

School, and the givings of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, will bring the total missionary offering up to nearly \$4,000. For a church of 630 members, with no great wealth, this is really a remarkable record which deserves more than passing notice.

In a recent number of the *Western Methodist Recorder*, the pastor, the Rev. W. E. Pescott, tells how it was done. After speaking appreciatively of the sermons preached by Principal Sippell, on the missionary anniversary, he goes on to show that this day was simply the culminating event in the whole year of missionary activity. The splendid result was not obtained by a single appeal, but was "the fruitage of a growing knowledge of the facts, privileges, duties, and inspiring gains of the missionary enterprise." The subject was kept before the congregation in sermons, prayer meetings, circular letters, etc., and they responded nobly. Without doubt, this is the right method of arousing interest. The pastor who simply has one missionary service during the year cannot reasonably expect that the people will suddenly

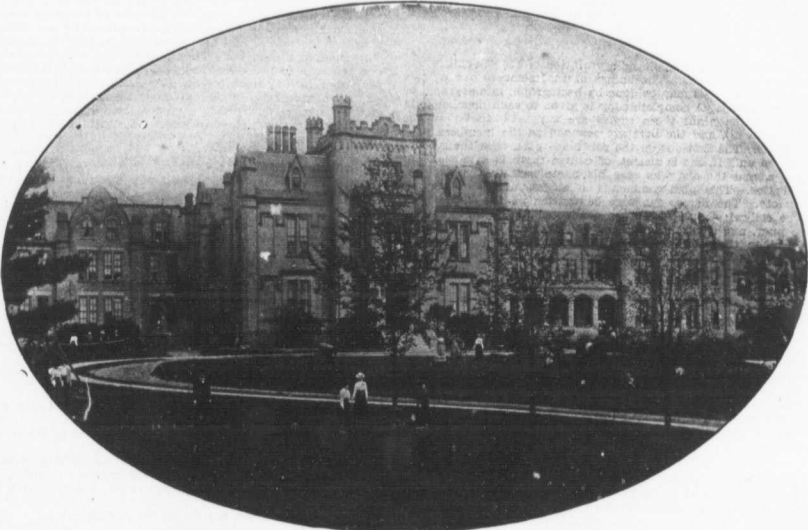
The people of Owen Sound have done more for temperance reform, in a practical way, than any other town in Canada, by demonstrating that good hotels can be run successfully without the attachment of the bar. This action will probably be imitated in many other places.

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DURING the Easter holidays one of the jewellers of Toronto displayed in his show window a collection of diamonds, worth \$65,000, arranged in the form of a dove, but it did not cost a cent to look at them, and that is all the owner can do. He has the anxiety and responsibility of taking care of them.

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WHEN you shake hands with a visitor or greet a stranger in any of the church services, never do it as a member of a committee, but rather as a brother or sister with a personal interest in those whom you seek to reach. It is perfectly right to have the look-out, social and other committees, but it is much better to keep the organization out of sight.



ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE, WHITBY, WHERE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD

become "hilarious givers." The campaign of education and inspiration must be a continuous one.

At a gathering of denominational representatives in Toronto, recently, strong resolutions were passed in regard to the opium trade, earnestly appealing to the authorities of the Empire to remove this obstacle to missionary work. Opium in China is as great a curse as the liquor traffic in Canada, and both evils should be strenuously opposed by the Christian Church.

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A NUMBER of the leading financiers and politicians of the United States are enjoying the "pleasure" of reading their own "obituaries" in the magazines which do not hesitate to tell the plain truth about the records of these men. What poor satisfaction there must be in a fortune when accompanied by the loss of reputation! How true it is that "A good name is more to be desired than great riches."

The next issue of this paper will be a special "Boys' number." Almost the entire paper will be devoted to interesting articles for and about boys. Extra copies, for circulation among the lads, may be secured at three cents per copy, postpaid, or in quantities at two cents per copy, sent by express at purchaser's expense. Send in orders early so that the publisher may know how many to print.

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THE next World's Sunday School Convention will be held in Rome, Italy, May 20-23, in the year 1907. A special steamer will leave New York about May 1st for Naples, stopping at Madeira, Gibraltar, etc. The committee offer the trip for a very moderate expense, from \$197 to \$350, which includes hotels, carriage drives, guides, and the privilege of returning from any port in Europe. It is not any too soon to make arrangements for a trip of this kind. Full information can be obtained by writing to Mr. W. N. Hartsorn, Boston, Mass.