

money. In former times, only the highest nobles could penetrate to the inner part, but now any one, even a foreigner, for a trifling fee, may enter. Another building contains the tomb. Altogether the place leaves the impression of costly and beautiful buildings going to decay.

Sunday, June 23rd, was spent in Yokohama, as the guest of my old friend, Dr. Meacham. The Doctor has a pleasant pastorate, and is much esteemed. His church is one of the best in Japan, the congregation (foreigners) is large, and although it includes representatives of half the sects in Christendom, they seem to live in happy fellowship. I had the pleasure of preaching to them in the morning, and assisted at a prayer service at the Presbyterian school building in the evening, attended by about fifty persons. One of the pleasant sights of the foreign part of Yokohama is a semi-private garden and tennis ground, maintained by a number of foreigners for the recreation of their families. As a bit of landscape gardening it is simply exquisite, and from a bit of rough forest has been brought to its present state of perfection in the last twelve years.

THE SOCIETY'S ANNIVERSARY.

THE meeting of the General Board of Missions at London last month was an occasion of deep interest. Nearly all the members of the Board were present, and a goodly number of ministers from the city and surrounding country watched the proceedings from time to time. Deep regret was felt at the absence of the Rev. Drs. Williams and Sanderson; the former on account of severe personal affliction, the latter on account of a bereavement in his family. Resolutions of sympathy were passed in each case.

The financial statement for the past year was laid before the Board. It was cause of thankfulness that, although there was a falling-off in the matter of legacies of over \$10,000, there was a cheering advance in regular sources of income. With the exception of Bay of Quinte and the New Brunswick, all the Conferences were in advance, Montreal leading the way, closely followed by Manitoba and British Columbia. The following table shows the income and expenditure by departments for 1888-9, compared with that for the preceding year:

	INCOME.	Increase.	Decrease.
Subscriptions and Collections	\$171469 78	\$5601 64	.....
Juvenile Offerings	27851 62	.....	\$64 21
Legacies	4709 00	.....	10093 38
Donations on Annuity	1000 00	1000 00	.....
Indian Department	9404 98	529 40	.....
Miscellaneous	1340 03	.....	678 04
Total Income	\$215775 41	7131 04	10835 63
Net Decrease	.....	.....	\$3704 59

	EXPENDITURE.	Increase.	Decrease.
Domestic Work	\$87594 43	.....	\$268 15
Indian Work	48508 87	\$9405 08	.....
French Work	8508 42	.....	405 45
Chinese Work	3290 15	1510 15	.....
Foreign Work—Japan	23987 46	6149 43	.....
Special Grants for Purchase, Erection or Repair of Mission Property, etc.	4239 27	.....	773 28
Affliction and Supply	1211 50	.....	422 41
Superannuated Missionaries	4900 00	.....	.....
District Chairmen's Expenses	1064 92	133 90	.....
Circuit Expenses	3952 34	239 34	.....
Annuities	849 50	.....	78 50
Interest, Discounts	3573 75	.....	2184 75
Publishing Charges	4603 69	.....	29 09
Travelling Expenses	3945 88	1639 95	.....
Conference Committees' and Treasurers' Expenses	856 88	100 63	.....
Superintendent of Missions, N.W.T.	1600 00	.....	.....
Cost of Management	8004 92	205 59	.....
Total Expenditure	\$210691 98	\$19384 07	\$4161 63
Net Increase	.....	\$15222 44	.....
Surplus	5083 43	.....	.....

The next table shows how each dollar of the income was divided last year between the different departments of the work:

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Domestic Missions	40	8
Indian Missions	22	4
French Missions	4	0
Chinese Missions	1	5
Japan Missions	10	9
Mission Premises	2	0
Affliction and Supply	0	6
Superannuated Missionaries	2	2
Circuit Expenses	1	8
District Chairmen's Expenses	0	5
Annuities, in consideration of Donations	0	4
Interest, Discounts, etc	1	7
Publishing Charges (Annual Reports, Reward Books for Juvenile Collectors), etc.	2	1
Travelling Expenses	1	9
Conference Committees' and Treasurers' Expenses	0	4
Superintendent of North-West Missions	0	8
Cost of Management	3	7
Surplus	2	3
	100	0

The General Secretary submitted a full report of his recent visit to Japan, together with the basis of union adopted by the joint Committee of the various Methodist missions in that country. These, with numerous other documents, were referred to appropriate sub-committees.

The Anniversary of the Society was held in Queen's Avenue Church, on Tuesday evening, October 8th. The chair was occupied by J. R. Inch, LL.D., President of Mount Allison University. The opening services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent; the financial statement was read by Rev. Dr. Shaw, and earnest addresses were delivered by the Chairman; the Rev. Geo. Boyd, of Newfoundland; the Rev. J. Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions in the North-West; and the General Secretary.

Many questions of importance were considered in sub-committees, and reported to the Board for action; but as these have already appeared in the *Guardian*, they need not be given in detail here. The Board