

Naval Branch of the Y. M. C. A. at Brooklyn. Many of the sailors were in the Bowery Mission the night of her visit, and it was pleasing to see this sweet-faced woman, the possessor of millions, talking simply from the New Testament to an audience that knows too well the seamy side of life. The "Jackies" are said to adore her. It is even said that the soldier-boys in the camp at Montauk Point used to sing:

You're the angel of the camp,
Helen Gould!
In the sun-rays, in the damp,
On the weary, weary tramp,
To our darkness you're a lamp.
Helen Gould!

A RARE VICEROY.

A missionary writes from Chentu, Sz-Chuan: "Our Viceroy here is pushing ahead on the path of progress. He has had the names of all the streets in the city prominently repainted, the houses all numbered, and lamps placed at more or less regular intervals along the streets. He has also devoted much attention to the sanitary arrangements throughout the city, with the result that these are vastly improved. He forbids bribery, so far as his own retinue is concerned, and discourages it all round. He is also giving decided preference to officials who do not smoke opium. Also, he has established a very efficient police force, the members of which are everywhere in evidence. He is encouraging the growth of schools, and gives much money to various charities, native and missionary. He is, without doubt, a very enlightened man, and one of the coming rulers of China."

THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION.

At the meeting of the General Conference Special Committee, the important proceedings reported were as follows: The division of the Manitoba and the North-West Conference into three Conferences—the Manitoba, the Assiniboia, Alberta; the establishment of Alberta College, under the principalship of the Rev. John H. Riddell, B.D.; the division of the estate of the late Thomas Lyley, of London Conference, equally between the Missionary, Educational, and Superannuation Funds. The chief object of the meeting was to enlarge the Committee

on Church Union, which originally numbered but fourteen. The following names were added: Ministers, Dr. Carman, Dr. Potts, Dr. Briggs, Dr. Griffin, Dr. Crews, Dr. Burwash, Dr. Chown, Dr. Woodsworth, Dr. Hucstis, Dr. Evans, Dr. Griffith, Dr. Levi Curtis, Dr. Ryckman, W. H. Langille, D. W. Johnson, Geo. Steele, Dr. Paisley, J. E. Mavety, J. T. Pitcher, Dr. Antliff, Dr. Crothers, Dr. W. C. Henderson, Dr. Ross, Dr. Williamson, Dr. Gundy, Dr. Langford, Stephen Bond, Dr. A. Stewart, F. B. Stacey, J. H. White; and, as reserves, Dr. W. R. Young, G. J. Bishop, W. H. Hincks, Wm. Harrison; and, as lay members, Hon. R. K. Bishop, Judge Chesley, Charles Bell, Dr. Allison, Dr. Inch, J. D. Chipman, H. H. Fudger, Hon. Justice Britton, Hon. Senator Cox, Hon. Justice MacLaren, Chester D. Massey, R. J. McLaughlin, N. W. Rowell, C. A. Birge, Edward Gurney, H. P. Moore, Jonathan Ellis, W. J. Ferguson, John Mann, J. A. M. Aikins, J. H. Ashdown, R. W. Harris; and, as reserves, Richard Brown, J. N. Lake, Wm. Johnston, John George.

This shows the growing place the subject is taking. It is not likely that the Committees on Union will meet before the latter part of October or early November.

Members of the committee residing in Toronto were constituted a local sub-committee for various purposes and the obtaining of certain information for the committee as a whole.

CHRISTIAN UNITY IN JAPAN.

Not the least part of the debt, says The Missionary Review, which the home Churches owe to foreign missions is the lead which these are continually giving in the direction of unity. Two beautiful illustrations of this are found in the most recent tidings from Japan. The Church of England missionaries have for some time been working among the Ainus, the aboriginal tribe living in the northern part of the Japan archipelago. The Presbyterian Church felt that more should be done for that tribe, and sent workers of their own into that region. But they desired to avoid confusing the minds of the people by setting up a native Presbyterian Church alongside of the Episcopal Church, and so they have adopted the policy of sending all their converts to the latter Church for membership. The other fact is the pub-