

our usual service last evening, and after wishing our children good night, one of our boys came to me and said, 'I want you to pray to Jesus for me.' I took him into my room, and in a little while five of our eldest girls joined us, and later on, three more boys. What a blessed time we had. It would have done your heart good to have heard them in their own simple way pleading with God—some in English, others in Stoney—for forgiveness; and afterwards, praying for their friends in camp. Rejoice with us."

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Editorial and Contributed

Editorial Notes.

THE General Board of Missions will meet (D.V.) in the city of Montreal the first Thursday in October, and the occasion will be one of much interest. There will be a number of new representatives, but they all are men of experience in Church affairs, who may be trusted to give their best attention to the important matters that will come before them. Let earnest prayer be made throughout the Church that the Spirit of grace and wisdom may rest upon the Board in no ordinary degree.

TIDINGS of a remarkable and encouraging kind have come from Corea. During the past winter the king expressed a desire to see Bishop Ninde, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who was then in the country. During the audience the king said: "There are many, many Americans in Corea. We are glad they are here. Thank the American people, and we shall be glad to receive more teachers." This sounds like a wide opening of the doors of the "Hermit Nation."

A WRITER in the *Missionary Review* suggest an additional clause to the pledge of the Student Volunteers, as follows: "If the way is not open for me to go to the foreign field, I promise to live on the same amount in this country that I would receive were I

engaged in missionary work, and consecrate all that I possess over and above that amount to the maintenance of the foreign missionary work."

DURING the past year or two an East Indian, named Vivekananda, a delegate to the World's Parliament of Religions, and who posed as a Hindu monk, has been giving his views in lectures and magazine articles about Christianity in general, and missions in particular, to the great disparagement of both. He was heralded by the secular press as an educated and orthodox Hindu, and his opinions were received with the utmost confidence. Now fresh information is coming to light in the comments of India newspapers, both Hindu and Christian, from which it appears that Vivekananda was at first an actor in Calcutta; afterwards he joined the Brahma-Somaj, and preached that faith; but soon repudiated this, having abandoned belief in God. His Hinduism is repudiated by the native papers, and his description of missionaries is pronounced to be unfair. And this is the man who has been applauded by public assemblies, and has had the *entree* to some of the most influential magazines and papers on this continent.

IT would seem that the much vaunted "Parliament of Religions" has been bearing fruit very different from what its originators predicted. The cordiality with which representatives of Buddhism, Hinduism and other false systems were received, the deference paid to their statements, not to speak of the applause evoked by many of their utterances, have tended to foster a spirit of confidence in their own systems, and of arrogant opposition to Christianity. The Gospel aims at the overthrow of all false religions, and cannot consent to be regarded merely as one religion among many, all equally good—or nearly so. It is all very well to shout "Toleration!" but toleration is for men, not for falsehood. Toward the followers of false systems we may exercise the largest toleration, but with the false system itself it must be war to the death. In the nature of things truth cannot tolerate falsehood.

MINISTER DENBY, who represents the United States in China, in his latest despatch to the Department of State at Washington (May 16th), says in substance:

"As far as my knowledge extends, I can and do say that the missionaries in China are self-sacrificing; that their lives are pure; that they are devoted to their work; that their influence is beneficial to the natives; that the arts and sciences and civilization are greatly spread by their efforts; that many useful Western books are translated by them into Chinese; that they are the leaders in all charitable work, giving largely themselves and personally disbursing the funds with which they are intrusted; that they do make converts, and such converts are mentally benefited by conversion."