

Editorial and Contributed.

Editorial Notes.

WE would call attention to the letter of A. G. McKittrick, on page 53, concerning the new Indian Mission at Riviere Qui Barre, and his request for a small portable organ, to assist in the service of song. Who will volunteer to supply the need?

WE have limited our editorial matter this month to make room for interesting letters from mission fields, and even then we could not print them all; several had to be reserved for next month.

IT is too early to report results of the week of self-denial, but we are looking forward earnestly and hopefully, expecting much help for the missions and much blessing to the Church from this movement. Will our young friends and others please report promptly. Do not wait until the end of the year, but send word now.

IN the Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, on the evening of the 30th January, a missionary meeting was held under the auspices of the Epworth League of Christian Endeavor of the Church. Several of the leading officials very kindly took part. Mr. Richard Brown, in his usual happy manner, presided. Ten-minute addresses were delivered by Messrs. John Donogh, J. W. Henderson, J. W. Dowd and H. H. Fudger, the respective subjects being: "How we became a Missionary Church," "What I Know of Home Missions," "Why Not Leave the Heathen Alone?" "Why I support the Mission Fund." The addresses were original, full of thought, and could not fail to make those who listened to them think more seriously on their duty to missions. Indeed, it would be difficult to get together, for one meeting, four speakers who could more clearly and interestingly put the subject of missions before their hearers. The proceedings were enlivened by songs from Miss Bailey, Mrs. Wright and Miss Dundas, while Messrs. Verner and Hines contributed instrumental duets. The meeting was very enjoyable and profitable.

Missionary Maps.

OFTEN the question is asked, Would not the preparation of missionary maps—say of Japan, to begin with—showing the location of our missions, be a good means of increasing interest if used in Sunday Schools and on the lecture platform? Doubtless it would, and we are moving at present on that very line. First a map of modest size will be prepared, to meet requests that have come from auxiliaries of the W.M.S., and if this meets with encouragement, a large map will follow, showing in bold outlines and strong colors the work of all the Protestant Missionary Societies in Japan. The smaller map will be just the thing for the home, the pastor's study, or the meetings of the women's auxiliaries; the large map, if published (and this will

depend on the encouragement given), will be for use in the Sunday School and on the lecture platform at missionary meetings. We will be glad to hear from friends all over the country what they think of the project.

The Committee of Finance.

A SOMEWHAT lengthy meeting of this important Committee was held recently at the Mission Rooms, beginning on Thursday, March 23rd, and ending at noon the following day. There was a good attendance of members, and close attention was given to the business in hand. The Japan work received a good deal of attention. The development of the work in the Hongo District of Tokyo, where the Tabernacle is located, seems to call for increased appliances, especially in the line of woman's work, and it is possible the two societies may combine to furnish the needed aid.

Letters from China were read with much interest. Dr. Hart reports the missionaries in good health, and the work encouraging. A plot of ground, aggregating three acres, in a central part of the city, has been purchased at a cost of \$1,650, as a site for hospital, chapel, school and missionaries' residences. The hospital plan has been a leading idea from the inception of the mission, and as it is cheaper to build missionaries' houses than to rent and repair native structures, sufficient land had to be procured to afford the necessary room. The houses will cost about \$1,000 each. Already a considerable amount has been received at the Mission Rooms for the hospital project, and other donations are expected.

The General Secretary presented quite a number of letters from ministers and medical men volunteering their services for China. These letters gave evidence of the deep and wide-spread interest which is felt in this our latest forward movement. A letter was also received from the Missionary Society of Wesley College, Winnipeg, pledging support of a married missionary for seven years; while another letter from the Wesleyan College, Montreal, offered to furnish the travelling expenses of a missionary to the China field. From other sources, also, voluntary offers of help have been received, and the Committee feel that the circumstances would justify the appointment of two additional missionaries to China, one for the medical and one for the evangelistic work.

The Rev. James Woodsworth,

WHOSE portrait appears on another page, is the eldest surviving son of the late Richard and Mary Ann Woodsworth, and was born in Toronto, on May 3rd, 1843. His early education was obtained in the Model School of his native city; but while yet in his teens, he left school to assist his father in business. Subsequently he filled a position in the Mechanics' Institute as Assistant Secretary and Librarian. In 1864, he was received as a probationer by the former Wesleyan Methodist Conference, and stationed on the Cooksville Circuit, under the superintendence of the