

Sunday was given to Sydney and North Sydney, where well filled churches greeted the preacher. This closed the eastern campaign; but upwards of twenty services and nearly three thousand miles of travel filled up a busy month.

Church Opening at Walkerville.

THE new church on the Walkerville mission, near Windsor, was opened last month. Years ago Methodism carried on its work here in a church building which it did not control; but when the pulpit collided with the whiskey element, the church was closed against Methodist services, and the congregation left upon the street. For years nothing more was attempted; but as the town was growing, and new industries springing up, it was resolved at the London Conference of 1891 that another effort should be made. The Rev. J. P. Rice was sent to the field, where everything had to be created, for there was neither church, parsonage, congregation, nor even a site on which to build. Under the peculiar circumstances of the case, permission was given to solicit aid all through the Conference and beyond. Subscriptions were received from ministers alone sufficient to build the parsonage (about \$2,000), and between \$3,000 and \$4,000 from other sources. What has been realized from the opening services we have not yet heard. As a result of this effort we have now at Walkerville a comfortable parsonage, neatly furnished; a commodious and attractive church building, a fair congregation, a flourishing Sunday School, and the nucleus of a living Church. The entire cost amounts to about \$11,000, half of which had been raised up to the time of the opening services. We congratulate Bro. Rice on the success that has crowned his work, and we hope to find, in the course of a year or two, a strong self-supporting Church at Walkerville, fruitful in every good work.

The General Secretary of Missions preached morning and evening, December 11th, in the new church, the pastor taking the afternoon service. The Rev. Geo. R. Sanderson, D.D., preached on the morning of the 18th, and conducted the dedication service. On the 25th the pulpit was occupied, morning and evening, by the Rev. W. W. Shepherd, Principal of Mount Elgin Industrial Institution.

Answers to Correspondents.

AN EARNEST READER" writes to the Editor as follows:—

"I am very anxious to know how much and in what, outside of the Bible, a young lady has to be educated to become a missionary in a foreign country? Also, how a young lady who has no means of her own, and whose parents would not be willing to educate her in that line, might be able to obtain that education?"

ANSWER.—A good, all round education is of vast service in the foreign field, not so much, perhaps, for the knowledge it imparts, as for the mental training and discipline it gives. If that is impracticable, the lowest standard that ought to be aimed at should be that of a public school teacher of the second class. In answer to the second question, we do not know how such an education can be secured save through your own exertions. But in any case, be very sure that GOD is calling you to mission work before taking any step to which your parents are opposed.

Shall We Have a Week of Self-Denial?

LAST year a call went forth to our Epworth Leagues and kindred societies for a week of self-denial, the proceeds to be devoted to the hospital enterprise in connection with our Chinese mission. The response was not general (perhaps because it was new), but it was encouraging. It made plain the fact that in these young people's societies there were veins of sympathy and latent Christian service which, if wisely worked, would yield rich gifts to the Master. It is now proposed that the self-denial week be repeated on a much wider scale,—that an effort be put forth to make it general among our Leagues, S. C. E., Mission Bands and Circles, and even to include the older people in the scheme. And why not? Why should anyone be excluded from the opportunity of exercising self-denial in a good cause, or from the benefits resulting therefrom?

We repeat the question, therefore: Shall we have a week of self-denial, the proceeds to be applied to some department of missionary work? The societies of Christian Endeavor propose to give a thank-offering for missions on anniversary week—the first week in February. Why not combine both ideas? Give a thank-offering, by all means, but let it be the fruits of a week of self-denial for the Master's sake. And let not the movement be confined to the young people's societies; let the older people join in, so that all may partake of the benefits. But some will ask, To what special object shall we devote the money? Perhaps the best answer is: Let each society decide that point for themselves, so that it is for some object in connection with the mission work of the Church. Give it to the General Mission fund, if you think best; but outside of this there are special objects that are important, and all needing help. We mention a number of these, just as they occur, and not necessarily in the order of their importance:

1. *The Hospital at Chentu, China.*—We think we see the way to sufficient money for buildings, but several thousand dollars will be needed for land and furnishing.

2. *The McDougall Orphanage.*—This is now a part of the regular work of the Missionary Society, so far as maintenance is concerned; but money is urgently needed for school room, dairy, and furnishing.

3. *The Chilliwack Institute.*—Buildings are being erected by the combined efforts of the Missionary Society and the Woman's Missionary Society, at Chilliwack, B.C., for an Indian Industrial Institute. The cost of the land was \$2,500; the buildings will cost \$18,500. Besides this, the furnishing has to be provided for.

4. *The Boys' Home, Port Simpson.*—Enlargement and furniture are the demands at present.

The foregoing are some of the special objects requiring aid. How would it do to contribute to a fund for all of these, leaving it to the Missionary Committee to distribute according to the needs of each?

We close this article, as we began it, with the question, Shall we have a week of self-denial for missions? Let the answers be prompt and in the affirmative.