

BRO. E. S. HOWARD writes encouragingly from Windsor Mills: "The new ecclesiastical year has commenced promisingly. Congregations and interest good. Dominion Day celebration, under the auspices of the ladies of the Methodist Church, a grand success. The attendance in the grove in the afternoon was large, notwithstanding all the attractions at Sherbrooke and Richmond on either side of us. The concert in the Town Hall at night was grand. Entire proceeds, \$102. We have now paid the last note against our parsonage property, which is a great relief."

"A FRIEND," Staffa Circuit, sends \$5.00, and says: "Please accept this with thanks to God and not to me, for if God had not converted my heart perfectly, I should never have given it. I give it towards the Missionary work in Japan. Send it forward as soon as you can, as it should have been given long ago."

THE Rev. A. E. Green acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions on behalf of his orphanage work on Naas river:

Mrs. M. Price, Toronto.....	\$12 00
Rev. B. Smith, Marbleton.....	1 00
A Friend, Brussels.....	2 00
Dr. F. Woodbury, Halifax.....	10 00
Dr. H. Woodbury.....	10 00
	\$35 00

## Editorial and Contributed.

### GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

THE next session of the Board will be held in Grace Church, in the city of Winnipeg, beginning on Tuesday, September 11th, at 9.30 a.m. On the preceding Sunday sermons will be preached in all the Methodist Churches in Winnipeg, and collections taken in aid of the Mission Fund.

On Monday evening, September 10th, a reception will be tendered to the members of the Board in Grace Church, under the auspices of a local committee.

On Tuesday evening, September 11th, the Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society will be held in Grace Church, at 7.30, when an abstract of the Annual Report will be read; and addresses delivered by members of the Board and others.

Arrangements are being made with the Canadian Pacific Railway for reduced fares. This privilege will extend to delegates and their wives, and also to other ministers and their wives who may wish to attend the sessions of the Board. It is desired that all such will write at once to the General Secretary for circulars giving full particulars.

### THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

ON the 9th of June last, a meeting was convened in Exeter Hall, London, the like of which is not found in the history of the Christian Church. At the call of a committee, some 1,500 missionaries, members of missionary boards and representatives of missionary societies, came together to discuss the position, needs, and prospects of the missionary enterprise, and to counsel together respecting the possibility of a great onward movement of the whole line. In this assembly over one hundred missionary societies were represented, and this fact alone is significant of a spirit of love and unity among the churches, that was not so much as dreamed of a hundred years ago.

The very magnitude of the Conference made it impossible to take in its whole scope at the time. Day after day, two, and sometimes three meetings were in session simultaneously, and as one could not very well be in two or three places at the same time, there was no alternative but to select one or two meetings each day out of the entire number, and leave the rest to be studied at leisure when the printed report would come to hand. To plan a ten days' programme for so vast an assembly was no easy task, but the work, on the whole, was accomplished in a manner that left small reason for complaint.

The spirit of the Conference was admirable. All seemed to be animated by a common desire to exalt the Saviour, and to spread His kingdom in the earth. Although more than a hundred missionary societies were represented, it would have been difficult, if not impossible, for an onlooker to tell to what denomination any one of the speakers belonged. No matter from what society or from what country they came, it was evident the theme of their preaching was the same—"Jesus Christ and Him crucified." Nothing could more strikingly display the essential oneness of Protestant Christianity, and it is not too much to claim, that by means of this Conference a long and important step has been taken towards realizing that unity for which all Christians long, and for which the Master prayed; not the mechanical unity of an outward uniformity, but that "unity of the Spirit in the land of peace," which is stronger and better than any outward bond.

Our limited space forbids any attempt to give even an outline of the proceedings. When the printed report appears we shall enrich our pages with many an extract. In the meantime we advise our readers to be on the lookout for the volume, and to read carefully the proceedings of a convention which marks an epoch in the history of the great missionary movement.