

The Quarterly Boards of the Methodist Episcopal Church will not report until August; but, it is confidently expected that they will not vote *nay*, and, whatever may be the result of the vote, the question of Union seems now to be practically settled; details, of course, will be matter for future consideration.

It is very gratifying to see the preparation that is being made in some places to carry out the plan of Union. At Bowmanville, union meetings have been held for some time, by three of the Churches uniting. At Exeter, the Methodist and Bible Christians held union revival services for six weeks, during which more than 60 professed to find peace with God. Services have also been held jointly between the Methodist and Methodist Episcopal Churches in Nananee. At Stirling united revival services have been held, with the Methodists and Methodist Episcopal Churches, with very gratifying results. At Montreal, Bishop Carman, Methodist Episcopal, and the Rev. T. C. Antliff, of the Primitive Methodist, preached with great acceptance in the Great Saint James and Dominion Square Churches. The same is true of some other places. We pray that nothing may transpire to mar the good feeling which so extensively prevails.

The first annual report of the *Womans' Missionary Society* contains many items of interest. The ladies have appropriated the following sums: Crosby Girls' Home, \$800; McDougall Orphanage, \$415; French Missions, \$400; Japan, \$1,300. Miss Cartmell, the first lady missionary, has arrived in Japan and will be supported by the *Woman's Missionary Society*. Mr. J. Wesley Smith, of Halifax, has engaged to provide for the maintenance of one pupil at the Crosby Girl's Home. May the number of such donors become greatly augmented.

An effort is being made to establish a fund in aid of erecting churches and parsonages in the North-West which deserves liberal patronage. A few generous subscriptions have been promised on

condition that the total amount guaranteed shall reach \$150,000. The Methodist Church should raise double this amount without the least difficulty.

A very interesting incident is communicated from Japan, by the Rev. G. M. Meacham, M.A. A meeting was recently held at a village called Mishima, which was addressed by various friends, led by Mr. Ito, of the Dutch Reformed Church. At the close of the meeting an elderly man, worth \$15,000, asked permission to speak. He said: "I have never spoken to more than three people at a time in my life; but, I feel constrained to say what I believe regarding this new religion. I have been reading, and I am sure it is the true religion. If I were one of them (the Christians) you would not mind what I say. But I belong to the Iodo sect of Buddhists. This is my testimony, here it is. Mr. Ito has many copies of the Scriptures. If any one has no copy and would like to have one, let him go to Mr. Ito and get one. If he cannot pay, I will pay the bill, and so on, to the extent of 1,000 copies. I give myself to this new religion, and my fortune to the work of spreading it." The effect was very great, many were deeply moved. One man said, "I can't stand this much longer; I am getting weak in the knees."

The Rev. Thomas Crosby sends an interesting letter, describing a visit he had made to Kit-maat. He spent a happy Sabbath and held a series of services, at one of which 26 persons came forward for prayers. Miss Lawrence, the teacher, has gone to reside among these poor people. Mr. Crosby will rejoice when he secures his steamer for navigating in those dangerous waters, in which he now travels by canoe and is often in great peril.

The Rev. C. M. Tate writes from Bella-Bella, and gives a delightful account of the progress of some of the young Indians in knowledge. One of them, named Louis Brown, was about to be sent to a heathen village, 40 miles distant, to teach school and preach Christ to a people who know nothing of Christianity.