

three young men with their wives lived with me over five weeks, brightening my bachelor home with their life and smiles. Mrs. Kilborn and husband seemed to me to be ideally mated, loving, tender, true, earnest, consecrated, devout—he a scholarly gentleman, she his equal in all things, and a constant inspiration to press on for the better. I feel her loss greatly; what must be the loss to him who was her husband?

Out here, where we of Christian birth and English tongue are so few, we get to know one another as well, if not better, than brothers and sisters of one family. Mrs. Kilborn was one who sustained such an intimate acquaintanceship. I never saw an action or heard a word that would cause another pain; she was always kind and thoughtful of all others. Her cook, who had been in her employ only a few weeks, was speaking to me to-day of her kindness and patience with him. Her life made an impression on this heathen's heart.

One of the band of workers in Chentu has gone, almost before the first thing had been accomplished. Some may lament the, to them, waste of her precious life—the precious box of ointment is broken. Why this waste? The Master says, "Let her alone, she hath done what she could." As a little group of missionaries in a far distant city, we mourn, your mission mourns, your Church has suffered loss, a home is broken and friends in Canada suffer; but she is now rejoicing, having obtained the great gain of being with Christ.

It has fallen to my lot to be much alone in China, with few opportunities for making friends, and when I had such a friend, and then she is called away, I feel it deeply. This is my apology for writing you this letter. I advised the party to get away to the hills, and Bro. Lewis, who is here, will go with some of them to look for a place this week.

The property which Dr. Hart wished to buy for your mission can be bought. I was to meet the parties to-day and settle the bargain in accord with Dr. Hart's proposals. You know it takes much time to buy land in China, and "middle men" are by custom a necessity.

Might I suggest that something be granted your mission for the purchase of a burial ground here. I think that such a suggestion could well be made to any Society.

With best wishes for your success in this field,

I am, yours for Christ,

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#### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

THE sixty-eighth anniversary of the Missionary Society has come and gone, leaving very pleasant memories with all who were associated with it.

On Sunday, Sept. 25th, the pulpits of the Methodist churches in Ottawa were filled by members of the Board. The General Superintendent, Revs. Woodsworth, Semmens, Hall, McDougall, Prof. Odium, not to mention the General and Assistant Secretaries, rendered good service in pulpit and on platform, and sounded a grand key-note for the year.

On the following Tuesday evening the annual meeting was held in Dominion Church, under the presidency of Hon. J. C. Aikins, Treasurer of the Society. The attendance was unusually large, and admirable addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Nurse, Newfoundland; Rev. Dr. Griffin; Prof. Odium, of Vancouver; and Rev. J. Semmens, President of the Manitoba Conference.

Beyond this bare reference, and the publication of the Abstract of Report, we have no space for further proceedings in this number, but hope to give a tolerably full report in the November OUTLOOK.

#### ABSTRACT OF GENERAL REPORT, 1891-92

THE General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church sends out the Sixty-eighth Annual Report of the Society with devout ascriptions of praise to Him who "always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of His knowledge by us in every place." He has crowned the year with His blessing; many souls have been born into Christ's kingdom, and the work has been pushed into the regions beyond.

The marked event of the year is the opening of a new mission in West China, in the Province of Ts-Chuen, which borders upon Thibet. In taking this new departure, the members of the Board were convinced that they were following a sure Guide, and that the enterprise would result not only in blessings to the people of that distant and spiritually benighted land, but also in quickening the zeal and faith of the Church to undertake still greater things for God. In this confidence the Board was not misled. The time is yet too short for reports of work done in China, but the signs of a gracious reflex influence on the Church at home are neither few nor small. Prayer for the world is ascending as never before, and the spirit of liberality is growing, as evidenced by the fact that in a year of business depression the fund has made a noble advance and almost touched the quarter-million line. Let the Church be encouraged to put forth yet greater effort, with the sure confidence that "the blessing which maketh rich" will not be withheld.

The detailed reports show how the work fares on the different fields. Some who went forth weeping, "bearing precious seed," have "come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them;" while others look out sadly on fields that seem to be barren and dry. But these also shall reap in due season, if they faint not. Meanwhile, let prayer to God be made throughout the Church for the work and the workers till they are gladdened with "a sound of abundance of rain."

#### THE FOREIGN WORK.

The reports from Japan are, on the whole, satisfactory. One district shows a net loss of twenty members, but there is a net gain over the entire field of 142. The reaction of the past two years seems to have spent much of its force; but the interest in Christianity, once so general among the people, has perceptibly declined, and nothing short of a pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit can arrest the downward tendency. God does not compel men to