

The General Superintendents presided with their usual ability.

The General Secretary presented an abstract of the annual report, which gave general satisfaction. The Secretary of the Board was instructed to prepare a digest of the proceedings, which has already appeared in the *Christian Guardian*.

#### THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1887-8.

THERE is one feature about the appropriations for the current year that is encouraging,—the grants to the Domestic Missions are a little better than formerly, showing an advance of five per cent. In other words the grants, added to the amounts which the missions propose to raise, will give an average of seventy per cent. of the basis of salary, instead of sixty-five per cent., or less, which has been the rule hitherto. We append a statement of the amounts appropriated to different departments of the work, omitting details, which would take up too much room :

Domestic Missions .....	\$71,432 00
Indian " .....	42,609 00
French " .....	9,948 00
Foreign " .....	17,803 00
Chinese " .....	2,025 00
To recoup advances for Parsonage, building, etc....	3,968 00
Affliction and Supply .....	2,000 00
Travelling Expenses of General Board, Conference Missionary Committees, Chairmen of Districts, etc .....	1,745 00
Publishing Charges .....	5,300 00
Cost of Management .....	8,750 00
Miscellaneous .....	31,465 00
Total .....	\$197,045 00

#### THE SOCIETY'S ANNIVERSARY.

THE revival services conducted by Mr. Moody attracted so much attention that it was feared by some the attendance at the missionary services would be very small. These fears proved to be comparatively groundless, and on the Sabbath fair congregations assembled in the various churches. The sermons were timely, and the addresses at the various meetings were such as could not fail to quicken interest in missionary work.

The annual meeting of the society was held in the St. James Street Church on Wednesday evening, Oct. 12th. The honored Treasurer of the Society, John Macdonald, Esq., presided with his accustomed ability, and opened the proceedings with an earnest and appropriate address. An abstract of the Annual Report was read by the General Secretary, and addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Macdonald, J. Woodsworth, and Y. Hiraiwa that were models of their kind. This was one of the first attempts made by Mr. Hiraiwa to speak to a congregation in English, and his success

was, to say the least, remarkable. His use of the language is wonderfully correct, and a few weeks' practice will enable him to use the English tongue almost as fluently as his own. A short address by Mr. Moody, at the commencement of the meeting, was highly appreciated.

In this connection we would call especial attention to the motto for the year, which was adopted with great cordiality alike by the Board and by the meeting:—A REVIVAL IN EVERY CONGREGATION, AND A QUARTER OF A MILLION FOR MISSIONS.

#### THE FRENCH WORK

RECEIVED more attention than usual from the Board, and we are justified in saying they have put that department of our work on a better foundation than it ever has occupied in the past. The conviction was deep and universal that the Church could no longer afford to *play* at French Missions, and that her plans and expenditure must bear some fair proportion to the magnitude of the work. The importance of the educational element was clearly perceived, and the resolution to establish an Institute on a comprehensive scale may justly be regarded as the most important movement that has yet taken place in connection with our French Work. The step has been taken after full deliberation, and must be pushed forward with vigor and at once. This is not the time to enter upon details, but we may say the project involves buildings that will cost some \$20,000, and *this must be provided without touching a single dollar of the regular income of the Missionary Society*. What that means we hope our wealthy men will understand. "A word to the wise" ought to be "sufficient."

#### PUSH ON THE CAMPAIGN.

TO reach the standard fixed by the General Board, —and every cent is needed,—will require prompt, united and sustained effort. There is the more need to emphasize this point in view of the many other claims pressing upon the Church. The Federation Scheme requires a large sum, (but no larger than the Church is well able to raise), and the local Sustentation Schemes in the various Annual Conferences may trench upon the Mission Fund unless the latter is carefully guarded. The best way to guard against "a falling away" is to resolve upon a marked advance, and the amount of advance necessary to reach that quarter of a million is just about twenty-five per cent. above last year's givings. Let those who gave four dollars last year give five dollars this year,—others in proportion,—and the thing is done. "The thing looks easy on paper?" Yes; and its just as easy in fact if each one