

DR. McDONALD and Miss Cartmell, who have recently returned from Japan, addressed a large audience at Grimsby Park on Tuesday, the 9th of August, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society.

It has been arranged that after the meeting of the General Board, the General Secretary and Mr. Hiraiwa will spend about six weeks in the Maritime Conferences, after which they will return to the west to begin work there about the first week in December.

DR. McDONALD has arrived in good health and spirits. He rests for a while at his father's house in Picton, will make a short sojourn in New York in connection with certain medical studies, and by the middle of November, or earlier, will be ready for the Missionary campaign.

BOUND copies of the OUTLOOK, covering the past three years, are now ready, and will be sent post-paid to any address on receipt of \$1.25. Each Auxiliary and Mission Band will do well to procure one for their library, as the volume contains a large fund of valuable missionary information.

THE August number of the OUTLOOK contained extracts from some letters from Miss Spencer. This is probably the last reference that will be made to this lady as Miss Spencer, for on the 18th July she was married to Rev. T. A. Large, who is also one of our missionaries in Japan.

DURING the present ecclesiastical year many will have an opportunity of seeing and hearing a Japanese Christian minister, who is probably now on his way to this country. The Rev. Mr. Hiraiwa, to whom we refer, has mastered the English language, which he writes and speaks well, and so will be understood by the audiences who may have the pleasure of listening to him.

MR. MOODY'S summer school for Bible study opened at Northfield, Mass., on the 2nd of August. It will be remembered that the impetus given to mission work, which resulted in the offering of fifteen hundred young men, in colleges in the United States and Canada, for the mission field, originated in this school last year. Many will watch with eagerness the outcome of the present conference. Dr. Gordon is assisting Mr. Moody.

A GREAT many requests are reaching the Mission Rooms for the services of Dr. McDonald and Mr. Hiraiwa at Missionary meetings. To meet all these requests at the times desired will be impossible, as not

a few are for the same dates; but every effort will be made to cover as much ground as the health and strength of the two brethren will allow. In the course of a few weeks a plan of work will be in readiness, and announcements will be made through the *Guardian*.

THE income of the Society has now passed the \$200,000 line, and the way is clear for an onward movement to that quarter of a million. Some Districts, and a good many Circuits, did their duty nobly last year, and had the upward movement been general the quarter of a million would have been easily reached. Toronto District alone—which has always done well—advanced over \$5,000, or nearly half of the entire increase for the year.

WITH two exceptions the Conferences are all in advance this year. Newfoundland, owing to failure of fisheries and business stagnation, is somewhat behind, and Nova Scotia shows the loss of some large special donations made in 1885-6 and not repeated in 1886-7. It should be remembered, too, that nearly every Conference has been doing something for a local sustentation fund, to aid weak circuits, which may have touched Missionary givings a little.

AT Tarsus, in Cilicia, Asia Minor, the birth-place of the Apostle Paul, there is about to be established "an Institution" (to be called St. Paul's Institute), "for benevolent, charitable, and educational purposes, and missionary work, among the youth of the Ottoman Empire." A native preacher, Rev. Mr. Jenanyan, who has, for the past three years, been preparing himself for this work in the Union Theological Seminary, New York, and Rev. Alex. McLachlan, of Toronto, also a graduate of that Seminary, are to take charge of the Institute, and be assisted by native teachers and workers. It is to be undenominational in character, and will be at once a home and a school. The Board of Trustees are chiefly prominent ministers and laymen of New York City.

SCHEDULES have been sent to all Chairmen, and we hope they will be returned promptly to the Mission Rooms as soon as the Financial District meetings are over, so that they may be printed in good season for the use of the Missionary Board. In regard to the filling out of these schedules we venture to make a suggestion or two. 1. Remember that the basis of salary for a married man is \$750, for a single ordained man \$400, and for a single unordained man \$350. (These figures do not apply to the North-West or British Columbia, nor to Missions in cities.) When a single man is ordained, the fact should be indicated in