

After reading the foregoing, the reader will be in no doubt as to what is meant by "A great need in Methodism." It means a Church Extension Fund, out of which aid may be given, in needy and deserving cases, toward the erection of places of worship. But have we not a Church and Parsonage Aid Fund already? Yes; but nearly all the funds belonging to it are the proceeds of a legacy for loan purposes only. What is needed is a fund for donation purposes, or for loans without interest, and this would work admirably with the loan fund proper. In many cases, if a donation of from \$200 to \$500 could be made, and a loan at low interest of a similar amount, churches would go up like magic in places where they are urgently needed, and our work would be put upon a permanent footing from the very start. We commend this matter to those who have the means.

For Shizuoka Church.

WE publish herewith the first list of contributions toward re-building the Shizuoka Church. Those distinctly marked as proceeds of the self-denial week we put in a list by themselves. It is quite possible that many other contributions sent in were derived from the same source, but as this was not clearly indicated by the donors, we think it best to keep the lists separate. We find, also, that in some cases—perhaps in many—amounts raised have been sent directly to Mr. Cassidy, and we would remind all friends of the movement that moneys can be sent more cheaply through the Mission Rooms than in any other way. The general list, to date, is as follows:

Per Rev. T. Albert Moore, Niagara Falls	\$20 00
Rev. J. W. Totten, Cannington	2 00
A Friend	2 10
Rev. B. Pierce, Maberley	4 00
Evangelist	2 00
Woman's Missionary Auxiliary and Epworth League, Burlington	14 00
Epworth League, Kirby and Orono	7 68
Friend, per Rev. J. G. Fallis	7 00
Mrs. J. R. Hamilton	5 00
Epworth League, Newmarket	5 00
A. Gordon, Portage la Prairie	2 00
G. H. Armstrong	5 00
Mrs. J. J. Crowe, Dundas	5 00
Thank-offering from a lady	5 00
Member Berkeley Street W.M.S. (½ sovereign)	2 43
Rev. J. S. Ross, Woodstock	5 00
A Friend	5 00
A lady friend	50 00
Christian Endeavor West End Church, Montreal	3 00
Miss Gentle, Toronto	0 50
Epworth League, Cassburn, per A. J. Bolton .	3 00
Epworth League, Hebron, per H. Hale	10 00
Three friends	3 00
Miss R. A. Wass	5 00
Strathroy, Front St., Easter offering W. M. S.	8 00
"Iona," San Antonio, California	1 50
Rev. James Goodwin, Grimsby	10 00
Oakwood, Easter offering W. M. S.	6 25
Mrs. J. C. Nichols, Waterloo, Que., Easter Thank offering	25 00
Rev. G. McRitchie, Ottawa	2 00
Mission Band, Centennial Church, Scarboro' .	20 00
Epworth League, George St., Peterboro' . . .	5 00
W. M. S., Caistorville	5 20
Christian Endeavor, Caistorville	5 20

Two friends, Ottawa, per Mrs. W. Saunders,	
Experimental Farm	7 00
Rev. A. Sutherland, Thank offering	20 00
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FROM SELF-DENIAL WEEK.

Self-denial week, Blythe	\$5 25
Sunday School, Oakville	11 78
Wolfville, N. S.	1 00
W. M. S., Fergus	8 00
A few friends, Augusta	4 40
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We are convinced the above is nothing like the whole amount realized from self-denial week. Will others who have funds on hand please report without delay.

Answers to Correspondents.

Ought not the Church to spend more on Home Missions, and less on the Foreign work?

ANSWER.—Without doubt the Church should spend more on Home Missions, but not less on Foreign. A great advance on both lines is the need of the hour.

What is the present state of our Indian Institutes?

ANSWER.—1. The Mount Elgin Institute is very flourishing—over eighty pupils, which is more than the building can properly accommodate. New buildings are urgently needed, and the Government has the matter under consideration. 2. The new Institute at Red Deer is almost ready to be opened. 3. Building at Brandon has not yet begun, although the site was selected nearly two years ago. Nearly a year elapsed before tenders were asked for, but they were too high; the plans were modified and other tenders invited. Result not yet known. 4. The McDougall Orphanage has accommodation for thirty, but over forty are in attendance. More room and better appliances are urgently needed. This institution will probably be controlled in future by the General Board. 5. The Chilliwack Home is in process of erection, and will be ready early next autumn. This institution will accommodate 100 pupils, and will be carried on by the General Society and the Woman's Society conjointly.

The Central Tabernacle, Tokyo.

BY REV. J. W. SAUNBY, B.A.

WHEN the Rev. Dr. Eby returned to this country on furlough a few years ago, he awakened widespread interest in the work which lay nearest to his heart, namely: The establishing in Tokyo of a great central organization for the prosecution of evangelistic work along broader and stronger lines than had hitherto been followed. It was his purpose to combine in one institution all the different departments of mission work, from an apologetic lectureship to a Salvation Army corps.

Now, since our return home, no department of the work in Japan has elicited more frequent inquiries than has this Central Tabernacle work. Has the Tabernacle become a reality? We heard it was burnt down—has it been rebuilt? What is the trend of the work—is it secular or spiritual? Are souls being saved and a living church established? and what is the outlook for the future of this work? are among the questions asked by those whom it has been our privilege to meet. Presuming, then, that these indicate to some extent the information needed throughout the home church,