

"Indian Wigwams and Northern Camp-Fires," have been well appreciated at our monthly missionary prayer-meeting, and have roused a spirit of enquiry among the young people. Now I want to refer them to our own periodicals for information, and since so few (comparatively) see either *Guardian* or *OUTLOOK*, I feel sure that an occasional "appeal" through our Sunday-school papers would be helpful. If in the *Banner* our superintendents and teachers were urged to bring the claims of the mission work of *our own Church* before the scholars, and to be themselves well informed on this important subject, perhaps the indifference of the past might be overcome. I may say that I am expecting great results from your published "Statement and Appeal." We are just *now beginning* the work you advocated in the *first* number of the *OUTLOOK*, 1891. We must work hard to make up for lost time!

The following is the item referred to in the above letter:

SUPPOSE.—Suppose that in all our Sunday Schools, the first Sunday in each month, a thank-offering for missions be taken, "an offering of thankfulness that I was born in a Christian land," and each child be taught to give five cents. From this one source alone, and without "drying up contributions to other things," we should collect and disburse \$25,000 each year, which now goes simply for candy and ribbons. You who know the present condition of our denominational work can easily estimate what an effect might this would produce. How our missionaries in India be cheered and our work there enlarged by the sending out of other American missionaries to their aid. How grandly that African mission might be established. How we could strengthen our theological schools and help our boys go forth to break to our churches the bread of life. How immeasurably we could enlarge our home missionary operations, and how rapidly we could plant new churches in the cities over all our land.—*Baptist Paper*.

Appreciated.

WORK done gratuitously for a good cause is not always appreciated by those who derive the benefit; and those who do appreciate a good thing seldom take the trouble to say so. Still there are exceptions to this as to every other rule, as witness the following:

ROBLIN, ONT., Dec. 20th, 1893.

DEAR MISSIONARY SECRETARY.—Though late, I send a card to let you know that I highly appreciate the pamphlet sent from the Mission Rooms entitled "The First Hundred Years of Modern Missions," by the Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A. I have read it through, much of it more than once, and regard it as something not merely to be read, but a publication to be learned and mastered like a school text-book. With nothing to encumber the learner, and yet covering the whole field, I should think it a good key to a detailed history of modern missions. For myself, it is the very thing I had long needed, and I must heartily thank you for it.

W. COOMBE.

And here is another:—

SELWYN, ONT., Dec. 9th, 1893.

"DEAR SIR,—I was out on missionary work a few weeks ago with another brother, and we had a good meeting. The brother in question had received a copy of 'The First Hundred Years of Missions,' from which he drew quite freely and made a very telling address. I would like to have a copy for similar work.

"Yours, in the Master's service,

"J. BATSTONE."

A Missionary Conference.

A YEAR ago a Conference of Missionary Secretaries, Treasurers, etc., met in New York at the invitation of the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church. Many subjects of practical importance were discussed, and those who were present were so im-

pressed with the value of the Conference that it was resolved to hold another the following year. A committee of arrangements was appointed, consisting of Rev. Judson Smith, D.D., of the American Board; Rev. J. O. Peck, D.D., of the Methodist Episcopal Board, and the Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., of the Methodist Church. A circular has been issued announcing that the Conference will take place at the rooms of the Methodist Episcopal Board in New York on the 17th of January, when the following topics, among others, will be discussed.

1. The development of self-supporting churches in the foreign field.
2. The true relation of Mission Boards to colleges on mission ground.
3. How to awaken and maintain an intelligent missionary spirit in the home churches.
4. The means of securing missionary candidates of the highest qualifications.
5. Practical provision for missionaries as to outfits, houses, salaries, furloughs, support of children, etc.
6. The proper distribution of forces in the foreign field.

From Newfoundland.

THE flame of missionary zeal burns brightly in the Newfoundland Conference. Notwithstanding the poverty of vast numbers of the people, they give to the cause of missions with a liberality that is a standing rebuke to more prosperous communities. Under date of Dec. 13th, the Rev. George P. Story, President of the Conference, writes as follows:—

At our Conference Special Committee we recommended the holding of a missionary prayer-meeting once a month, and offerings to be placed in a box for missions. I have just returned from attending twelve meetings, at each one of which I appealed for ten per cent. extra in the receipts. At Blackhead we had a most enthusiastic time—a congregation of 900, and contributions amounting to \$212, an increase of \$30 on previous year. I am writing a circular letter to my brethren asking for ten per cent. increase in missionary receipts this year, and I pray that we may realize it. I shall spare no effort to secure it if possible. My attendance at the Missionary Board has deepened my interest in our missionary work.

How the Leaven Spreads.

OUR readers will remember the worthy example of the Rev. D. V. Lucas, M.A., who undertook the education of a native boy in connection with our West China Mission, at a cost of \$50 per annum. The example thus given is already bearing good fruit, as appears from the following letter just received from Mrs. Lucas:—

FAIRHOLME, GRIMSBY, December 11th, 1893.

DEAR DR. SUTHERLAND,—Allow me to send you a word of cheer. Last week I received a letter (addressed to my husband) from a good brother, saying he had read Dr. Lucas' article in the *OUTLOOK* re our Chinese boy, and that he felt he would like to have one too, if the expense was not too great. I wrote and told him it would cost \$50 per year, hoped he would be able to afford it, and asked him to let me know his decision. To-day he writes:—"I have given the matter prayerful consideration, and since hearing from you have decided to follow the example your excellent husband has set me. I have consecrated my life