

RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

The conflagration at St. John, N. B., has stricken the heart of Methodism throughout the Dominion. We are glad that so much sympathy has been extended to our suffering brethren; but after all has been done, we fear that many will still suffer severely. The majority of the Methodists in that city were burnt out; and after receiving all the insurances for churches and parsonages that were destroyed, about \$80,000 will be required to replace those edifices, so that our readers will see that the amount required will tax the liberality of the benevolent. We hope that our friends everywhere will respond liberally on behalf of their suffering brethren.

The last number of the *Missionary Notices* contains very pleasing letters from our brethren in Japan. The missionaries are laying the foundations of the Church broad and deep. Accessions are being made to their numbers. Mission property has been purchased at Yedo. Some young men are being trained for the ministry, but those who renounce the religion of their fathers experience much difficulty and suffer great persecution. The success of our brethren is very gratifying.

From the Saskatchewan District we learn that a new church is very much needed at White Fish Lake. The missionary, Bro. Steinhauer, is certainly ingenious in his method of raising means to that end. The following paragraph from Bro. Manning's letter has the right ring: "To become a missionary in the Northwest is no longer to sacrifice everything but life and imperil life itself. After nearly two years' residence at Edmonton, we are not sensible of having given up anything worthy of

mention, except the society of friends and of the brethren; and as to the perils of journeying to this distant land, they are but the figments of imagination."

The account given respecting the moral state of some who went from Ontario should awaken anxiety in the breasts of those who have an abundance of religious privileges. A young man said to a missionary, "This is the first Sabbath we have had for a whole year."

The news from British Columbia is gladdening. The church at Victoria deserves to be designated "a model church;" not merely is their own minister sustained, but six hundred dollars are contributed to the General Fund, and a considerable amount has been given in support of the mission at Naas.

In Red Piver District opening doors of usefulness are increasing, so that everywhere the cry is, "Mer of Israel, help."

We are glad to find that an aged superannuated minister in Nova Scotia, who possesses the true missionary spirit, seeing a destitute neighbourhood, has commenced holding services at two places, and has succeeded in gathering congregations and establishing the usual Methodist ordinances. A friend has given two acres of land, which includes eligible sites for a church and parsonage.

Campmeetings. These "feasts of tabernacles" have been numerous this season. Grimsby grounds were well utilized, not merely for a camp-meeting, but also conventions were held for local preachers, class leaders, and Sunday-school teachers. Some sessions were also devoted to the advocacy of temperance. Excursions from Toronto, Hamilton, and other places were matters of daily