

world to every 400,000 people, what would be the result? Who is responsible for this lack of enthusiasm? Am I? Are you?

The report from Japan was very encouraging. We have 3 boarding schools there. Two thirds of the girls are Christians. Many of them do good work in Sunday Schools and mothers' meetings. 20 of them go out every Sunday on Sunday School and evangelistic work. There are 30 Indian girls in the Port Simpson Home. Good work is being done in Dr. Bolton's Hospital by Miss Spence, our agent there. We are about sending another trained nurse there much needed. To show you that the secular education is not neglected, while the spiritual is cared for, I must tell you that the Indian girls in the Chilliwack Home recently, took the highest standing among the girls of British Columbia of any in that grade. I visited the French Institute while in Montreal and saw some of the good work being done there. It was Sunday afternoon and the Principal, Rev. Mr. Hall, was giving the International Sunday School lesson in French and English alternately, and the answers to his questions would have shamed some of our more highly favoured scholars. One third of the children there are from Roman Catholic families. They all looked bright and happy.

I cannot speak too highly of the ladies of Coburg. Besides the kind hospitality extended to us in their homes they gave us a delightful reception in the Church. One of the very best teas I ever had the good fortune to partake of. At the public meeting in the evening the Pastor presided and gave us many kind words. The meeting was addressed by three of the returned Missionaries:—Miss Blackmore, Miss Hargraves and Miss Nellie Hart of Ontario. One told us of the Industrial school in Kauawaza. Another of the good work among the soldiers in Kofu. All the addresses were interesting and showed that a good grand work was being done. Who knows the influence that will radiate from these five great centres in Japan where school and evangelistic work is being bravely carried on, amid difficulties and dangers, work that must tell, not only in time but in eternity. These young ladies seem to rally round Mrs. Largo and regard her as a mother. I was more and more convinced as I heard of her in connection with the work, that she is a grand woman and doing a grand work. May she long be spared to them and to the church in that foreign land. All the young ladies showed the effect of their five years' residence in Japan, and a resolution was passed that they should not be asked or urged to do any home work until they felt perfectly able to do it.

It was decided that a new Home should soon be opened up the Skeena River. This is where Miss

Sadie Hart, now Mrs. Spencer, has gone to make her home,—away from all white faces and all communication, even with home and friends, till the spring comes again. Let us pray for her. A grant was made to the Literature and Publication committee, which has done such good work, and Miss Ogden received a standing vote of thanks. Also Mrs. Dr. Parker and Mrs. Platt, for their services in Outlook and Onward. The Editor of PALM BRANCH was most kindly received. The receipts of the year amounted to over \$30,000, and appropriations were made to all work now on hand, beside new work. A new Medical Missionary, teacher and nurse are to be sent to China. Reports to be 10 cents and names of members continued.

What most struck a stranger at that meeting was the great amount of voluntary work being done—and well and methodically done—by the gifted women of the Board. Their hearts were in it and while they were doing so much for the work, the work was doing great things for them. You could see it in their faces and hear it in the tones of their voices as they gave their noble testimony in the Thanksgiving meeting as to the personal benefit derived from it. This meeting was combined with a memorial service for Miss Hannah Lund, the dear young missionary whose loss is so deeply deplored, and for another who had been accepted for service here, but called up higher before she had entered upon it.

N. B. and P. E. I. Bands, Attention!

Will all the Cor. Sec'y's of Bands in above named Branch take note of the fact that the new Branch Cor. Sec. of Bands is Mrs. E. C. Turner, Pownal, P. E. I. This lady takes up the work with an enthusiastic heart and large experience in mission band work. I earnestly ask for her your hearty co-operation.

A. J. HOWARD.

[This introduction of our new Band Cor. Sec. by her esteemed predecessor should have been inserted last month but arrived a little too late. We take pleasure in giving it now and fully endorse it. Meantime Mrs. Turner has introduced herself.]

—Shall souls redeemed by Me refuse
To share my sorrow in their turn?
Or sin-forgiven, my gift abuse
Of peace with selfish unconcern?
Has saintly ease no pitying care?
Has faith no work, and love no prayer?
While sin remains and souls in darkness dwell,
Can heaven itself b. heaven, and look unmoved
on hell?

—Whittier.