

dence of a large number of ladies. After an elegantly-served repast, a most interesting series of brief addresses was given, Mr. Jas. Paterson occupying the chair. The Rev. C. Ladnor gave a graphic account of the triumphs of Methodism in the Island of Newfoundland. In the absence of the Rev. Thomas Crosby, of Fort Simpson, a most interesting letter from Mrs. Crosby, describing Mission work at that station and especially the home for Indian girls was read. Dr. Rice spoke on behalf of the Missions of Manitoba and the great North-West, paying a glowing tribute to our great inheritance in that country and to the heroism of the Missionaries' wives. Dr. Douglas described the mission of Methodism in Quebec, in opposition to the most strongly entrenched system of Romanism on the face of the earth. The Rev. L. N. Beaudry, himself a converted French Roman Catholic, reported the gratifying progress of Protestant evangelization among his fellow-countrymen. The Rev. Geo. Cochran made an eloquent plea for the vigorous sustentation of the Japan Mission. The venerable Senator Ferrier, the Rev. Mr. Telfer, and Mr. John Macdonald also gave admirable addresses. The tone of the meeting was most inspiring and could not fail to infuse still greater energy into the Missionary work of the Church.

Most important business came before the Central Board, an abstract of which we will endeavour to present in our next issue.

CHURCH WORK.

The First French Church in Montreal has been renovated and greatly improved. The re-opening services produced \$200. The French Institute has also been enlarged and improved and efforts are being made, which deserve to succeed, to secure a permanent Sustentation Fund for the Institute. Other denominations find it necessary in order to prosecute their Mission work among the French to depend largely upon the Educational agency, towards the support of the Institute at Point-aux-Trembles.

Methodists in Ontario and elsewhere contributed largely in past years and it is hoped that they will now act munificently towards their own Institute.

The Building Fund of the Wesleyan Theological College has now a subscription of \$25,000, but \$30,000 must be secured before the College erection can be commenced. Who will help? Write to Professor Shaw, Montreal.

A Camp-meeting site has been secured for a term of years, near the City of Kingston.

Mount Allison College has received \$1,000 from the executors of the late Mrs. S. N. Binney, being the amount of that lady's bequest to the Endowment Fund.

A TRUE HERO.

Mr. James Lumsden, a young Scotchman, recently came out from England to enter the Missionary work in our Newfoundland Conference. The schooner in which he sailed from St. John's, was lost near Random Head, Trinity Bay. Our brother had not time to save a pair of boots. He lost a good supply of clothing and a valuable library; but nothing disheartened, when he reached his Mission, on Sabbath morning, he said, "Lend me a coat and boots, and I'll preach to you."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Rev. B. Chappell who went to this Mission-field last year writes a cheery letter from Nicola Valley, to the *Wesleyan*. His Mission is extensive, one brother is 350 miles north, and another 200 miles south. There are 4,000 Chinese among his parishioners. There are also many Indians whose language he is learning that he may the better instruct them respecting "the Great Spirit." He relates some interesting interviews which he has had with some of the Chinese, and writes very kindly of several of the white people who are mostly farmers, though formerly miners. The demon rum rages extensively. The Missionary found an old man who was "the first that struck the Cariboo claim," and was 'once worth more gold than he could