

A DISTRICT MISSIONARY CONVENTION is to be held at Wiarton, Owen Sound District, on the 8th inst., at 2 p.m., in connection with the visit of the General Secretary. Papers on the following subjects will be presented, to be followed by general conversation:—“Our Indian Work,”—Rev. Robert Carson. “Can our work be so re-arranged as to save missionary money?”—Rev. Geo. Smith. “Will the missions on this District become self-sustaining? If so, when?”—Rev. Geo. Hartley.

CONVENTIONS like the foregoing are an experiment, in which the Owen Sound District has the honor to lead off. For some time past the General Secretary has been anxious to devise some plan whereby he could reach the largest number of ministers and representative laymen, and converse with them freely on all matters affecting our missionary work. The object is to promote the fullest understanding and confidence between the Church on the one hand, and the Board of Missions on the other. Conventions are arranged for the Kincardine and Wingham Districts, and it is likely others will follow.

THE General Secretary spent several weeks of the past month on the Nipissing, Sudbury, Algoma and Bracebridge Districts. This involved a sermon, missionary address, lecture and temperance address at North Bay; missionary address at Warren, sermon and address at Sault Ste. Marie, sermon at Thessalon, sermon and address at Bracebridge, and missionary address at Huntsville. Some of our missionaries on these Districts work under great discouragements, and are handicapped by very meagre support; still they labor on cheerfully in hope of brighter days.

AS promised in our last month's issue we give a fine photo-gravure of our China missionaries. We regret that Miss Brown, sent out by the Woman's Missionary Society, did not join the party in time to be one of the group.

REV. R. WHITTINGTON, M.A., who has been making his headquarters at Carlton Place, has removed to Cobourg, which will be his post-office address till further notice.

THE Mission Rooms was favored with several calls from the Rev. C. M. Tate, our Indian Missionary at Chilliwack, B.C., who spent a few days in the city *en route* for British Columbia. Mr. Tate has been having a much needed rest, after spending some twenty years in the Indian work, and is going back refreshed and eager to renew his labors on behalf of his Indian brothers.

A MINISTER in the North-West, aided by his colleague, orders 102 copies of the OUTLOOK, with the names of a corresponding number of persons on the Circuit to whom they are to be sent, and says: “I do believe that every dollar thus invested will return the Society five dollars.” We haven't a doubt of it; and we would like to give the name of the brother, as an inspiration to others, if we were at liberty to do so. Suffice it to say he is a young Chairman, who has been developing the self-supporting idea on his District at a most encouraging rate, and he now proposes to develop the giving power of his people in a new direction. N.B.—For such an experiment, we give the OUTLOOK for one year at a large reduction.

A YOUNG brother in the Cape Breton District, Nova Scotia Conference, writes:—“I greatly value the OUTLOOK. It not only affords me pleasant reading, but furnishes me with many facts concerning our own work also. Our people are neither readers nor specialists on missions. In order to educate them for both I use some of the Lord's money to subscribe for eight copies of the OUTLOOK, hoping that these good people may through it be greatly benefited.

AND our sisters are always to the fore in every good word and work as shown by the example of a young lady living in a thriving country district, who took her horse and buggy and drove, from early morning until late in the evening, soliciting subscribers for the OUTLOOK. And a day or two after we were favored with a call, when she handed us a list of forty-two names.

Editorial and Contributed.

BEFORE another number of the OUTLOOK is issued, Christmas will have come and gone. To our friends everywhere we wish all the blessings (better than the “compliments”) of the happy season, and pray that Christmastide may come to them radiant with every joy. Let it be a time of peace and good will,—of buried enmities and restored friendships,—of gifts and greetings in the home, and of help to the suffering poor. Above all let it be a time of renewed consecration, and of prayer and effort for the world's salvation; then shall the great design of the Incarnation be accomplished

“And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.”

LAST year there was a falling off of nearly \$2,000 in juvenile contributions, without any assignable cause. Let there be an earnest effort this year, not