Temperance Parody on "John Anderson, My Joe."

John Alcohol, my for, John,
When we were tirst acquaint,
I d siller in my pockets, John,
Which noo, ye ken, I want:
I spent it all in treating, John,
Because I loved you so:
Fit, mark ye, how you've treated me,
John Alcohol, my fee

John Alcohol, my foe, John,
Ye've blear'd out a' my een,
And lighted up my nose, John,
A flery sign atween!
My hands wi' palsy shake, John,
My locks are like the snow;
Ye'll surely be the death o me,
John Alcohol, my foe.

John Alcohol, my foe, John,
'Twas love to you, I ween,
That gart me rise sac ear', John.
And sit sac late at e'en;
The best a' frien's maun part, John: It grieves me sair, ye know;
But "we'll nae mair to yon town,"
John Alcohol, my foe.

John Alcohol, my foe, John, We've been ower lang together, Sae ye maun tak' ae road, John, And I will take avither; And I will take auther;
For we maun tumber down, John,
If hand and hand we go.
And I shall has the bill to pay,
John Alcehol, my foe.

John Aleohol, my foe, John,
We'we wrought me muckle skaith;
And yet to part wi' you, John,
I own I'm unoo' laith; But I'll join the temperance ranks, John, Ye needna say me ne;
It's better late than re'er do weel, John Alcohol, my foe.

-Anonymous.

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Special Help for Japan.

Wz desire to call the attention of all our Sunday-schools to the following earnest appeal by the leading authorities of our Church for special help for the Japan Mission. God is opening up the way in that country in a very remarkable manner, and now is the time to take advantage of this great opportunity. Cannot our schools all take up a special collection as a harvest thank-offering to the Lord of the harvest on behalf of this work? The amount required is, we understand, about \$20,-000. Our schools have, in the past, raised that much for the regular work. About one cent from each scholar would raise the whole amount needed, Can they not at least raise, say one-

fourth or one-fifth that amount for this special object! Let each school have a share in this great work. All sums raised shot ld be sent to the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Methodist Mission Reoms, Toronto. The following is the cflicial appeal for Japan:

SPECIAL AS TO THE WORK IN JAPAN.

During the past During the past year urgent requests have been made by the brethien of the Japan Mission for reinforcements, but the Committee of Consultation and Finance decided not to take any action in the premises till at least the income of the year had been a certained. In recent letters from that work, the requests are

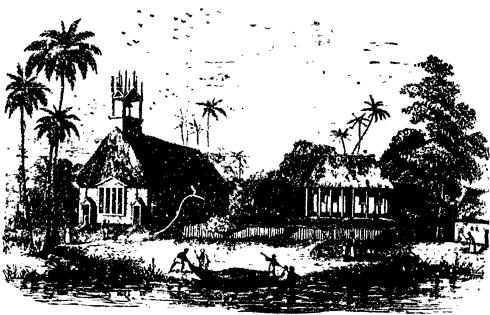
repeated with growing ur-gency in view of the wonderful openings at present set before the Church in that empire. Two men are wanted for school-work, and one, or, if possible to obtain them, two for evangelistic work. The salary of one teacher will be paid by the Japanese authorities, and the committee has a standing promise of the removal expenses of a young man for the evangelistic work, and a special donation of five hundred dollars per annum for three years in aid of his salary. But even with these encouraging offers, and the charming fact that on account of the efforts at selfsupport in Japan, the brethren there have felt justified in reducing their estimates and call upon the Mission Fund of the year, the committee did not feel free to assume the responsi-bility involved in the augmentation of our force in Japan, unless the cost of sending out the additional men could be raised without drawing on the General Fund. Still, that the spirit and intelligence of the Church might be excercised in these great responsibilities and grand opportunities, and lest the faith and prayer, the heroic self-sacrifice and exemplary liberality of our people in this department of our work be hindered, the committee, at its session in Toronto on the 24th inst., adopted the following resolutions, and directed that this important business be commended to the prayerful consideration and Christ-like beneficence of the Church:-

Resolved-"That in view of the large demands upon the funds of the society for our general work throughout the Dominion and in Newfoundland, it is desire his that the cost of reinforcing the Japan mission, outside of items for salary, be met without drawing upon the ordinary income; it is therefore ordered that, in the meantime, the treasurer, Dr. Sutherland, be authorized to receive special voluntary contributions toward the cost of sending out the missionaries to this field, and that the Rev. Dr. Eby be requested to give what time he can during the sum-

give what time he can during the sum-mer to this special object.

"That in case the amount thus raised be more than enough to pay the expenses of the missionaries to Japan, the balance be applied to the building of a central church in Tokio, which is greatly needed at the present time for the consolidation and development of the work in that city."

In harmony with these resolutions,



WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN FIJI.

our beloved brother, Dr. Eby, may take occasion to lay before the Church such information as seems to him necessary and proper, and will likely make such calls as we are persuaded shall be rather helpful than harmful to our missionary interests at large. He and his good and noble work are hereby commended to the prayers, generous consideration and hearty aid of our people; and especially to the able and liberal friends of our mission cause, who, while doing the more for Japan, shall certainly not do the less for other fields equally needy and equally deserv-Your fellow-laborers in the Gospel,

A. CARMAN. J. A. WILLIAMS. A. SUTHERLAND.

An Idol Transformed.

THE world has heard of such a metamorphosis as that of a wheel of the idol-car of Juggernaut in India being used as part of the woodwork of a printing press for publishing the Scriptures. Just such another interesting conversion has taken place on Bau. There is a menolith in that antique Fijian city which has a history grisly as that of "Moloch, horrid king." It stood in front of the chief temple, Vata ni Tawaki, which, on a high foundation, towered loftiest above the many temples of Bau. This stone stood upright in an enclosed ground, and had a distinctive name—"Vatunimbokola." To this were dragged the corpses destined for a cannibal orgie. These were trailed in their gore along the dusty soil and dashed by the head against the stone, thereby being presented as an offering to the divinities before being devoured by the chiefs and warriors of Bau. How many scores of victims have been presented at this grim altar no man knoweth: they are said to have been innumerable; and could Vatunimbokola but speak, what a tale it would unfold! For at least thirty years this stone has had no stain of human blood upon it, and now it has been converted into a baptismal font. With the co-operation of the chiefs, this relic of the past has been uprooted from the spot which it had occupied from the misty past, and was borne into the great Bau church and set up there and set up there. A cavity was hollowed out in it by the unpracticed hands of the missionary, and it is now

a font, but with such associations as few church-fonts possess. The history of this fragment of the past throws light on what mission work has done in Fiji.

The Chaulauqua Movement. By John H. VINCENT. Boston: Chautauqua Press. Pp. 308.

In this book Dr. Vincent gives an account of the great it educational movement of modern times. The story reads like a romance. From that little lakeside assembly have gone forth moral influences to the ends of the earth. As one visits Chautauqua he feels that the grandest part of it is the part that is not there. He feels that the galleries of the vast auditorium are in the Rocky Mountains and its back seats in the isles of the sea-in Otaheite and Honolulu and as far distant as Japan. All Chautauquans, of course, will want this book, which should secure it a circulation of 100,000, and many who are not Chautauquans should read it that they may become students of this world-wide university. What we like best about Chautauqua is its thoroughly Christian character. In all its developments it is true to its motto "Let us keep our Heavenly Father in our midst." That energetic Chautauquan, Mr. L. C. Peake, will at an early date give a paper on some of the remarkable results of this movement recorded in this book.

In reply to an inquiry with reference to this book, reviewed in August Banner, we have received the follow-

DEAR DR. WITHROW,-The "Chautauqua Movement" may be obtained by members of the Circle at one dollar. As, however, it will cost for duty on such books fifteen cents, I made a special arrangement by which the members in Toronto get them through me at one dollar each, duty free. This applies however to Toronto only. All others should send their dollar to Miss Kimball, Plainfield, N.J.* (The book will cost the Book Room \$1 net).

* Persons who order in this way will have to pay duty extra and have, beside, the trouble of passing the book through the Custom House. Better order the book through the Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal, or Halifax. Toronto Chautauquans may address Mr. Peake, at the Methodist Mission Rooms, Adelaide Street.

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