthful and heart-stirring articles, founded on indisputable facts and figures. Published by Funk & Wagnalls, New York, and Richmond Street, Toronto. Price, \$2 per annum.

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## Editorial and Contributed.

### The General Board—Annual Meeting.

THE General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church will assemble (D.V.) in the Centenary Church, Hamilton, Ont., on Tuesday, October 10th, 1893, at 9.30 a.m. The annual meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday evening in the same place, when an abstract of the annual report will be presented, and addresses delivered by representative speakers.

Sermons in behalf of the Society will be preached on the Lord's Day, Oct. 8th, in the various Methodist churches in Hamilton. Collections at all services in aid of the Society's funds.

A. CARMAN, *President.*

A. SUTHERLAND, *Secretary.*

MISSION ROOMS,

Toronto, Sept. 28th, 1893.

### The Society's Income.

WE have a disagreeable story to tell, and we tell it without circumlocution. There is a falling off in the Society's income, as compared with the previous year, of *about twenty thousand dollars!* There is the ugly fact in all its ugliness. Let us see if we can improve its features in any way.

1. Two-thirds of this decrease is in the item of legacies—always an uncertain source of income—and was anticipated. The amount from legacies the two previous years was abnormally large, and we knew it would not continue; hence a decline in this one item of nearly \$14,000 has caused no surprise.

2. Then we received, in 1891-92, donations on annuity amounting to \$4,000, but nothing from this source in 1892-93. In the two items already mentioned, \$18,000 of the decrease is accounted for, and both these sources of income are entirely beyond the control of the Society.

3. The most serious feature remains: a decrease of over \$2,000 in subscriptions and collections, our most reliable sources of income. But the causes are not hard to find. We will first give a comparative statement of income from the various Conferences:

CONFERENCES.	INCOME.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1891-92.	1892-93.		
Toronto.....	\$37,127 39	\$35,680 11	....	\$1,447 28
London.....	18,115 80	18,066 33	....	49 47
Niagara.....	26,324 28	27,023 90	\$699 62	....
Guelph.....	19,565 81	19,883 56	317 75	....
Bay of Quinte.....	23,675 06	23,514 96	....	160 10
Montreal.....	36,800 40	38,311 03	1,510 63	....
Nova Scotia.....	11,836 53	11,632 10	....	204 43
N. B. & P. E. I.....	7,985 82	7,897 31	....	88 51
Newfoundland..	7,124 59	7,103 28	....	21 31
Manitoba & N. W. T..	11,061 13	9,754 62	....	1,306 51
British Columbia.....	4,719 59	3,427 40	....	1,292 19
Total, 1891-92.....	\$204,336 40	\$202,294 60	\$2,528 00	\$4,569 80
" 1892-93.....	202,294 60			
Net decrease.....		\$2,041 80		

In this retrograde movement, Toronto Conference leads the way, with a deficit of \$1,447.28. The only reason assigned for this that we are aware of is "hard times," but times have been just as hard in the Niagara, Guelph and Montreal Conferences, and yet these show a gratifying increase. In Toronto Conference, the chief decrease is in the Toronto City Districts, aggregating about \$1,200. Other districts follow: Whitby, \$187.74; Bradford, \$181.41; Orangeville, \$57.74; Barrie, \$78.43; and Collingwood, \$6.87. Brampton holds its own, with \$3.33 to spare. Strange to say, the northern districts of this Conference—the poorest country within its bounds—are all in advance: Bracebridge, \$50.22; Parry Sound, \$94.02; Algoma, \$103.47.

Of the other Conferences, plucky Niagara—where far less missionary money is spent than in any of the others—makes an advance of \$699.62; Guelph follows with \$317.75, while Montreal makes a vigorous effort to get back to her former high-water mark by an advance of \$1,510.63, more than balancing the falling off in Toronto. Perhaps it should be said that while