

tuition, room rent, and book rent, amounted to yen \$1,195.99.

GEO. COCHRAN, *President.*

A WELL-MERITED COMPLIMENT.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Japan District was held on the 23rd of February last, and on motion of Mr. Whittington, seconded by Mr. Yamanaka, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"Inasmuch as Dr. Macdonald is about to return home on furlough, this meeting deems the present a fitting opportunity to place on record its thorough appreciation of his great and noble work in connection with the Canadian Methodist Missions in Japan. During twelve years of arduous toil he has been literally 'instant in season and out of season,' constantly going about to do go. Whether we speak of his medical or evangelistic work, the same ability, the same zeal, the same unwearied solicitude for the welfare of those around him, have always been apparent. Truly it may be said of him, 'he hath done what he could.' But whilst eminently faithful he has been eminently successful, and many in the church can testify that in administering to the wants of those in sickness and distress, he did not forget the deeper needs of the sin-sick soul. A wise and a good man, he is respected by all who know him. Hence with feelings of the deepest pleasure we all unite in offering our heartiest congratulations, not only to himself but also to Mrs. Macdonald, on this the eve of their departure to Canada to enjoy the furlough the home authorities have invited them to take, and which they so well deserve. And we will ever pray that He who holds the sea in the hollow of His hand will guide them safely across its watery wastes, grant them a joyful reunion with the loved ones at home, and send them back with renewed vigor to the many friends they have left behind them in Japan."

In reference to Mr. Hiraiwa, who is to visit Canada this autumn, we copy the following extract from the District Minutes:—

"The brethren took the opportunity of expressing their pleasure on hearing that the general Board of Missions in Canada has requested Bro. Hiraiwa to visit Canada awhile, and represent the work here to the people of that country. Bros. Eby, Kobayashi, and Ebara were appointed a committee to prepare an address from the Japanese Churches to the friends in Canada, to be presented to them by Mr. Hiraiwa."

NOT A HEATHEN LEFT.—"There is not a heathen left." So writes a missionary from the island of Peru, in the Samoan group. And what makes this announcement most remarkable is the fact that missionary labor there was not undertaken until about eleven years ago. During this time the whole island has been evangelized, and the churches, having built good chapels and mission-houses at their own expense, are now supporting their own pastors, and contributing to the society that sent them their preachers and teachers.

Woman's Work.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."—Jer. xxxiii. 3.

DURING the summer months the vacation period may tend to thin out our monthly meetings, and in many of our auxiliaries, especially in the large cities, the interest may seem to flag; but we trust that even holiday time may be made to contribute to our store of missionary knowledge, and bring us home with a rekindled enthusiasm and a stronger purpose to work for the Master. The Woman's Missionary prayer hour—observed by most, if not all, Woman's Missionary Societies—between five and six o'clock on Sunday evenings, should be remembered by every member of the W. M. S. "Our hope is in God." Whether at home or abroad, nothing can hinder us mingling our petitions at this sacred hour except neglect. We remind our workers that the text quoted at the head of this page is our motto for the year, chosen at the annual meeting of the Board. It speaks to each one of us. Let us obey its sacred injunction faithfully, and, encouraged by its sweet promise, let us expect the glad fulfilment.

We are informed that August 9th is the day appropriated to the W. M. S. to be observed at Grimsby Camp. We hope for an attractive programme and a truly profitable meeting. The annual meetings, composed as they are of limited numbers, and devoted necessarily to business, do not afford the same opportunities for awakening thought and interest that this summer meeting may be made to do. The reading of papers on suitable subjects, the discussion of plans and opportunities for work, the interchange of views and experience, the union of prayer and sympathy, and the acquaintance with each other which may result from this informal gathering, all tend in the direction of mutual aid and individual improvement, which must be beneficial. We hope that, as far as possible, our members will spend August 9 together.

We have frequently heard the doubt expressed whether missionary money should be appropriated to the maintenance of schools and orphanages rather than in the more direct work of preaching the gospel. There is an old adage which reads something like this: "The longest way round is often the shortest way home." Certainly the hope of the future centres in the children of the present. Churches are now fully alive to this fact, even as the Church of Rome has been from the beginning. No mistake is made when the founda-