

well suited for its purpose. In front of the house stands the Missionary, Rev. Robert Carson, and beside him is the Rev. Geo. Buggin, now of Blythe, in the Guelph Conference.

THE Annual Report is ready and is being shipped to the various circuits as rapidly as possible. Brethren whose missionary meetings come on before the Report can reach them, will find an abstract in the present OUTLOOK that may answer their purpose.

A FEW months ago the Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., wrote an article, entitled "The First Hundred Years of Missions," which appeared in the *Methodist Magazine*, and immediately afterwards was published in pamphlet form. Any of our ministers who did not keep the magazines containing the article, or did not get a copy of the pamphlet, will receive one free of charge by sending a post-card to the Mission Rooms.

SEND for sample copies of the OUTLOOK, and get up a club. It is one of the best means of introducing missionary literature into the home. Forty cents per annum, single copies; in clubs of eight (may be addressed separately), twenty-five cents.

THE *Missionary Review of the World* is so well known that the simple mention of the name inspires confidence as an authority on Mission subjects. The price is \$2 per annum, but by ordering through the Mission Rooms it can be obtained for \$1.50 per annum.

WE have just received the Report of the Inter-denominational Conference of Foreign Missionary Boards and Societies, held in New York in January last. A more extended notice will appear hereafter.

Editorial and Contributed.

The Campaign for 1893-94.

\$250,000 FOR MISSIONS is what the General Board asks from the Church for the current year. To raise this amount is quite within the ability of "the people called Methodists." It ought to be done. It can be done. We believe it will be done. Just think of it: \$250,000 means an average of only one dollar from each member of the Church, and one dollar a year means only *two cents a week*. Is there a single member, from Newfoundland to Vancouver, too poor to do this? We doubt it. We have often said that an average of *one cent a day* for missions, from every church member, is quite possible; and this would mean an income of *nine hundred and twelve thousand, five hundred dollars*, instead of the \$250,000 above mentioned, and we would have the Sunday School givings, legacies, etc., etc., all to the good. To realize such a possibility is worth earnest and persistent effort on the part of every loyal Methodist.

Missionary Deputations.

IT was announced in the October OUTLOOK that certain returned missionaries would be available for work during autumn and winter. Owing to certain action at the General Board, this announcement must be modified. Mr. Cassidy will not be available for missionary meetings, as he is allowed by the Board to devote his time to post-graduate studies. Mr. Saunby will spend November and part of December in the Maritime Conferences, and cannot take work in Ontario till after the New Year. Mr. Jennings will render service where desired as far as time will permit. Mr. Woodsworth will spend January and February in the central Conferences. Brethren may write to him direct at Brandon, Man.

The Secretaries will give all the time to the missionary campaign that other work will allow. Lists of engagements will be published from time to time as soon as work growing out of General Board meeting is over.

Advance or Retreat—Which?

[NOTE.—This article was published as an editorial in the OUTLOOK, and also in tract form, some years ago; but it is so pertinent to present circumstances that we republish it.—EDITOR.]

THERE are signs in the Methodist heavens of an approaching crisis in Missionary Work. We are not now referring to reduced income, and the meagre grants and consequent dissatisfaction which grow out of it; but to a much wider aspect of the question—one involving the very existence of the Missionary Idea. Shall the Methodist Church be found in the van of the host which seeks the spiritual conquest of the world; or, receding from her advanced position, shall she remain shut up in her entrenchments while others fight her battles and take her crown? These questions are pressing steadily to the front, and must be answered, and upon the answer the very life of Methodism in this land depends.

Let us try to get a distinct conception of the Missionary Idea from the New Testament standpoint. Let us write in large letters the divine commission, "*Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.*" Then upon our knees let us ponder the words until their full scope is burned in upon the soul and see if they will comport with that timorous and selfish policy which would send the army into permanent winter quarters, leaving the enemy to gather strength on every side. What is the New Testament idea of missions? It is to send the Gospel to those who have it not. What is the idea that is growing up in the Church? It is to multiply indefinitely the privileges of those who have had the Gospel from infancy, and to leave the heathen to perish without help and without hope!

Beyond cavil, the issue is momentous. In comparison with this question, controversies about conference boundaries, and transfer committees, and superannuation funds, sink into utter insignificance. It is a question of life or death—a question between advance and victory, on the one hand, and retreat and disaster on the other. "The army that remains in its