

Missionary Society, \$459; Congregational Union, \$54.70; For Sunday school Library, \$79; Foreign Missions, \$226.50, Provident Fund, \$562; By Sunday school, \$200; House of Industry and Refuge, \$50.30; Fellowship Fund, \$228.03; Building Fund Union, \$1225.51; Total, \$4,052.58. A pleasing feature of the church's work is reported in its having ascertained that a number of the Chinese resident in the city were without religious instruction. It occurred to Miss Grace Lyman that a class might be formed for the purpose of supplying this instruction. Miss Lyman, with the co-operation of eleven young ladies connected with the church and school, has organized and conducted such a class for some time past every Sunday afternoon at half-past four o'clock. A teacher is allotted to each scholar. This mode of teaching is found necessary. A room for this special purpose has been kindly placed at the disposal of the young ladies by the Young Men's Christian Association. It is very gratifying to these young ladies to know that their efforts are appreciated by the Chinese, as shown by their regularity of attendance, their interest in the lessons and their desire to be taught. There appears a deficiency in the receipts of some \$900, owing to some extra demands for repair on the building, but the liberality of the friends is fully equal to the emergency.

Dr. Stevenson has elicited some newspaper controversy on the North-West trouble by a sermon preached on the evening of the 5th inst., his position being that a nation's injustice is surely visited upon its own head, and that we need to cleanse our politics from bitterness and corruption, if as a people we would walk securely.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The annual meeting of the church and congregation was held last month, when reports were read by the secretaries of the church and six other societies, showing a progressive and healthy condition of life in Queen's Road. Nine new members were received during the past year, five were taken from the roll, leaving 128 in fellowship; while there are about 550 under pastoral care. The last payment of about \$150 has been made for church repairs, which were effected in 1883 at a cost of \$3,780; and with this important work completed we look forward in 1886 to getting a new organ. The Sunday school numbers about 165, with sixteen teachers, and has a prosperous Band of Hope, a Penny Bank and a Juvenile Missionary Society, which collected last year about \$240, part of which is sent to the London Missionary Society and the rest to our Newfoundland Missions. The Temperance Society is doing good work; and the choir has commenced a series of Saturday evening entertainments for the purpose of furnishing a counter attraction to the public house, a work greatly needed here. Our tea-meeting was this year

the most successful ever held, some 500 persons being present; with addresses from the neighbouring ministers and the music furnished by the choir was specially instructive and pleasing. Our annual missionary meeting was held last Wednesday, when the report and treasurer's statements were read. We have three stations in Newfoundland and one in Labrador; with the necessary adjuncts of a school at each and a training school in St. Johns. The congregation in the city raises for this work some \$300, which added to the \$240 from the Sabbath school, make \$540. This sum is supplemented by grants from the Congregational Missionary Society, and subscriptions from the outside, making a total missionary expenditure of nearly \$1,000 for Newfoundland; Labrador mission being entirely sustained by the friends in England and Canada. The educational work of our three elementary schools is carried on at an outlay of about \$600, of which \$160 is given by the church and the rest by Government grants and fees; while the training school is conducted at the sole charge of Miss M. Good, of London, Eng., who is the zealous and successful principal of the institution. You see from this summary that our energies and resources are taxed pretty well to sustain the great and pressing claim of our own home mission and educational work which, being out of all proportions to our numbers or wealth, prevents us from giving annual subscriptions to those denominational institutions we would otherwise gladly help. However, the agents of those societies have got a fairly generous response now and again, and we believe it will be in our power, on fit occasions, to give a collection just to prove that the eastern extremity of the denominational body has a warm regard for Congregational principles.

PARIS.—We are glad to hear that three promising young men have just been received into fellowship. The church is encouraged. Means of grace are well attended, and the prayers of those who take part therein have spiritual power. The Young People's Christian Association is thriving, and the pastor's Bible class is doing well.

"Lo the promise of a shower  
Drops already from above;  
But the Lord will shortly pour  
All the spirit of His love!"

SCOTLAND.—The service in the church here, April 5, was interesting and encouraging. Ten came forward for baptism and thirteen were received as new members. There was one case of household baptism. Some of the candidates Mr. Hay had baptized in their infancy. The church was improved in appearance by new chandeliers presented by the Young Peoples' Association. On the whole the churches under our pastor's care are prosperous and progressive.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—This church, which was declining in financial strength and attendance since the great