

students during Saturday. On the following Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock, there will be a missionary sermon by Rev. G. J. Bishop. All the meetings will be in the college chapel.

OWING to lack of space, we are obliged to hold over an interesting letter from Rev. Charles Follitt, descriptive of work in Labrador; also the first instalment of a paper by J. R. Patterson, of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, on "Thibet and its Opportunities for Missionary Work."

THE Rev. W. W. Baer, Secretary of the British Columbia Conference, expects to visit Ontario shortly and will remain for about a couple of months. Bro. Baer has a large number of beautiful stereopticon views of British Columbia scenery, including views of nearly all our mission buildings in that country. He will be prepared to give lectures during his stay either on "British Columbia" or on "Methodist Missions in British Columbia," illustrated with the views above-mentioned. Address him at the Mission Rooms.

Editorial and Contributed.

Next Year's Reports.

WE beg to call the attention of all concerned to a change made in the constitution of the Missionary Society, which affects those entitled to receive a copy of the Annual Report. Hitherto everyone contributing *four* dollars received a free copy, but hereafter only those contributing *five* dollars or collecting ten dollars will be entitled to a free copy.

Toward the Quarter Million.

THE Rev. J. Henderson, of Woodslee, London Conference, writes as follows concerning his missionary anniversary. It shows what can be done when work is thoughtfully planned and a judicious use is made of missionary literature:

"*Dear Doctor*,—Woodslee will do her part toward that quarter of a million. Enclosed you will find \$100, which is our first instalment. Sunday was our missionary day. Two weeks before we issued a missionary letter, setting forth the state and claims of our society, and requested our people to make a cash contribution, if possible, or if they had not the cash, to state what they would give later on. In each letter I enclosed three of your tracts, viz., 'Information for the People,' 'Advance or Retreat—Which?' 'Brother Brown's Gifts.' I preached at all the services the Sunday before on our missionary work. We had Rev. G. W. Henderson, of Windsor, with us. He did well. We circulated no subscription lists during the day, but made good use of the collection plates. Besides the above cash we got promises that will materialize, in a few weeks, sufficient to put us quite in advance of last year, when the collectors and juvenile workers are through. We recommend our experiment to the brethren."

The Executive Committee.

ON the 19th ult. a meeting of this important Committee was held at the Board Room, Toronto, nineteen of the twenty-two members composing the Committee being present. The General Secretary read a detailed report of his recent visit to

British Columbia and the North-West, touching especially upon the Chinese and Indian work, and the condition and prospects of the various Institutes under the care of the Society. The different parts of the report were made subjects of conversation, and such action taken as the circumstances seemed to call for.

The report of a joint committee, representing the Executives of the General Society and the Woman's Missionary Society, was presented. As this report is, in part, still under consideration, publication is deferred.

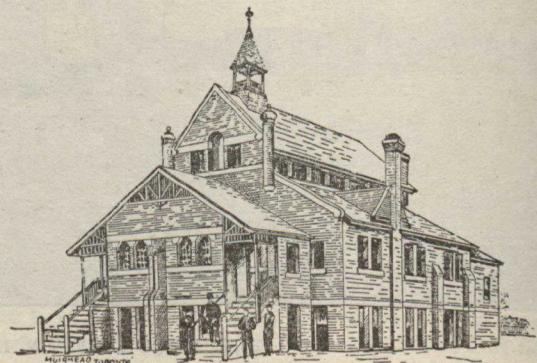
A letter was received from the Rev. C. S. Eby, D.D., tendering his resignation as a missionary of the Board. After some consideration the resignation was accepted, Dr. Eby's relation, as a missionary on furlough, to be continued till the end of the Conference year.

Matters relating to several of the Institutes were advanced a stage, and further action by the Secretary was ordered.

A letter was read from Rev. Prof. Wallace, on behalf of the Students' Missionary Society of Victoria College, proposing to found a scholarship of the value of \$300 per annum, tenable for three years, open to any Japanese missionary or probationer for the ministry selected by the Japan Conference or other suitable authority. The object of this scholarship is to give the holder three years' training on special lines with reference to the work in Japan. The Secretary was directed to correspond further in reference to the matter.

A Unique Church Enterprise.

IN church building, as in ordinary business enterprises, a wise and safe rule is, "pay as you go;" but this can be done only where there is a well-to-do congregation, able and willing to furnish the necessary money, and there may be cases where exceptional circumstances justify another course. The new church and parsonage at Walkerville, Ont., supplies a



case in point. For more than twenty years Methodism had no footing in the place, but in 1891 it was resolved to begin operations, and the Rev. J. P. Rice was appointed to lead the "forlorn hope." At his own request he was left free to obtain help where he could. A personal canvass in the London and other Conferences elicited a liberal response, and on November 11th, 1892, the first Sabbath service in the