

privileged to see thirty-two persons, on Denman Island, profess conversion in six days. A class has been formed."

WE have received a pamphlet entitled "Directory and Summary of Work done by Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Toronto District." While looking over this little book, we could not but admire the efficient and business-like manner in which the ladies are carrying on their work. That the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is an immense power in our country no one will deny. May their "bow abide in strength," and the "power of the Highest overshadow them."

WE copy the following from the *Vancouver World*, feeling sure that the many friends of Miss Bowes, in Ontario, will be pleased to learn how fully her earnest and faithful labors are appreciated by our Vancouver friends:—

"The following is the text of the address presented to Miss Bowes, at the Methodist Tabernacle, on Wednesday evening last:—

"*Dear Madam*,—In wishing you the compliments of this joyous Christmas-tide, we desire to express to you our appreciation of your work of faith and labor of love in our city, during the year of your residence amongst us. We have watched, with deep interest and hearty approval, your untiring efforts for the relief of the poor, the comfort of the sick, the befriending of the new-comer, the protection and instruction of the young, the uplifting of the fallen, and the salvation of all, irrespective of creed, color or class. These self-denying efforts have revived hope, inspired courage, and brought joy to many a troubled heart in this city of strangers, and saved not a few from suffering and despair. In the prison, the hospital, the mission school, and in the home of the poor, you have become well known as a true sister of mercy, and some now in heaven will, on the great day, recognize you as God's chosen messenger to them, through whose counsels and prayers they were led to trust in Him who takes away the sting of death and the terror of the grave. May your heroic and cheerful devotion to the most difficult but Christ-like tasks of life provoke many more to love and good works, that they also may realize that those only have truly learned to live who live for others. We beg your acceptance of the sum of money with which we now present you, as a small testimonial of the esteem and appreciation in which you are held by your friends in the Methodist Church of Vancouver. We pray that the loving Father may long spare you to live, and work, and speak for Him; and may it at last be said of you: 'She hath done what she could.'

"Signed, on behalf of the contributors,

"EBENEZER ROBSON.

"ALICE SLADE."

"VANCOUVER, Xmas, 1888."

The Great Value and Success of Foreign Missions.
By REV. JOHN LIGGINS, with an Introduction by
REV. A. T. PIERSON, D.D. New York: The Baker
& Taylor Co.

The remarkable development and success of foreign missions in recent years has attracted widespread attention, and a great deal of criticism, favorable and unfavorable, has been the result. Missions have been assailed by sceptics of every grade, and a certain class of newspapers have given a ready circulation to their misstatements. That there is abundant and overwhelming testimony on the other side is understood by most Christian people, but few seem to know who the witnesses are, or where the testimony is to be found. To all such, Mr. Liggins has performed a service of infinite value. In a volume of 232 pages, to which is added a copious index, he has brought together a mass of evidence from viceroys, governors, diplomatic ministers, consuls, naval and military officers, and scientific and other travellers, showing in a most convincing way, the vast service rendered to humanity and civilization by the missions of the various churches. This book should be in the hands not only of Christian ministers, but of Christians everywhere. It will be a revelation to many, and an inspiration to all.

Editorial and Contributed.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH.

EARLY in the season the prospect was that we would have to depend altogether on local help for mission anniversaries, but instead of that we have no less than four brethren from the mission field. The first we had the pleasure of welcoming was REV. JOHN MCLEAN, Ph.D., earnest and ready for all the work the General Secretary planned for him, and reports from the places that has been favored with a visit speak highly of his eloquence and zeal in pleading on behalf of the work so dear to his heart. In the beginning of January came REV. THOS. CROSBY, from his North-Western home on the Pacific coast, hardly looking a day older since his last visit; as full of physical and spiritual fire, and as desirous as ever to spend and be spent for the Master. Later on in the month, REV. JAMES WOODSWORTH, Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, reached Ontario, to enter the campaign; and by his wise counsels, persuasive pleadings, and ample knowledge of the needs of the North-West, is doing much to help the cause of missions. Last, but not less earnest than the others, the REV. ENOS LANGFORD, late of Beren's River, now of Winnipeg, arrived in the city, on a short leave of absence, and has since given unstinted aid in the missionary