

that portion of the city and left the church in ashes. However, nothing daunted, and, with little or no delay, the pastor, the Rev. F. A. Cassidy, went to work again to rebuild. As shown on the first page, the church has been completed, and is, we think, a credit to Methodism whether at home or abroad.

EXTRACTS from letters recently received by the Students' Missionary Society of Wesley College, Winnipeg, from the Rev. James Endicott, B.A., of the West China Mission, have reached the Mission Rooms, but too late for the April OUTLOOK. They will appear in the May number.

Pastor's Congregational Record. By Rev. Geo. S. Carson, Pictou, N.S. A compact, comprehensive and thoroughly workable manual, a veritable boon to ministers who desire to keep a concise record of daily pastoral work, and a summary of everything connected with their congregations. To all ministers we would say concerning this book: 1. Buy it; 2. Use it.

Editorial and Contributed.

An Earnest Appeal.

IN another column will be found "An Epistle to the Churches Concerning the World's Evangelization." This epistle is the outcome of a conference of representatives of some twenty missionary societies that assembled in New York during the present year, and expresses the deep and abiding convictions of men who have been in close touch with the world's needs and with the missionary work of their various churches for many years. It is sent forth with the earnest hope and prayer that it may aid in arousing Christians everywhere to a deeper sense of personal responsibility, and to a new conception of the grandeur of the opportunity that is before the church of Christ to-day. May this call to "the final rally of the century" be heard and heeded everywhere.

An abundant supply of this appeal, in tract form, will be ready in a few days and will be sent free to any of our ministers desiring them. Read the appeal in the missionary prayer-meeting, scatter it broadcast among the people, and pray for an earnest and prompt response.

The Detroit Convention.

THE Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions held its second triennial convention in the city of Detroit, on the last day of February and the first four days of March. In its composition, aims and methods, this association is altogether unique. It numbers upon its rolls some 3,200 students of American and Canadian colleges, of whom over 1,100 were present at the Convention, besides a number of missionary secretaries and returned missionaries. The aim of the movement, as announced in one of its mottoes, is, "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation," by which is meant, not the conversion of every human being, but such a publication of the

Gospel by the living missionary that every person in the world shall hear the glad news during the lifetime of the present generation. There is something inspiring in the splendid audacity of such a conception; all the more when one reflects that the Church of Christ has abundant resources in men and money, could they be but utilized, to make the conception a glorious reality.

Then as to the methods employed: The Association does not raise money or send out missionaries, but confines its efforts to the spreading of information, the creating of enthusiasm, and above all, to obtaining recruits. It is virtually saying to the Churches, "The world is open, and the Churches have abundance of money; now here are the volunteers, ready to go to any part of the world at your call."

The programme of the Detroit Convention was well planned, as may be inferred from such topics as these: Paul, the Great Missionary Example; The Preparation of the Volunteer; Woman's Work in Connection with Foreign Missions; Medical Missions; The Evangelization of the World in this Generation, etc. etc. The report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. J. R. Mott, was deeply interesting, and the addresses of such men as Revs. A. T. Pierson, Judson Smith, A. J. Gordon and J. Hudson Taylor were full of inspiration. Mass-meetings were held in several churches in the evenings, when addresses were delivered by the above-named ministers, and also by several of the missionary secretaries and returned missionaries who were present.

On the Saturday the Convention divided into denominational sections, when the Methodist volunteers from Canada were met by the General Missionary Secretary. About forty were in attendance, representing every Methodist college, and some others, from Sackville, N.B., to Winnipeg. A profitable time was spent, and much useful information elicited. Altogether, the Convention was enthusiastic and deeply spiritual, and left a gracious impression upon all who participated in its exercises.

The Missionary Spirit in the London Convention.

WE rejoice that the missionary spirit is growing in our young people's societies, as evidenced by the interest shown at the Convention held in London last month. Forming a Missionary Department is a move in the right direction; and in appointing Mr. F. W. Daly, B.A., as Superintendent, we think our young people made a wise and happy choice.

The Missionary Committee reported as follows:

Whereas, we believe that it is for the best interests of the spiritual life of the young people's societies, as well as for the salvation of the heathen, that every young people's society be intensely interested and practically sympathetic in mission work, this Committee recommends that every young people's society be strongly and lovingly urged to put in force the present missionary machinery, as provided for in the Constitution under the head of Missionary Committee, by holding monthly or bi-monthly meetings for missionary work;

Whereas, we believe that regularity in contributions, and small sums from the many rather than larger amounts from the few, is both scriptural and will aggregate more in the