

THE missionary services at the various Western Conferences were of exceptional interest this year, chiefly owing to the presence of the Rev. S. Huntington, whose graphic pictures of mission work in the Nipissing country, and fervent appeals for a more liberal support of the home work, were greatly appreciated. Special collections were taken in some of the meetings to aid Bro. Huntington's church building enterprise.

WE regret to learn that Miss Knight, Matron of the Crosby Girls' Home, has been compelled by ill-health to seek change and rest for a time. She needs and ought to have assistance in her arduous work. We sincerely hope she will soon be able to return to her post with renewed vigor. Miss Reinhart, our teacher at Bella Bella, took charge of the Home during Miss Knight's absence.

THE Woman's Missionary Society will hold its annual meeting at Grimsby Park, on Tuesday, August 9th. A programme of unusual interest is being prepared, and a large gathering is expected.

A LARGE order for Ontario school books has lately been received from our Tôkyô Academy. Part of the order consisted of six dozen copies of "Campbell's Geography," and as this book contains some exceptionally fine maps of the Dominion, the Japanese student will quickly see that Canada is not merely a name, but represents a country of magnificent extent.

Editorial and Contributed.

MISSIONARY DAY AT GRIMSBY PARK.

IN addition to the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, announced elsewhere, there is to be a special "Missionary Day" at Grimsby Park this year, namely, Wednesday, August 17th, which promises to be a time of unusual interest. This will be understood when we say that addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Williams, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church; the Rev. C. C. McCabe, D.D., of New York, and the Rev. Wm. Butler, D.D., founder of M. E. Missions in India and Mexico. Such an array of talent seldom appears upon one platform, and the announcement should be sufficient to bring crowds to the Park. Can not we have a grand missionary rally on August 17th? Fares will be cheap; there is good access by both steamer and rail, and the speakers announced are well worth a journey to hear. Dr. Sutherland will preside.

THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

HELD a meeting last month, which was attended by both the General Superintendents and most of the members. A good deal of routine business was disposed of, after which communications from Japan passed under review. The first letter referred to the many openings which now exist for self-supporting educational work in Japan, and it was urged that well qualified teachers should be selected by the missionary authorities to fill places in the Government schools, where competent English teachers are greatly needed. The proposal is made on the distinct understanding that no financial responsibility shall be assumed by the Missionary Society for either passage or salary. The Committee recommended the General Board to co-operate in the matter.

A second proposal referred to a project advocated by Dr. Eby when in this country, namely, the erection of a large central hall in Tôkyô, to be used for lectures and general evangelistic services. The Committee were of opinion that in view of the large expenditure already involved in carrying on the work in Japan, it is not expedient to attempt the enterprise referred to at the present time. In regard to the proposal to build a new church near the College in Tôkyô, to accommodate the large number of students and others who desire to attend, authority was given to procure a site at a cost of \$450, and the question of the church was left to the consideration of the General Board.

Resolutions from the directors of the French Institute, and other correspondence, were read, and it was agreed that the Institute should be continued in its present quarters, pending the action of the General Board in regard to new buildings. A grant was authorized for the purpose of repairs.

THE LATE GEORGE H. STARR.

CANADIAN Methodism, especially in the Eastern Provinces, has recently sustained a heavy loss in the death of Mr. George H. Starr, of Halifax, who is deeply lamented by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Mr. Starr was seventy-five years of age at the time of his death, the last forty of which he had been an earnest and devoted member of the Church. Respect and love for him were not confined to those of his own communion, for his wide sympathies and catholic spirit obtained for him a large circle of warm friends. The prevailing opinion was pithily expressed by one who, to use his own words, had known him a lifetime, in the following short sentence:—"The highest tribute I can pay the deceased is to say that he was a good man in every sense of the word." Mr. Starr was converted through the influence of a personal friend