

Editorial and Contributed.

THE MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN FOR 1888-9.

THOSE who watched the proceedings of the General Board of Missions at Winnipeg must feel convinced of the need of an enthusiastic and united effort to increase the current income of the Society. The fact that the grants to Domestic Missions, *plus* the amounts which the missions propose to raise, will give an aggregate of only seventy per cent., or less, of the basis of salary, is in itself a loud call for increased resources; and when to this we add the inevitable extension of the work in some directions, the earnest appeals for more missionaries in others, and the weighty responsibilities assumed by the Board in regard to educational work in Quebec and other places, the friends of the Society will see the need there is of "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether."

The presence of returned missionaries, in former years, helped in no small degree to kindle enthusiasm and increase receipts; and as this stimulus will be wanting in the present year, there is all the more need for a loyal rally of local forces. Let all friends of the cause on every circuit, make it a point of conscience to attend the missionary anniversary, and let the preachers and speakers who may be appointed, make it a matter of conscience to be present also, and to put the best thought of which they are capable into sermons and addresses. If a series of missionary prayer-meetings could be held in advance of the anniversaries, they would do a world of good. Ministers will greatly oblige by reporting results of meetings as soon as held. We are anxious to know, and so is the entire Church, that the quarter of a million has been raised.

The opening meetings of the campaign promise well. Reports from several circuits show a decided advance over the amounts raised last year. Let us keep the ball rolling till we pass the quarter-million line.

THE Rev. James Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, will be available for Missionary Anniversaries in the Central Conferences after the holidays. Brethren desiring his services will please correspond with the Mission Rooms.

WE regret that through an oversight, in the absence of the Missionary Secretary, the names of two members of the Missionary Board, namely, A. M. Peterson, Esq., of Brandon, and John E. P. Peters, Esq., of St. John's, Newfoundland, were omitted from the published General Report.

PROGRESS OF MISSIONS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

THE following report of the progress and condition of Methodist Missions in Manitoba and the North-West Territories was submitted to the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, at its Annual Meeting held in Winnipeg, September, 1888, and is forwarded for publication in the OUTLOOK by request of the Board:—

With the exception of about two months spent in Ontario in attending missionary meetings and securing supplies for our work, most of the year has been taken up by the Superintendent in visiting the missions and new settlements in the Province of Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

The year has been a prosperous one. The net increase in membership is 818. The amount raised for all purposes is \$87,531.90, being an increase of \$22,003.51 over the previous year's returns. Our people are loyal to Methodist doctrine, Methodist institutions, and Methodist usages. They realize the value of walking by the same rule and minding the same things that have contributed so largely to the spiritual and material prosperity of Methodism in the past. The protracted meeting, the class meeting, and the missionary meeting are introduced at the earliest stages of a mission's existence, and carefully fostered as essential parts of our Methodist economy. Our people, as a rule, do not require pressure to induce them to the practice of self-denying efforts to liberally sustain the cause of God among them. They strive to become self-supporting at the earliest possible date, as the following figures will clearly show: Out of 77 circuits and domestic missions, 23 are self-sustaining charges, supporting 22 married and 5 single men; the salaries appropriated this year, averaging \$915 for married men and \$420 for single men. These amounts include the whole appropriation, with the exception of rent and removal expenses. Twenty-one of these self-sustaining circuits (the data of Port Arthur and Fort William not being available, these are not included), have averaged a period of only five years' dependence on the Missionary Society.

Attention is also called to the fact that this Conference pays more per member for all purposes than any of the seven other Western Conferences—an average of \$12.48, or, if the 1,064 Indian members be deducted from our membership of 7,010, the average is \$14.72; and while the above-mentioned Conferences are assessed for the support of the Superannuation Fund sums whose average varies from 21 cents to 30 cents per member, Manitoba will this year pay an average of 32 cents per member on the entire membership, or 38 cents if the large Indian member-