

"HAVE you plans suitable for building a church, say for 200 or 250 people?" asks a brother. At present we have but one plan, neatly lithographed in tints, with tower and spire at one corner, but so planned that the tower can be omitted. It is probable that other plans will be prepared in the near future—some larger, some smaller. The audience room of this plan is 34x41 feet, with gallery at one end; has recess for choir, minister's vestry, and class room; heating furnace below; will seat about 250 full-grown persons.

WE have on hand a few bound volumes of the *OUTLOOK* for the years 1884, '85, and '86. We will send a copy, postage paid, for one dollar—just the net cost. This volume is a mine of missionary material.

OUR new missionary boxes, or "mite" boxes, work well when there's an energetic pastor to work them. Bro. S. T. Bartlett, of Lakefield, Ont., writes: "You may remember sending me twenty mite-boxes, recently. I want twenty more. I have here a Junior Epworth League of about seventy-five members, and am organizing in connection with it a Mission Band. The twenty boxes are out, and applications for about fifteen more have been made. I think emphasis should be put on this phase of our missionary work, and in connection with the Junior League, work might be done in all our churches that would materially help to solve the great missionary problem. I am resolved, for one, to press home the facts among our boys and girls, and educate them early in the pressing needs of the great cause. Kindly forward the boxes and trust me to use them."

DURING the month of February the General Secretary expects to attend missionary services as follows:

- Feb. 14—London—a.m., Dundas Centre.  
London—p.m., Queen's Avenue.
- " 15—London—W. M. S. Convention.
- " 16—Dorchester Station.
- " 21—Stratford.
- " 22—Stratford—Missionary Convention (probable).
- " 28—Guelph—Norfolk Street.
- " 29—Guelph—Missionary Convention (probable).
- March 6—Toronto—a.m., Gerrard Street.  
—Toronto—p.m., McCaul Street.

THE following was received just as we go to press. May it be the first of hundreds like it:—

*January 29th, 1892.*

The Providence Branch of the Epworth League, McIntyre's Church, Granton Circuit, concur in the proposal of a week of self-denial for Foreign Missions, and that the amount realized be devoted to establish a hospital at Chen-too, in connection with the new mission to China.

Yours in sympathy,

ANNA M. MOSSIP, *Secretary.*

## Editorial and Contributed.

IF the present generation of heathens are to be reached and saved, they must be reached and saved by the present generation of Christians. This simple statement has all the force of an axiom. Whatever future generations may develop in the way of missionary zeal and success, will be for the generations of heathens then living, and it will be impossible to turn back the shadow on the dial so that light may shine on those who persisted amid the darkness of a far-off time. The past is gone, and we cannot recall it; the future we may never see. The present alone is ours, and it is weighted with responsibilities beyond our thought. Eight hundred millions of heathen, and perhaps not more than two hundred millions of nominal Protestants to send them the Gospel. Suppose that out of all these Protestants there are 20,000,000 who can in some way take part directly in the world's evangelization: these would be only forty heathen for each. But many cannot go to the heathen who fall to their share, and the only way seems to be to club together to send those who can go. In other words we must either go or send.

THE China Central Mission of the Presbyterian Church is appealing for reinforcements. Four great provinces, with an aggregate population of 121,000,000, are regarded as accessible. Besides this, they desire to push westward into Tz-Chuen, the province of our own new mission. Concerning this new field, they say:—"The province of Tz-Chuen, on the Upper Yang-tse, with some 45,000,000 of people, might be occupied in force. Untouched by the Tai-ping insurrection, it retains all the glory and prosperity of ante-rebellion times. The people are a hardy, straightforward, enterprising race, as is shown by their various and productive industries. For centuries they have been boring salt and gas wells from three to five thousand feet deep, and using natural gas for evaporating the brine pumped from the bowels of the earth. Their bronze, silk, and white wax industries are noted over the empire. Their language is Mandarin, in which a Christian literature is already prepared."

WE trust that our young folk—and old folk too—will give a careful reading to the open letter on another page entitled "A Self-denial Week for Missions." It would be a pity to confine the "Self-denial week" to the young people alone. If the suggestion is generally adopted, and the fund in consequence be more than enough for the Chen-too