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Field Notes.

CORRECTION.—A paragraph in last month's OUTLOOK, referring to the percentage givings of Methodist people for missions, "Sixty-one cents per member," should have read "seventy-one cents." The mistake was palpable enough to be readily detected.

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THE OUTLOOK should go into every Methodist family, and, considering the price at which it is offered, there is no reason why it should not. Will not our friends make an extra effort to obtain some subscribers whose interest in the cause of missions needs to be quickened? New subscribers ordering during October and November will receive the November and December numbers of this year free.

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A NUMBER of cards of inquiry regarding the Missionary Report have been received. The Report cannot be published before the meeting of the General Board of Missions, hence it is impossible to have them out as early as some of our brethren suggest, but they will be dispatched to the various circuits as rapidly as possible after the 15th of the present month.

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OUR missionaries *en route* for China went via Chicago, and, in a letter received from Dr. Hart, dated Oak Park, which is a suburban town of Chicago, we regret to learn that Mrs. Hart had a severe fall, caused by a broken plank. Mrs. Hart was thrown on her head, and was considerably bruised, but no serious consequences are anticipated.

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THE Woman's Missionary Society has decided to take up work in China, and Miss Amelia Brown, of Aylmer, who is appointed to that field, joined Dr. Hart and party, at Vancouver, in time to sail with them on the *Empress of India*, on the 4th October. We are sorry that the Society was not successful in securing a medical missionary, but hope that at no distant date this important department of mission work will be ably sustained by our Woman's Society.

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FROM an account of a missionary trip among the Indian bands, received from the Rev. J. Nelson, which we are forced to hold over, through lack of space, for

another issue, we clip the following encouraging instance of faithfulness regarding a band he visited at White Whale Lake:—"Two years ago I formed a class and appointed a leader, and since then they have met regularly for prayers, the leader exhorting at the end of the service. As a proof of their sincerity of purpose, evidences of a new and better life is apparent; the most conspicuous being the interdicting of gambling on the reserve, which formerly they so dearly loved."

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FROM the report of the Committee on Newspaper, published in the Minutes of the Japan Methodist Conference, regarding the establishment of a Methodist paper in Japan, we take the following:—"The Board of Management shall be composed of two representatives, appointed annually by each of the Methodist churches in Japan. The name of the paper shall be *Gokyo*, published weekly, in Japanese, and its size shall be eight pages." The proprietor named, we are pleased to note, is the Rev. Y. Hiraiwa, who is not unknown to Canadian Methodists.

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THE *Missionary Review of the World* for October is up to the usual standard of excellence of that aggressive and interesting magazine. The Department of "Literature of Missions" contains ten carefully prepared and inspiring articles by able writers, covering topics of current interest to all who are interested in missions. The "International Department," "Editorial Notes," "The Monthly Concert of Missions," and the "General Missionary Intelligence," are likewise full of valuable information relative to the cause in all lands. Published by Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. \$2 per year; 25 cents for single numbers. In clubs of ten, \$1.50.

THE Emperor of Japan has selected as the first president of the first Japanese Parliament a member of the Presbyterian Church.

DR. B. C. ATTERBURY, Pekin, says the Emperor of China is blamed for the late floods. He went, as is the custom, to several temples during the dry season, to pray for rain, which soon came in such abundant quantities that floods ensued. And now there are loud complaints against the Emperor, who was, the people say, too zealous, and not have invoked so many deities!

Editorial and Contributed.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL REPORT FOR 1890-91.

A WORLD open to the Gospel of Christ, but with two-thirds of its population yet unreached by the missionary; Churches rich beyond the dreams of avarice, with resources in men and money fully equal to the world's need, but touching, as yet, only the outer fringe of the realms of darkness; tremendous activity in every department of life, in manufactures and commerce, in politics and trade, but comparatively slow and timid movement along lines of missionary aggression. These are some of the startling facts which confront thoughtful men to-day, and give rise to questions touching Christian fidelity, zeal and methods, that are not easily answered.

One thing is certain, if the world's spiritual needs are ever to be overtaken, a revolution of existing methods and spirit must take place. A timid, worldly-wise policy must give place to a fearless faith that undertakes great things *for* God and expects great things *from* God; the penurious spirit that asks, How little will do? must give way to an abounding liberality whose only limit is the measure of God's gifts; the stay-at-home policy must be abandoned for an onward movement to the "regions beyond;" and the disposition to evade personal responsibility must be banished forever by the unreserved consecration which says, "Here am I, send me."

Under such changed conditions the evangelization of the world would be brought within the possibilities of a single generation; and we are not without indications that such a change is coming. An enormous amount of preliminary work has been done; unfruitful methods are being abandoned; new agencies are being employed. Best of all, the conscience of the Church shows signs of quickening; the sense of personal responsibility is becoming deeper; liberality is increasing, and there is a growing disposition to regard the work of missions as the main question of Christianity, instead of a mere side issue. The Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions alone is a striking sign of the times. It places some thousands of the most promising young men and women of Canadian and American colleges at the disposal of the Churches for foreign missionary work, and if this offer is met by corresponding liberality, the next generation may witness the clear dawning of millennial light. Everything points to the necessity for a forward movement all along the line.

The reports from our own mission-fields, for the past year, are not devoid of encouragement, although the net gain does not seem to be commensurate with the agencies employed and the money expended.

I. THE FOREIGN WORK.

From the commencement of the Japan Mission, progress, if not phenomenally rapid, has been steady

and uniform. The past year's returns show a net gain of 103 in the membership,—not a very large number, it may be said, but the advance has been won in the face of strong and many-sided opposition. Christianity in Japan is now passing through a critical stage of its history. The novelty has worn off, and multitudes are not now drawn by mere curiosity, as in the past. Not a few were attracted by Christianity as a possible political factor, who have not yielded to it as a spiritual force. As its self-renouncing spirit becomes more fully understood, lines of separation are more sharply drawn, and antagonisms are developed that have only occasionally shown themselves hitherto. Grace and wisdom in no ordinary degree will be needed by the workers, that they may be saved from any compromise of principles or lowering of standards. That Christianity will ultimately triumph in Japan goes without saying; but there will be an arduous struggle before victory is achieved.

II. THE CHINESE WORK.

The mission among the Chinese in British Columbia, begun in 1885, shows signs of steady growth. The event of the year, so far as material progress is concerned, was the completion and dedication of the new brick mission church in the Chinese quarter of Victoria. The cost, exclusive of site, was some \$6,000, and it is a gratifying fact that the Chinese themselves contributed about \$1,000 toward the cost of furnishing, etc. There is a net gain of thirty-eight in the membership, and the various missionaries report encouragingly of the attendance at the public services. A site for a church has been purchased in New Westminster, and when a suitable building is erected the work there will be greatly strengthened.

Before passing away from the Foreign Work, it will not be considered out of place to refer briefly to the new mission about to be established in China. The circumstances which led the Board to commit itself to this new forward movement were of such a character as left no room for doubt that God was leading us on. A series of remarkable providences opened the way; difficulties that seemed great were quickly removed; specially qualified workers were raised up without our seeking, and to-day four well-equipped missionaries are on their way to the Province of Sz-Chuen, to unfold to the dwellers in the land of Sinim the glory of Him concerning whom one of China's most eminent sons once uttered these remarkable and prophetic words: "In process of time a Holy One will be born who will redeem the world. The nations will wait for Him as fading flowers desire the summer rain. He will be born of a virgin. His name will be Prince of Peace. China will be visited by His glory."

III. THE INDIAN WORK.

The state of the Indian work on the Pacific Coast was thoroughly discussed at the recent session of the British Columbia Conference. The General Superintendent and the Secretary of Missions were both present, and in frequent consultations with the Indian missionaries and the Conference Committee on Missions, sought to reach a thorough understanding of the

situation. General plans and local difficulties were discussed, and practical unanimity was reached as to the policy that should be pursued. The need of residential schools was strongly urged by the missionaries, and a report on that line was adopted by the Conference.

The reports for the past year are not all bright. Difficulties and discouragements have been encountered that have sorely tried the faith and patience of the missionaries, and it is a matter of thankfulness that, spite of these, they still work on with a good courage. In Manitoba and the North-West the missionaries have been cheered by the triumphs of grace in a dying hour among their people. In some places, pre-eminently at Battle River, the revival spirit has been abroad, and numbers have been converted. In the Central Conferences the work exhibits no new features. Some of the bands are slowly but surely decreasing in numbers, and will ultimately become extinct. The net gain in Indian membership is seventy-six.

IV. THE FRENCH WORK.

The evangelistic department of the French Work shows a slight gain, there being an increase of thirteen in the membership. The work has been carried on in the face of great opposition—boycotting, and other forms of persecution having been resorted to. Educational efforts show encouraging prospects. The French Institute is no longer an experiment. Results already demonstrate the wisdom of the policy which led to this forward movement in educational work. The Principal, Rev. William Hall, M.A., reports that the year has been one of comfort and encouragement, balanced somewhat by painful and discouraging circumstances. The school being now more widely known, and having survived the unfavorable criticisms that are at once the annoyance and stimulus of all new enterprises, has had in residence eighty-five students—forty-five male and forty female. Of this number, fourteen were English, five part English, six Indian, and forty-seven French. Fifteen of these entered as Roman Catholics, several of whom have been led into the light.

V. THE HOME WORK.

This department does not present any new features. There is a net gain of nearly 1,800 in the membership, more than half of which is contributed by the Montreal and Manitoba Conferences. In the latter Conference the development of self-support and liberality in sustaining the Mission Fund are very gratifying, and afford indubitable evidence that missionary money expended in the North-West will be returned to the Church with large interest.

On the whole, a review of the year's work in all departments, while it leaves no room for boasting, yet supplies much cause for thankfulness, which should lead to larger liberality and more earnest effort in time to come.

The following Tables present a summary of the numerical and financial condition of the work:—

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL.

DEPARTMENTS.	Missions.	Missionaries.	Assistants.	Teachers.	Interpreters.	Total Paid Agents.	Members.
DOMESTIC MISSIONS—							
Toronto Conference	35	29	6	..	..	35	3125
London Conference	23	21	2	..	..	23	2492
Niagara Conference	3	3	..	..	..	3	378
Guelph Conference	23	23	3	..	..	26	2784
Bay of Quinte Conference ..	34	31	4	..	..	35	3969
Montreal Conference	70	49	23	..	..	72	5843
Manitoba and N. W. Conf. ..	60	50	14	..	..	64	3764
British Columbia Conference.	15	14	2	..	..	16	461
Nova Scotia Conference	44	32	12	..	..	44	3880
New Brunswick & P. E. I. Conf	44	43	1	..	..	44	3843
Newfoundland Conference ..	48	48	6	..	..	54	7570
	399	342	73	..	..	416	38109
INDIAN MISSIONS—							
Toronto Conference	6	3	1	4	2	10	396
London Conference	4	4	1	4	4	13	787
Niagara Conference	2	2	..	..	2	4	236
Guelph Conference	2	2	..	1	2	5	214
Bay of Quinte Conference ..	2	2	..	..	..	2	78
Montreal Conference	4	2	1	4	1	8	134
Manitoba and N. W. Conf. ..	13	11	4	9	4	28	1244
British Columbia Conference.	14	9	12	5	..	26	1044
	47	35	19	27	15	96	4153
FRENCH MISSIONS—							
Montreal Conference	7	6	3	..	..	9	254
CHINESE MISSIONS—							
British Columbia Conference.	3	3	1	8	..	12	165
FOREIGN MISSIONS—							
Japan Conference	19	28	22	12	..	62	1819
Grand Total	475	414	118	47	15	594	44500

TABLE II.—FINANCIAL.

Income and Expenditure for 1890-91 Compared with that for 1889-90.

BY DEPARTMENTS.

	INCOME.		Increase.	Decrease.
Subscriptions and Collections ...	\$172171	29	\$5620	26
Juvenile Offerings	26212	98	..	..
Legacies	29542	64	22207	53
Donations on Annuity .....	..	..	..	5000
Indian Department	10189	25	..	633
Miscellaneous	4899	27	2705	04
Total Income	\$243015	43	\$30531	83
Net Increase .....	..	..	22989	00
EXPENDITURE.				
Domestic Work	\$98841	75	\$15007	20
Indian Work	42861	89	..	\$5248
French Work	8343	36	50	81
Chinese Work (British Columbia).	4323	00	663	57
Foreign Work—Japan (including Rev. C. T. Cocking)	26523	73	..	979
Special Grants for Purchase, Erec- tion or Repair of Mission Property	4077	62	..	3098

		Increase.	Decrease.
Special Grants for Affliction and Supply	2413 00	\$566 17	....
Superannuated Missionaries	4900 00	....	....
District Chairmen's Expenses	1164 45	110 84	....
Circuit Expenses	3961 81	30 23	....
Annuities	1060 00	....	\$166 00
Interest, Discounts	4377 72	1032 45	....
Publishing Charges	5245 23	381 57	....
Travelling Expenses	1381 47	....	727 48
Conference Committees' and Treasurers' Expenses	1034 47	300 64	....
Superintendent of Miss'ns, N. W. T.	1600 00	....	....
Salaries	5100 00	....	....
Rent, Postage, Telegrams, Clerk-hire, Printing, etc.	2771 28	575 20	....
Total Expenditure	\$219980 78	\$18718 68	\$10220 68
Net Increase	....	8498 00	....
Surplus	23034 65	....	....

Income and Expenditure for 1890-91 Compared with that for 1889-90.

BY CONFERENCES.

INCOME.

		Increase.	Decrease.
Toronto Conference	\$37893 38	....	\$1344 18
London Conference	17761 79	\$740 77	....
Niagara Conference	25887 92	500 62	....
Guelph Conference	18883 65	1530 52	....
Bay of Quinte Conference	22692 58	70 81	....
Montreal Conference	34675 90	253 11	....
Manitoba and North-West Conf.	9412 24	2331 15	....
British Columbia Conference	4518 03	423 67	....
Nova Scotia Conference	12126 40	....	293 63
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conf.	8331 29	....	309 92
Newfoundland Conference	6151 09	....	192 07
Legacies	29542 64	22207 53	....
Donations on Annuity	....	....	5000 00
Indian Department	10189 25	....	633 42
Miscellaneous	4899 27	2705 04	....
Total Income	\$243015 43	\$30762 22	\$7773 22
Net Increase	....	22989 00	....

EXPENDITURE.

Toronto Conference	\$11117 68	\$592 57
London Conference	11323 01	\$1020 27
Niagara Conference	3439 97	495 15
Guelph Conference	7359 56	317 77
Bay of Quinte Conference	13331 97	1736 53
Montreal Conference	22387 51	1785 48
Manitoba and North-West Conf.	34077 86	1277 49
British Columbia Conference	24072 38	570 43
Nova Scotia Conference	8315 58	1186 51
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conf.	7294 28	747 67
Newfoundland Conference	15226 94	1907 07
Japan Conference, including Rev. C. T. Cocking	26523 73	979 77
Mount Elgin Industrial Institut'n.	5054 78	950 21
French Meth. Institute, Montreal.	2980 36	224 66
Supt. of Missions, North-West	1600 00
Superannuated Missionaries	4900 00
Annuities in consideration of Donations	1060 00	166 00
Interest, Discounts, etc.	4377 72	1032 45
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TABLE III.—PERCENTAGE EXPENDITURE,

SHOWING HOW EVERY DOLLAR RECEIVED LAST YEAR WAS DIVIDED BETWEEN DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE WORK.

	cts. mills.
Domestic Missions	40 6
Indian Missions	17 6
French Missions	3 4
Chinese Missions	1 8
Japan Missions	10 9
Mission Premises	1 6
Affiliation and Supply	1 1
Superannuated Missionaries	2 1
Circuit Expenses	1 6
District Chairmen's Expenses	0 5
Annuities in consideration of Donations	0 4
Interest, Discounts, etc.	1 8
Publishing Charges (Annual Reports, Reward Books for Juvenile Collectors), etc.	2 3
Travelling Expenses	0 5
Conference Committees' and Treasurers' Expenses	0 4
Superintendent of North-West Missions	0 6
Salaries	2 2
Rent, Postage, Telegrams, Stationery, Clerk-hire, etc.	1 2
Surplus	9 4
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REPORT OF THE CENTRAL TABERNACLE.

(Revised, accepted, and adopted by the Council.)

THE founding of this mission involved three essential elements, viz.:

1. A large building, centrally located, and capable of being adjusted to the convenience of a variety of gatherings, large and small.

2. Facilities for the use of methods of a subsidiary character to attract, interest and instruct those who are not yet ready to come as inquirers after the light of the Gospel.

3. A group of workers consecrated for service of any kind by which they can sustain the work, and thus make up for the want of a Christian lay society, which surrounds and supplements the work of every pastor in a Christian land.

The first of these essential elements we have in the Central Tabernacle—built on, perhaps, the best spot in Hongo for the purpose, on one of the principal streets, and within easy reach of the university, the preparatory college, law, art, music, and other great schools, and a very large section of the city. In this matter I cannot speak too highly of the services of the Missionary Secretary, by whose advice this site was chosen in preference to one we had selected at a lower price, but in a much less favorable street. The wisdom of the change is more apparent every day. The building, also, is suitable for its work. By means of partitions it can be divided up into suites of rooms for smaller gatherings; or, by removing the slides, be thrown into one large audience-room, capable of seating one thousand people. Its style and finish are attractive, without giving the idea of the waste of a single cent; the acoustic properties are perfect, for both speaker and hearer; in every way it is a delightful place for meetings, either great or small, the only drawback being the uncomfortable temporary seats which are still in use, and must be until funds are forthcoming for proper and permanent seating. It is said that there are more students in Tokyo than in any city in the world. To have such a centre as this,

in the very midst of these students and institutions, and a mass of intelligent common people, places upon us the solemn responsibility of being partakers in, perhaps, the most important evangelistic undertaking in the empire.

As to the second element, while recognizing the limits of my strength, and earnestly hoping and praying for additions to the staff of workers, I have nothing to complain of in the matter of freedom in the management of the work and facilities for variety of method. In this I wish to express my gratitude to my brethren; for in the inception of a work like this, partaking so much of the nature of an untried experiment, not to be able to act promptly and authoritatively at any particular point might prove fatal, while prompt meeting of emergencies is the life of progress and success.

The third element, an efficient group of workers, if so necessary for the great Central Mission in London, where the people won can so soon be made into reliable assistants, and lay help is at hand in abundance, it is doubly necessary in Japan, where the material on which we work is so completely raw, absolutely un-Christian and untouched of Christian training, and all Christian workers are more than fully occupied.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

In formulating the plans for the Central Mission, music has always occupied an important place. One of the first things to be secured was a suitable organ. Mr. L. C. Peake, of Toronto, came to our aid, and forwarded us a magnificent Vocalion, subscribing the whole of his commission. The instrument is in every way a complete success. At the same time, Providence sent us an unusually good musician in the person of Mr. Ed. Gauntlett, who earns his living by teaching in the Government Commercial College, and gives all his leisure time to the musical department of the Tabernacle. While the general taste is still in favor of Japanese music, the opportunity of hearing good organ playing is an education and an attraction, especially to students of the Academy of Music, several of whom have been brought to Christ. We are very desirous of procuring a piano, on which instrument Miss Cushing is a superior player, and which would be a great addition to our sacred concerts and social gatherings.

STEREOPTICON VIEWS AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

The magic lantern has been used more or less in mission work, both at home and abroad, and is at present assuming an important position in connection with all great city missions. It has already done good work in Japan, and with careful management its usefulness may be largely developed. My idea in connection with the use of the stereopticon in the Tabernacle has never been to furnish amusement, or to do much in the way of exhibitions, but rather to make the illustrations subordinate to the direct teaching they were intended to aid. It was thought they would attract many to listen who otherwise would never enter a place of worship, and that the instruction thus given would be more impressive and more easily remembered, and thus more speedily bring forth fruit.

I am glad to say that these expectations have been most fully met, by the gratifying results that we know have already followed this kind of work. Some who had never heard the story of the cross came, and were immediately impressed, put themselves under direct instructions, and are now happy Christians. It is found, also, that the children obtain thereby in a remarkably short time an intelligent understanding of the "Old, old story."

Aside from the illustrated sermons, we have had several pleasant evenings for the children—a lecture on astronomy, by Prof. Dr. Knott, illustrated by slides kindly lent by the university; one on "The Vicar of Wakefield," by Prof. J. M. Dixon, illustrated by slides taken from famous drawings; one by Miss Mary Prince, on "Glimpses of Art in Venice and Rome;" one each on India and China, by missionaries, illustrated missionary addresses, in fact. Every one of these gave great pleasure and profit to large audiences, amongst whom were many who, thus attracted, came to the other services as well, from the feeling that if these Christians could do that sort of thing so well, perhaps their Christianity had something good in it too. Some of our friends were at first rather dubious about the magic lantern service on a Sunday night, but after coming and seeing for themselves, and finding everything so reverently and irreproachably conducted, and that a large and intelligent audience was thus brought within range of Christian teaching, every doubt vanished, and they have declared themselves perfectly satisfied and delighted.

APOLOGETICS.

Although the aim first and foremost of all true mission work is to bring Christ and the sinner together by the presentation of the Gospel message, in a land like Japan, apologetics must always play a most important part as handmaid to the direct preaching of the Word. The objection that argument against error raises more doubt than it lays, may be applicable to Christian people nurtured in Christian thought until faith is interwoven into the fibres of their being; but in Japan the almost universal attitude of mind is agnostic, antagonistic or indifferent, and all based on ignorance or the indoctrination of anti-Christian theories: the national mind is one mass of doubt. A suitable style of apologetics appeals to their habits of thought, and leads, in many cases, to awakening, for many are honest doubters. Nor is the taunt of a gospel of philosophy any more appropriate. No one wants to propagate a merely philosophical gospel, but, if we can, by starting from a common philosophical standpoint, lead men to see that true philosophy consists in the subjection of every thought unto the obedience of Christ, we shall be following in the footsteps of Paul and the great masters of centuries of successful Christian evangelism. Along these lines we have, however, thus far been able to do all too little. Prof. Dr. Howard, whose name is well known in Europe and America, and whose fame as a leader in certain branches of medical research had preceded him to Japan, delivered the first apologetic lecture in the Tabernacle, on "The Christ Judged by Scientific Methods," and was greeted by one of the finest

audiences ever assembled in Japan. Professors and students, officials and professional men, filled the Tabernacle to overflowing, and were well repaid. At least one man, who has since entered the Church, dates his first impressions from that lecture. Canon Tristram, famous for his oriental researches, on behalf of the Christian Evidence Society, delivered a lecture on "Recent Discoveries in Egypt and Bible Records," a masterly presentation of lately discovered corroborations of the ancient Scriptures. A few other lectures on apologetical lines were given, but it is a matter of great regret that more could not be done at this time of unrest, when so many doubts are being injected into the Christian thought of Japan—doubts as to inspiration, as to the divinity of Christ, etc.—under the false title of Liberal Christianity, by means of which many have made shipwreck of faith, "both preachers and people," and many who have not fallen are stunned and unable to reply. A central and reliable source of reply to all these plausible theories, whose voice would reach the distant and lonely ones through the press, would be able to do enormous work for the truth and for the Church. It is one of my most earnest desires that the way may be opened for strong and continuous work along these lines in the Tabernacle during the coming year.

YOUNG MEN'S CLASSES.

Among the thousands of young men all about us, many of whom speak English, there is a boundless field for usefulness for any cultured and well-read man, devoted to God, and who has the tact necessary to lead individual souls into light and salvation. A very large number of young men came into English Bible-classes, of whom the greater part passed again out of our hands for want of an efficient teacher, my time and strength being already overtaxed. A few young men have been won, but we regret that more could not be done among the students of the higher schools.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.

Last summer a small beginning of a Sunday-school was made in my house, where some twenty-five young folks were gathered and taught to sing Christian hymns and to understand the rudiments of the Christian faith. It was surprising the progress they made. On the opening of the Tabernacle, they were transferred thither, and the number sprang up in a few weeks to more than one hundred. S. Ebara, Esq., M.P., one of our old members belonging to the Numazu church, was appointed Superintendent and Bible-class teacher. J. Kono, Esq., B.A., who had lately returned from Cobourg, became Vice-Superintendent, with the real burden of control in his hands. He has given faithful and efficient work to the interests of the school, and has been rewarded with gratifying success. Several young people, who had gathered around the Tabernacle, gave assistance as teachers. In a short time opposition arose, and many were forbidden to come, so that for one short while there was a large reduction in attendance. Latterly, the tide has again turned in our favor, and we have continual increase both in the number and the behaviour of the

scholars. In addition to the regular Sunday-school, Miss Cushing has opened a Children's Meeting on Wednesday afternoons, to meet the children just as they come out of day-school. This is attended by forty to fifty lively young people, who seem to enjoy the occasion immensely. One little fellow told Miss Cushing how that he had begun to pray. His parents had forbidden his going to the Tabernacle, but he wanted to go so much that he intended going any way and prayed to God to prevent his parents knowing anything about it! Another chap, who was evidently determined to break up the meeting, was for a long time exceedingly troublesome, until patience was exhausted, and he was turned out. He tried his best to get others to go out with him, but they steadily refused. A little later he sent word in that if they did not come out he would never play with them again; they replied that they would play with others, and he could do as he liked. At the door of the building, when those who enter leave their wooden clogs, we provide them with straw sandals; these sandals had been growing suspiciously less, and the new janitor charged "the boys" with taking them. Thereupon all the boys struck and declared they would cut the institution. Poor Miss Cushing was heartbroken, afraid she would lose her boys in whom she had become so interested, they refused to recognize her in the street; but it lasted only a day or two; they broke down and couldn't wait for the next meeting day, but thronged her house with evidences of returning allegiance, and things have gone on swimmingly ever since. Two, at least, of these Sunday-school children have given their hearts to the Saviour, and have asked for baptism.

WOMAN'S WORK AMONG WOMEN.

There is no part of the work of the Tabernacle upon which I dwell more gladly than that accomplished by Miss Cushing among the women who have come within the range of our influence. At first the women were conspicuous by their almost total absence; a few had become interested by the work of an old woman for whom we have been caring for some years, these, with the family of my Japanese assistant, formed the nucleus. Miss Youngman, of the Presbyterian Church, held a few meetings for me. Miss Lund, of the Woman's Missionary Society, with a portion of the time of a Bible-woman, came to our help. The result was the evidence that we had a fine opportunity to reach a large number of families, if we only had the help of some one to give her whole time to the work in this centre. Miss Cushing had been invited to Japan, and was living with the Rev. E. Crummy, B.A., in Kumamoto, sustained by the self-supporting Band, studying the language preparatory for regular work. Brother Crummy had been designated for the Tabernacle work, and was expecting to come in a few months. We anticipated their arrival in the case of Miss Cushing, by having her come in the month of February. Although Brother Crummy has been since appointed to other work, Miss Cushing remains with us. Her training, in the home of a Canadian Methodist minister, the Rev. Mr. Oliver, has proved invaluable, while her simple devotion to her work has made her a

most loved "Sister of the people." Although, in the few months she has been in Japan she has made remarkable progress in the use of the language, she would still have been handicapped if a suitable lady helper had not been forthcoming. Providentially a lady, not only well educated in a mission school, but who had the rare training of having been abroad among English-speaking people long enough to break the slavery of narrow Japanese custom, was secured for this work in the person of Mrs. Fukushima. Her support is given partly by the Woman's Missionary Society, and partly by Miss Cushing, for help as a teacher. Their work began about the first of March, and has been going on with increasing benediction ever since. Every Friday afternoon they hold an evangelistic woman's meeting, and, although the hour is inconvenient, it is always attended by between thirty and forty women. Sundays they teach in the Sunday-school, hold a society class after the morning service, and a prayer-meeting before the afternoon preaching. Monday evening they instruct those who have applied for baptism; Wednesdays they hold a Bible-class with those who have been baptized, and have other regular times for consultation, besides taking part in all the ordinary and special services of the Tabernacle.

The most remarkable part of their work, however, is the house-to-house visitation, the hand-to-hand dealing with individuals. Miss Cushing, mindful of the one thing for which she came to Japan, laid down as a rule that they would not only go where they were invited, but also seek admission into strange houses, a thing most repugnant to any Japanese lady's ideas of politeness. But Mrs. Fukushima bravely followed her lead; and, although they have together made 308 visits in seventy-eight different houses, they have never met with the slightest rudeness, excepting in the case of a hospital nurse, and that was speedily corrected. On the other hand, they have been welcomed everywhere, the ladies listening gladly to the story of the cross, often making objections, of course, such as, "Our gods hear our prayers for us," etc., but always in the most friendly manner, discussing what was said, and welcoming the visitors again and again. Another rule is to talk Christ, and Christ only, at these visits, and also to speak of Him to every Japanese lady with whom they have an opportunity to converse. Another element of success is the Flower Mission. The ladies provide two charming vases of flowers for the platform every Sunday; on Monday these are made up into small bouquets, and distributed among the sick and the poor. These three things are working together, and bringing forth remarkable results. Beginning with the poor, the work is extending to the better classes, and to such an extent that another lady must be provided.

Several of the nurses in the hospital connected with the Imperial University were among the first applicants for admission. They asked Miss Cushing to visit a poor sick patient; she went, carrying a little floral gift; this had such an effect on the poor woman that, although she forgot everything else, she never forgot the flowers, and insisted on daily care for them. When she left the hospital she sent for the ladies, and came under regular instruction. She wanted to know

if the Gospel was for a seven-year-old child, and when told "of such is the kingdom of Heaven," she said she wanted such a child of hers to be taught, and now sends it regularly to the Sunday-school and the children's meeting. On another bed in the hospital lay another patient, within hearing, as the story of the cross was told; it touched her heart, and she asked the nurse to bring the visitors to her next time. So they went, with the result that she became a happy, enthusiastic believer; returning to her home in Omori, a few miles outside of the city, on the side opposite to Hongo, she led her husband to decide for Christ. They are of a good family, and evidently in a good position, and declare themselves willing to come all this distance—ten or twelve miles—to connect themselves with the Tabernacle. Through these hospital visits alone ten persons have decided to become Christians.

An exceedingly intelligent and well-educated young lady who resides in the country was on a visit to Tokyo at the house of a greatly beloved younger brother, they came from a considerable distance to attend one of the illustrated sermon services in the Tabernacle; the lady was so impressed that she at once introduced herself to Miss Cushing, and asked for more light. Next morning early she made the journey once more to see the ladies for further instruction. As she was told the story of the cross she wept, for it was so new and strange to her, so sweet to her troubled mind, although she had been baptized some years before into the Greek Church. Every Thursday morning at eight o'clock she comes for instruction, never misses, though living three miles away, and often comes long before the appointed time. The brother is equally interested, and comes regularly to me, as his office duties permit, with all sorts of difficulties that must be cleared away before he can accept Christ. But they are both honest seekers, and there is no doubt as to the result. As stated elsewhere, a number of lady students of the Academy of Music, in Ueno, just near us, have been attending our services. One of these passing by one day, dropped into the woman's meeting, and heard the story of the love of Jesus for sinners. She did not think much of it at the time, but a week or so later she was taken ill, and the whole message became clear to her as well as a sense of her sins. So great became her distress that her friends sent for Miss Cushing one fearfully wet Sunday. She went, and was able to point her to the Saviour, and she became not only a happy Christian but also a most earnest worker, spending her leisure time in leading others to the same source of blessing. She has already conquered the prejudices of one of her fellow-students who was bitterly opposed to Christ, by bringing her to the meetings. This young lady was also deeply impressed, wrote a letter to Miss Cushing next day, stating how that she had never known God before, but now she knew and rejoiced in Him; she had told her family, and they were all anxious to come also; she had been greatly affected by the hymn beginning, "Weeping will not save me." One of these students had been so impressed with the character of the Saviour, particularly with His "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do," that she wishes to consecrate her life to work for Christ as a Bible-woman. Another lady came from a distance,

bringing her daughter to school. The young lady was out walking with one of these student workers, who asked her to call on Miss Cushing; the inevitable "good news" was, of course, the theme, first and last, of their conversation; the young lady was won. She returns and tells her mother, who in turn eagerly listens, and now prolongs her stay in Tokyo, to have salvation before going to her home in the country. Thus it goes on and on; souls are won and then organized into workers; each one returning and bearing precious sheaves. The ladies have both found that for this kind of work, a religious life lower than that of full consecration would not give the needed strength and impulse; on the other hand they find that the work itself undertaken in this spirit ministers also to spiritual growth and happy personal experiences.

AMONG THE POOR.

At the time of distress on account of the failure of crops and floods some time ago, a considerable amount of money was placed in my hands for the distribution of food. This brought us into contact with the misery of the lower classes—and a deep, heart-rending misery it is. We would like to be able to do something to reach this lowest strata, with the hope of better things in this life as well as in that which is to come. Our ladies have begun a work in Dobocho, the poor quarter, and are feeling their way. There is abundance of room for consecrated nurses in this quarter.

OUR REGULAR SERVICES.

I have first of all mentioned these auxiliary phases of our work, to show that the action and reaction of effort about the Tabernacle are not concentrated in purely public appeal. At the same time, this occupies its legitimately important place. The morning preaching service is attended almost exclusively by members and inquirers, the afternoon English service draws from sixty to one hundred, the evening preaching, when there is no special attraction, never falls below two hundred, of whom a large number are University students and officials. The illustrated sermons attract, of course, twice as many. Our class-meetings are increasing in size and fervor, and the Thursday evening weekly prayer-meeting is increasingly well attended. Net result in statistics:—Received on trial, fifty-two; baptized, twenty-six; otherwise received, eighteen; making a total of ninety-six, including five under twelve. Since the District Meeting, when these figures were given, several more have joined the class on trial, and two have been baptized.

The special lectures and stereopticon views, as well as the regular services, have been constantly referred to by the secular as well as the religious press, and always in the most appreciative manner, so that the reputation of the work and an indirect influence thereby has gone forth to awaken an interest in wider circles.

WHAT WE NEED FOR THE FUTURE.

As to the needed staff, I am afraid some of our friends in Canada take a very erroneous view of the state of the case, and judge of our needs from that of an ordinary church at home, and hence cannot see the needs of so large a group of workers. But the two

things differ most radically. A church of this size at home would have a little army of class leaders, stewards, Sunday-school teachers, and other solid and efficient men and women workers. On the other hand, the Central Tabernacle is set down in the midst of a dense and approachable population, with hundreds of young and old coming under our influence, out of which raw material we have to construct a church, and eventually a working staff. In the meantime, however, we have no help but that of very inexperienced young people, besides the staff of workers provided by funds from home. Then this institution must not be looked upon as an established church, which can be run on accustomed lines. It is a great mission experiment, and one of its fundamental principles is to have a group of workers who shall make this not a stopping point, but a centre from which to work in wider circles. Another mistake is to imagine that we are already almost or quite fully provided. The Board has given to the institution only the superintendent and one evangelist helper. The latter, though useful, can only serve us in a limited degree. Mr. Gauntlett, our excellent organist, teaches every day for a living, and gives his leisure time to the work of his department; but he can no more be called a missionary, than an organist at home can be called a minister. Mr. Brown conducted two Bible-classes, and did some secretary and treasurer work, but is now no longer with us. The real army on which I had to depend, and could depend, and did depend with blessed results, consisted of Miss Cushing, her Japanese assistant, Mr. Ebara, and a few young laymen, who assisted in their very short leisure time. The demands of the work call for a minimum of three foreigners sustained by the Board, viz., the superintendent, one more ordained missionary, and Miss Cushing, together with all the help that can be got on the field. This staff, in so large an institution, under such circumstances, would be able to do efficient work during the coming year, but with anything less we shall be like a large steamer in mid-ocean with insufficient machinery and undermanned.

If this enterprise is properly manned, it is on the way to great success; if undermanned, I see grave dangers. With these appliances, this small group of workers will be able to do very much more than a similar number divided. The eyes of all the churches of this nation are upon us; failure would be a wide disaster, while success will uplift all our work and be helpful to the Church of Christ in all its branches in this empire.

DUTY TOWARDS THE CHINESE LABORERS.

THE following, taken from the *New Westminster B. C., Ledger*, contains a suggestion that is worth considering by those who employ Chinese labor. There is danger, amid the engrossing cares of home duties or business, of forgetting that the Gospel seed is to be sown at all times. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

"There is now in this city a small body of Christian Chinamen, whose sincerity is in general obvious, as the men's profession of faith forces them to run the gauntlet of much ridicule at the hands, or rather from the lips, of their heathen fellow-countrymen. One of the converts, a very respectable middle-aged man, engaged in domestic service, is so convinced of the folly of his former creed that he has lately been going in and out among his fellows at the lumber mills and elsewhere, urging them to go to the Church and hear what the Christians have to say for themselves. To put it in his own quaint way, he thinks he was "hyou fool" to believe his former creed. There was "too muchee devil" about it, he says, and he finds that the worship of the true God will make him and others good, honest and happy men. He has been many times repelled when urging his compatriots to go to the Church, and told he was "hyou crazy," "heap fool," and the like. He therefore thinks that others' influence may have more effect than his, and believes that if the ladies employing Chinamen were quietly and kindly to urge them for their own sakes to go to the Chinese Church and school "and see what they are for themselves," many of his countrymen would take the advice and some benefit thereby. The suggestion, coming from a Chinaman himself, is doubtless worth adopting."

RESULTS OF A ONE-CENT INVESTMENT.

AT the Elmvale Sunday-school missionary meeting, held in March last, the Superintendent of the Sunday-school, Mrs. Roach, received a number of letters from the scholars, giving an account of how they had traded with a cent which had been given them a year ago. It is needless to say that this was by no means the least attractive part of the programme. The following are some of the letters as received, in which we have made no corrections:—

I bought a cent's worth of radish seed and sowed them in a plot of ground which my Mother gave me. I tended to them with care and sold them at 5 cts. a dozen. I sold 12 dozen and made 60 cts.

Two years ago I took a cent to see how much I could make for missions. One year ago I took another cent. I spent the both and gained nothing with them. You can't speculate much with a cent. A lady wanted me to do some work for her and said she would pay me, so I got \$1.15 for last year, but didn't get it in time for the meeting, and this year I have added 35 cts. more. Total amount, \$1.50.

Bot lead pencils at wholesale and sold them out retail, with the proceeds bot some sugar and made taffy and sold it for missionaries, making in all, 58 cts.

I have twenty-five cents to give you for the missionaries. I sold some cucumbers to a lady for five cents, and the rest Ma gave me for doing errands.

I earned this money bying and selling rubarb, 20 cts.

I bought one egg, raised a Pullet and sold one dozen eggs for 20 cts., one dozen eggs for 15 cents, then sold the hen for 20 cts. Total amount made, 55 cts.

I ernt this fifteen cents by bying and selling eggs.

I bought a patch of potatoes for one cent and tended to them and sold them for 10 cts., making a profit of 9 cts.

I have just 51 cts. I went errands and washed dishes and did other little things for it.

I bought beans and planted them and sold them for 3 cts.

I bought with my cent some radish seed, and Mr. Wilson gave me a plot to sow it in. I watered and weeded them and sold them at 5 cts a bunch, and made \$1.

I blacked the boots for a month and earned 15 cts. I will try to do better next time.

My cent I invested in potatoes. I planted and tended them and arranged with a gentleman to take the potatoes at 40 cts. per bag. I am glad to hand in my \$1 as the result.

I am a very little boy, but I ain't too small to work. Last year you did not give me a copper to work with, but I thought I would try and do something for poor little boys and girls away off in heathen lands, so last summer I picked dandelions, tied them in bunches, and sold them around the town, total amount, 5 cts.

Total proceeds, \$12.12.

I first bought a can with my cent, and picked berries and sold them. Received twenty cents.

I bought a row of carrots of my Father for a cent and had five pails, and sold them at 10c. per pail, Which is fifty cents.

I bought a cents worth of knitting cotton and knit a pair of garters and sold them for Ten cents. (10c.)

We Bought 2 cents worth of Eggs and Sett them, got 2 chickens, and sold them for 20 cents.

Bought one ct's worth of Bootblackning, blackned boots for five cts., bought five ct's worth, blackned boots for five cts. a week, got one dollar.

MRS. JOSEPH COOK says of the missionaries she met with while visiting heathen lands:—"We were greatly impressed by the happiness and invincible courage of the missionaries. Many of them were more than happy; they seemed to have attained a higher mood—that mood which is induced by renunciation of self and devotion to a lofty purpose—that blessedness which Carlyle says we should all inspire to as the supreme felicity, instead of trying to satisfy ourselves with the mere happiness which comes from agreeable surroundings, the society of friends, and the gratification of our own personal tastes. Ever since I can remember I have made an annual contribution to missions, but it has never been at much personal cost. When I saw the work and its needs, and appreciated the sacrifices our missionaries are constantly making, it seemed to me that the only money worthy to be given to such a cause was that which had been sacredly laid aside for that purpose, and laid aside at some cost. It is only by giving at some personal sacrifice that we can hope to have our offerings, like Shakespeare's quality of mercy, 'twice blessed, blessing him that gives and him that takes.'"

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“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”—MAL. iii. 10.

IN the good providence of God a most bountiful harvest fills the granaries of the land; sowers and reapers rejoice together. He who giveth rain in his season, the sunshine and the dew, has withheld the frost and blight, and the sound of abundance fills the air. What proportion of this great harvest shall return in thank-offering to the God who gave it? How much shall find its way into the missionary treasury, to do its work of extending the kingdom of Christ? While commerce must be stimulated, and the business world be renewed in activity, shall the enterprises of the Church languish, and debts continue to depress faithful toilers in the Master's vineyard? While farmers are expecting to lift mortgages that have too long hampered their farms, may we not hope that the overflow of this wonderful harvest season may reach the mortgage-burdened churches, may swell the benevolences, and increase the gifts of the people? With an honest dealing toward God, we shall doubtless witness that mighty outpouring of the Spirit which is the greatest need of the Christian Church to-day, and for which earnest souls never cease to pray.

IN looking over our exchanges, we are always impressed with one fact, and that one emphasizes the value of woman's work for missions. It is this: Almost, without exception, the women adopt a steady, regular systematic method of instruction. They gather

the facts of missionary history in all fields, and put them into a condensed form, made attractive by question and answer, Scripture selections and appropriate verses, suitable for Auxiliary or Band service. Thus the young are being educated in mission work. While the Church presents the question in a general way, it cannot be doubted that this monthly instruction is a powerful factor in giving permanence and stability to the cause, by establishing it in the hearts and intellects of those who are to carry on the work of the future. It is not simply a question of money raising for present needs. It becomes, in the hands of woman, an educative force, whose influence is all but limitless, and by this force operating legitimately upon the hearts of believers, the gifts of consecrated money will flow into the treasury of the Lord; free-will love offerings—not the forced “proceeds” of methods of money-raising which have seemed a necessity in the past.

OUR readers will have been gladdened by the news in last OUTLOOK that Indian institutes are about to be established at Brandon and Red Deer, Manitoba. The members of the Woman's Missionary Society are warmly interested in our Indian work. We trust ways and means will open up for the establishment of those residential schools, which, it appears, are so necessary.

SAID the Earl of Shaftesbury: “Direct all the power you have to touch the hearts of the women, and if you can get women to take the lead, you will find conversions in all Oriental countries. I believe this to be a generation almost devoted to women and children. Women and children are the great missionaries of the present day. I am fond of saying it.”

Woman's Work for Woman says that one of the Presbyterian missionary ladies in Tokyo invited the newly-elected Christian members of the Japanese Parliament to her house to tea, and that thirteen of the fifteen accepted the invitation.

WE sometimes hear the remark that missions cost so much money, in proportion to their results. It is an easily received argument with many, but it is worth inquiring into. How is it about other enterprises? It is said the first steel rail made in America was rolled in Chicago in 1865; it cost those who made it, in experiments and outlay, \$500,000. To-day one ton of steel rails costs only \$40. Missionaries in Madagascar had toiled ten years before the first convert was baptized. Objectors might say, “Comparing the result with the outlay, one convert costs many thousand dollars!” But, according to the French proverb,

"it is the first step which costs," and to-day Madagascar's queen, with 200,000 of her subjects, are followers of Christ.

WE regret that notice of the organization of a Branch in British Columbia in May last, together with copy of memorials of this Branch meeting, did not reach us in time for this issue.

THE Emperor of China has ordered all the distilleries in the flooded districts to be closed, that the grain may be saved for food. Wise Emperor! In Christian countries floods might almost be welcomed that would produce a like result, if only the experience of closed distilleries might be enjoyed for a season. When we consider the destruction of God-given food by these engineries of hell; the destruction of men for time and eternity by their enormous output; the woes and wants of bereaved and orphaned; the manifold crimes, and the utter degradation of manhood and womanhood; with the appalling waste of industrial value in men and material, we wonder how a people can complacently suffer the manufacture of liquor to exist among them. It is often said that if the Christian people of Canada were a unit on the abolition of this sinful traffic it would be speedily exterminated. Can it be true? Are we Canadian Christians living under the terrible responsibility of tolerating among us the worst enemy of the Gospel, the chief bane to the triumph of that kingdom for whose coming we actually pray, in the words of our blessed Lord, every day of our lives?

MR. JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG, ex-minister to China, attributes the recent riots in China and the uprising against missionaries to opium. He says, "The educated Chinaman now knows that opium was forced upon him by the arms of Great Britain, that the rulers of the Indian empire might balance the budget of the vast dependency, and the feeling in China is terribly bitter in consequence. 'We issue decrees,' the Chinese statesmen say, 'degrading officials and punishing others who give way to opium. We would drive it out of the empire, but it would be war again, as it was war before. And you call this your new faith. You say you come to teach us how to be better in this life, and happier in the life to come. These are beautiful words, but when we ask what you bring, we see opium.' Unfortunately the Chinese mind does not discriminate against foreigners. All alike are 'foreign devils' seeking to despoil their ancient empire."

If ever the stumbling-blocks and the stones of offence are removed from the highways, to "prepare

the way of the Lord," the work must be done by the Lord's own people. God does not do for us that which He has given us power to do for ourselves. With faith in God, with prayer for His guidance and help, let men and women use their God-given powers to rid all lands of these "iniquities for gain;" to make government godly, that under its beneficent sway manhood may be more precious than money, and revenues raised by the industries of the people rather than by their vice and degradation. Our Prayer Leaflets have compassed these subjects during the year, presenting the points clearly and fairly; but oh! for a flood-tide of holy, righteous sentiment, to wash away for ever the petty theories, the plausible policies, the vain, insinuating, fallacies, with which Christian people solace themselves about these national sins.

"THE Empress and members of the aristocracy of Japan," say the *Woman's Missionary Record*, "have given up the wearing of the Western style of dress for women, and the native historical costumes are again to be worn exclusively.

It is with missionary work as with everything else those who *know* little, care little, give little.

THE Pioneer (American) Society, in zenana work in India, is the "Woman's Union Missionary Society" of America, for heathen lands, organized in 1860, with work in Calcutta, Cawnpore and Allahabad, in Shanghai and Yokohama. Their methods are educational, evangelistic and medical. Two lady physicians are in charge of the Margaret Williams' Hospital, in Shanghai. A home for medical workers has been donated during the year. In Calcutta, sixty-four schools, sixteen missionaries, 1,000 zenana pupils, a girls' orphanage, an institution for the higher education of native Christian girls, a medical training class, and a dispensary opened during the year. In Allahabad, sixteen missionaries, six native assistants, forty-seven day schools, with 1,000 pupils, 320 zenanas, with 398 pupils. In Cawnpore, thirteen missionaries, 960 pupils, 184 zenanas, with 345 pupils. In Yokohama, a girls' school with 140 pupils. Aid is given to denominational missions, among others, the McCall, Paris; Cairo, Egypt. The *Missionary Link* is the organ of this Society, published monthly.

WE take the liberty of copying into this number the admirable study, entitled "Mite-box Service," from the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. We have very often urged the value of studies in Auxiliary and Band meetings, but we do not hear of their general use. What the difficulty is we know not; but we are quite

certain they would be instructive to all, and furnish much matter for thought, and intellectual as well as spiritual growth. We ask our readers to read this one, and consider whether we might not make further efforts in the direction of this means of helping all our workers.

Woman's Work for Woman is the organ of the Presbyterian Church, and has 16,300 subscribers. *Children's Work for Children* has also a large circulation.

WHAT use do our Auxiliaries make of the Annual Reports? We would like to urge the value of the report in our work upon each member of the Society. A copy costs but five cents. It is rather pitiable when members of a society can say, as some do, "Yes, I am a member, I always pay my fee; but, to tell you the truth, I do not really know very much about the workings of the Society." Why do you not?

THE Branch meetings, at least some of them, will likely be in progress when this number appears. We hope they will all be the best in the history of the Society. We are sure our delegates will go up in the spirit of prayer, and the enjoyment of a happy privilege, and we trust the associations and the kindly intercourse will make all delegates rejoice to bear a part in a work so glorious, whose every influence is enriching and personally uplifting. Much depends on the impressions new delegates receive. Let there be no lack of loving sympathy, of warm hand-clasp and cordial greeting. We are, we desire to be, a true and faithful sisterhood, true to God and our best and noblest instincts, faithful to each other, and to the precious principles of our holy Christianity. Each one has her part to do.

I KNOW a lady in this land
Who carries a Chinese fan in her hand,
But in her heart does she carry a thought
Of her Chinese sister, who carefully wrought
The dainty, delicate, silken toy,
For her to admire and to enjoy?

To shield my lady from chilling draught
Is a Japanese screen of curious craft,
She takes the comfort its presence gives,
But in her heart not one thought lives,
Not even one little thought, ah, me!
For the comfortless homes that lie over the sea.

NOTICE TO WESTERN BRANCH AUXILIARIES.

BY consent of the Executive of this Branch, the Corresponding Secretary has inserted in the forms now issued for Annual Reports, "State in your report how many subscribers you have to the OUTLOOK this year," and also marked a place on report, "Number of subscribers to the OUTLOOK;" the Corresponding Secretaries of the Auxiliaries are requested to be accurate in making their returns.

You are asked to secure from the pastors special sermons on our Woman's Missionary Society work on the Sabbath previous to the Branch meeting, but no collection is expected. Branch meeting will be held in Ingersoll, 13th, 14th and 15th October, opening Tuesday at 2.30 p.m.

S. G. BURNS, *President*.

ST. THOMAS, Sept. 5th, 1891.

THE murderer of Rev. Mr. Large is under arrest in China Magistracy. He has confessed. Mrs. Large knows him well.

FROM THE AUXILIARIES.

LONDON (Dundas Centre Church).—The annual meeting of both Auxiliary and Mission Circle were held Tuesday, 15th September, and were both well attended and enthusiastic. The Auxiliary has added ten to its membership, and has doubled its income, this latter being largely due to the affiliation of the Circle hitherto working independently. The membership is now sixty-one; income, \$326.02, of which amount the Circle contributed \$201.27, besides having handed in to the Auxiliary \$25 to constitute a beloved and faithful worker a life-member. The officers in the Auxiliary remain the same as last year, with the exception of the Treasurer, to which office Mrs. G. Brown was elected. The Circle, believing that change is conducive to life and efficiency, elected a complete new list, and start with every prospect of a successful year. Delegates for the Branch meeting were elected, and as we have two Branch officers in the Auxiliary, and the Mission Band Corresponding Secretary in our Circle, we shall be well represented. In common with Methodism throughout the city, we have shared in the inspiration and benediction of the "Farewell" to our China missionaries. We had a grand meeting in Queen's Avenue Church, and sent off our beloved workers \$400 richer for their visit. We feel like asking the sisters to surround those dear young brides with their special prayers, that the new and untried difficulties of life in interior China may be met and endured in the same brave spirit that has so far carried them through the farewells to home and loved ones.

A. G. MCM.

FINGAL (September 18th).—With feelings of thankfulness we look back on the work of the past year. We find we have not accomplished all we had hoped to do. There are still a number of our Christian women who are not yet with us, but, notwithstanding this, year by year deeper interest is being manifested in this good work. During the year eight monthly meetings and one public meeting have been held, at which we were favored with a most interesting address from Miss Axford, of Alma College. With tokens of the divine blessing, a firm trust in the promises, and a more entire consecration to God and the work He would have us do, we go forth looking for greater prosperity in the coming year than we have had in the past.

MRS. GEO. WILLIAMS, *Cor. Sec.*

COBOURG (King Street).—Our review of the year's work calls forth feelings of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of doing something in His vineyard, and we are trying to help as well as pray "Thy kingdom come." We have sustained a great loss by the removal of our late President, Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, and shall miss her sympathy and counsel, but we are looking forward hopefully to the result of the work of the coming year. Before

Mrs. Wilson's departure, the Auxiliary presented her with a life-membership certificate, accompanied by the following address:—

"COBOURG, June 11th.

"Dear Mrs. Wilson, President King Street Auxiliary,—

"As the time has arrived when we must sever our immediate connection in the work in which we have been engaged during the past three years, we cannot allow you to leave us without saying that your influence has been very helpful in stimulating us to be more active in the work so dear to all our hearts. While we sincerely regret that circumstances make it necessary for you to leave us, we rejoice in the fact that wherever your lot may be cast you will always be found earnestly doing what you can to further the cause of our blessed Lord, and so fulfil the scriptural injunction, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' In order that there may be a golden link which will at once tend to remind you of the sympathy of all our hearts, and at the same time inseparably connect you outwardly with the cause which we feel assured you can never forget, we take pleasure in asking you to accept this Certificate of Life Membership.

"Signed on behalf of the Auxiliary,

"E. A. WARD, *1st Vice-Pres.*
ELIZA J. SHEPARD, *2nd Vice-Pres.*
ANNIE HOPPER, *Treasurer.*
A. BARBER, *Cor. Sec.*
HENRIETTA C. BENNETT, *Rec. Sec.*"

ALBERTON, P.E.I., Sept. 15.—We think that the time has arrived for your readers to hear from the Alberton Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society. As an Auxiliary we are nearly three years old; and after having lost five members by removal, etc., we still have a membership of nineteen; when organized, in November, 1888, we had eleven. Our meetings are held on the first Friday in every month, with an average attendance of eight. At each meeting we receive the "monthly letters," which we find very helpful. The OUTLOOK is also taken by nearly all the members of our Society. We have also organized a Mission Band, called the "Rill and River," with a membership of nineteen. Our feeble efforts at furnishing "wings" for the "mighty Gospel" that it may "fly abroad," have been fairly successful, we think. In our first year we raised \$27.10, \$11 of which was realized at Miss Cartmell's lecture. In our second year, we held one public meeting; its collection, \$12.60, together with members' fees, amounted to \$29.14; and this, our third year, our figures (including \$9.05, collection at our public meeting in March) are \$31.53, making a total sent from our Auxiliary to the Branch Treasurer of \$87.77, besides which our Mission Band raised, by "talent money," \$4.78, which was sent to Mr. Crosby, to assist in repairing steamer *Glad Tidings*. We feel that God has, indeed, blessed our feeble efforts in the past, and trust that He may bless us more abundantly in the future, and enable us to do all we can to assist in sending the "lamp of life" to those who sit in the "region and shadow of death."

M. WISENER, *Cor. Sec.*

STRATHROY—During the past year we have marked with pleasure an increasing interest in our work here. Oh, my sisters, if we only knew that every eighteen dollars given to missions would be the means of saving one precious immortal soul, in view of that, how would we spend our money? Yet, statistics show this to be a fact. If during the coming year we save but one poor heathen soul, that would be a grand work! An eternal glory! Results of

which eternity alone can tell, for the multiplying influence of even one will go on and on down through time.

"Then, live and shine for evermore—
In the hereafter yet to come."

M. A. IVISON, *Cor. Sec.*

UPPER KENT, September 10th.—An Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society was organized here, on August 14th, by Mrs. (Rev.) George Sellar. The Auxiliary, as yet, consists of only eight members. We hope for a much larger number when we meet next month. The date of our meeting is the first Saturday in every month. The names of the officers elected are as follows:—President, Mrs. G. Sellar; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. G. Miles; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Carrie Penna; Recording Secretary, Miss Maggie Tacy; Corresponding Secretary, Medora Penna; Treasurer, Mrs. Albert Hawthorn. On the evening of the 27th of August, Miss F. E. Palmer, of St. John, gave us a very interesting address on mission work. The address was instructive, as well as interesting, and we feel safe in saying, that every woman left the building with a desire to help in the spreading of the glorious Gospel in heathen lands. We tender our sincere thanks to Miss Palmer for her kindness in visiting us, and encouraging and strengthening us in our work.

MEDORA PENNA, *Cor. Sec.*

TORONTO (Parliament Street).—This Auxiliary has just closed a year of unusual prosperity. Twelve months ago we severed our connection with the Berkeley Street Auxiliary, starting with seventeen members, but the severance has proved a blessing and an inspiration to both Auxiliaries. We are able to report fifty-one members, three of whom are life-members—just the same number as was reported from the combined Auxiliaries last year. Thus we are "provoking one another to love and good works." Monthly meetings (in the evening) have been held at the homes of certain of the members, and the hostess at whose home the meeting was held provided light refreshments on each occasion for those attending. The annual meeting was held at the home of the Recording Secretary, on Friday, September 4. During the year \$133.25 has been raised, made up as follows:—Members' fees, \$73.50; Epworth League donation, \$10; other donations, \$9; mite-boxes, \$29.30; public meeting, \$9.35; other sources, \$2.10. The OUTLOOK is taken by thirteen members. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:—President, Mrs. (Rev.) G. J. Bishop; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. T. W. Self; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. B. Brick; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. Thompson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Robertson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Hocken; Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. Self; Mrs. J. Robertson and Mrs. G. J. Bishop were elected delegates to the annual meeting at Brampton.

MRS. H. C. HOCKEN, *Cor. Sec.*

PETERBORO' (September 9th).—On Tuesday, September 7th, Mrs. Kendry met the ladies of our Church to lay before them the work of the Woman's Missionary Society. After singing and prayer, Mr. Locke read an appropriate Scripture lesson, Matt. xxv. 31-46. Mrs. Kendry then very clearly told the ladies the object in view in banding them together in this important missionary work, mentioned briefly the different fields occupied, and read the constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society of our Church. She then asked Mrs. Locke to address the ladies on their individual responsibility in the matter. In her usual earnest and impressive way, Mrs. Locke brought the question right home to each one's door of what she ought to do to fulfil Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world and

preach the Gospel to every creature." The ladies present voted unanimously that an Auxiliary be organized. The officers elected were:—President, Mrs. Thom; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Vand; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Throop; Recording Secretary, Miss Emma Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lochart; Treasurer, Miss Stiles. The first Wednesday in every month was decided upon as the day of meeting. Twelve names were enrolled as members, and several had promised to join who could not be present at the first meeting.

M. E. THOM, *Secretary pro tem.*

CAVERHILL.—A public meeting was held on 16th August in the Methodist Church. There was a good attendance and Miss Palmer delivered a very interesting address, which was listened to most attentively, both by old and young. The young members of the Auxiliary, assisted by some of their Sunday-school mates and the President, recited "Come over and help us," and "The call for reapers." Collection, \$2.65.

AGNES M. GLEN, *Rec. Sec.*

CASTLETON.—Another year of missionary work has ended and at its close we can look back and say, "Truly God has been with us." At our last meeting we opened our mite-boxes and birthday-box, and were greatly cheered to find that they contained the sum of \$13.55. We enter upon another year with strong determination, by God's help, to do better work for Christ.

E. G. POMEROY, *Cor. Sec.*

DUNGANNON (September 14th).—At the last meeting of our Auxiliary we elected our officers for the coming year. Our Society here has enjoyed the blessing of the Master during the past year. No vacancies have been made by the hand of death, although some have only been permitted to attend one or two meetings through illness. We have a membership of eighteen. We are preparing a box of quilts, and we also are preparing a bale of clothing, which will be our fourth since we organized. The mite-boxes were taken by a few last year, and they were such a success that all of the Society intend taking them this year. We held two missionary teas, which have been successful; the Society intend holding them quarterly. At these meetings we have sewing, and at the close a short prayer-meeting; by this and other means we are trying to get all of our members to work for the missionary cause. We pray that God will bless our feeble efforts in the future, as He has in the past, and fill us with greater zeal in this His own work; and in commencing another year we give ourselves more fully to His service.

L. G., *Cor. Sec.*

HAMPTON, N.B. (August 31st).—We have been organized here for three years. The people appreciate our public meetings, but are inclined to think our monthly meetings a failure. The few who attend are much attached to them. This is the first year we have not missed a month. We seem to understand better than at first how to pass a pleasant and profitable hour. At our semi-annual public meeting, August 20th, our pastor, C. H. Paisley, M.A., gave us a most encouraging and helpful address. He reviewed the work of our Society, and compared it to that of the General Society in this way:—Last year we averaged about three dollars each for the total membership; if the men of the Church would do as well, the quarter million line would easily be passed. We pointed out some of the reasons of our success. In our Auxiliaries our membership were all led to do something themselves for the work. All were taught to recognize their ministry. This brought our

Society very near to the heart of Jesus Christ. Another cause of success was the real need of the Church abroad. Some think after so much has been done there can be no more needed. The need was never greater than to-day. He showed this by facts and figures from India and Africa. Stanley met millions who had never heard of the Gospel. He closed with an appeal to give as we had received; if we could not go, to give, and so fulfil our ministry to them; to give as Christ gave: "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich." To our last monthly meeting we invited the members of a Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society. At the same time, we had our mite-boxes opened. A number of these had been taken by girls, and two ladies, not members, and they were present by special invitation. We had our prayer-meeting and programme partly on the subject of the day as usual. While the mite-boxes were being opened ice-cream and cake were passed round, and we enjoyed a most social time. We felt surprised and encouraged to find \$28.58 in the boxes. Mr. Paisley pronounced the benediction, and we separated, feeling we had spent a delightful afternoon. May we suggest an improvement in reports from Auxiliaries—that they all give full addresses. Unless the names of the people happen to be familiar we cannot tell to what part of Canada some of them belong.

BEATRICE E. DUKE, *Cor. Sec.*

ROCKWOOD (Sept. 15).—At the close of another year, as an Auxiliary we have great cause for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father. Our numbers are unbroken by death, although we have to regret the removal of our oldest member to another part of the Lord's vineyard. She has the prayers of the Auxiliary that the Lord may bless her and her aged partner, and be very precious to them in the evening time of their life. Our monthly meetings are a means of blessing to the members. This is manifest by more earnestness and a greater zeal in the work. We cannot boast of many new names added to our roll, yet we are encouraged by the regular attendance and the interest taken in the Bible and missionary readings. Thankful for the presence of the Master in the past, we pray that many more hearts may be moved to join our numbers, and become faithful workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

M. CLARKSON, *Cor. Sec.*

SCHOMBERG (Sept. 10).—A very successful and enthusiastic Missionary Convention was held here, in the Methodist Church, on Tuesday, September 1st, Mrs. W. D. Walker, District Organizer, and also President of our Auxiliary, presiding. The morning session opened at ten o'clock with devotional exercises, which were earnest, and the presence of the Master was felt by all. A secretary for the convention was then elected. Reports from three Auxiliaries and four Mission Bands were read by delegates, viz., Newmarket, Newtown-Robinson and Schomberg Auxiliaries, and Penville, Dunkerron, Belle Ewart and Schomberg Mission Bands. The reports were all encouraging and interesting, and gave evidence of increasing missionary zeal. The afternoon session opened with Scripture reading, singing and prayer, led by Mrs. Brown, of Lloydtown. Minutes of morning meeting were read and approved. The President then called on Miss Hughes, of Dunkerron, for a paper on "Mission Band Work," which exhibited much thought and study. The President then asked for reports from the following Auxiliaries who were not present in the morning:—Kettleby, Beeton and Thompsonville. A report of the Baptist Mission Circle was also given by Miss Leonard. A

reading was given by Mrs. E. Walker, which was very touching and well received. Mrs. Jackson, of Newmarket, then gave a splendid selection, entitled "Stirring up the Gifts," after which Miss Craig, of Pennville, gave an essay on "Woman's Influence," which was very encouraging and also appealing to the hearts of mothers. The sessions throughout were enlivened with music and singing. At the close, a testimony meeting was held, led by Mrs. Savage, of Bondhead, when many of the ladies bore testimony of the benefits, intellectually and spiritually, which they had received from connection with the Woman's Missionary Society. Miss Crosthwaite, the returned Chinese missionary, was introduced to the meeting. She spoke for a time of her early life, and gave testimony of God's great goodness to her. This brought the afternoon session to a close. In the evening, Mr. Bedford (pastor) opened the meeting with singing, reading and prayer. Then followed a quartette, entitled "Lo! I am with you always," which was well rendered. Miss Crosthwaite was called upon for her address. She gave us a very interesting and thrilling account of some of her work in China, and showed the great need of increased labor in this part of the Master's vineyard. I must here mention a little incident which occurred, and shows how the Lord does answer prayer. Miss Crosthwaite, in speaking of the power of prayer in the afternoon, and how her prayers had been answered, said she was now praying for means to get a small organ to take to China with her, if it was the Lord's will. At the close of the evening meeting, Mr. Bedford alluded to it, and said he would like to see the organ fund started in Schomberg, and if any felt like giving, could do so at the close of the meeting. Several responded, and then, in the morning before Miss C. had risen, word was sent in that a dear old lady belonging to our Auxiliary had a small organ, same as Miss C. wanted, and she would gladly donate it to her, if it suited. Words fail to express Miss C.'s delight and thankfulness. Suffice it to say, the organ was all that could be desired, and is now in Toronto awaiting the journey to China. The Lord is indeed good. Our convention closed, all feeling it had been a decided success in every way.

A. BRERETON, *Cor. Sec.*

FROM THE BANDS.

CHATHAM (Sept. 2).—On the 28th of July an afternoon excursion was given to the mouth of the river, under the auspices of the "Gleaners," the proceeds to be donated to the General Hospital Fund. The expenses were very heavy, but \$59 was cleared, which was duly handed over to the Treasurer of the General Hospital Board. The last Saturday in June the regular fortnightly meetings were adjourned until the first Saturday in September, so that the girls would be all ready to begin work again as soon as the schools open for the Fall term.

EFFIE LAFFERTY, *Cor. Sec.*

ST. THOMAS (Sept. 17).—The Light Bearers' Mission Band, of the First Methodist Church, held their second annual meeting September 5th, when the following officers were elected:—President, Winnie Graham; Recording Secretary, Bessie Morford; Corresponding Secretary, Alice Brown; Treasurer, Mary McBrayne; Lookout Committee, Lou Martin and Lettie Stockton; Editress, Elsie Martin. We have a large increase of members over last year, the membership now numbering twenty-five. Our meetings are held fortnightly, and interest is well sustained. Our special work during the year has been the making of a quilt to send to the French mission school, at Montreal. This year we have raised \$40.39, by means of a bazaar, a concert,

mite-box contributions and membership fees. Our earnest hope is that we may "bear light" in deed as well as in name.

WINNIE GRAHAM, *Cor. Sec.*

TINTERN (Sept 11).—It is with deep regret we chronicle the death of our sister, Mrs. Nathan Comfort, which took place at her home at Gainsborough, on September 2nd. After a long and severe illness, which she bore with patience and cheerfulness, although she was never able to meet with us, she gave us her sympathy, and always prayed for us during our meetings. Who can tell how much of our success is owing to those prayers of faith. We would tender to her bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

MRS. LOVELAND, *Cor. Sec.*

ST. STEPHEN, N.B.—The Torch Bearers' Mission Band of St. Stephen gave a very successful "Missionary Evening" on Tuesday, September 1st. The vestry of the Methodist church was tastefully trimmed with flowers for the occasion. After a short opening recitation, and the singing of the hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," the 146th Psalm was read alternatively by the leader and the Band in concert. This was followed by a hymn, entitled "The Lord's Prayer," sung by the Band. Then came "The Plea of the Nations," the representatives of the heathen nations each pleading their cause in turn, and at the close kneeling in a semicircle, with uplifted banners bearing the names of their countries, while one of the members recited the lines commencing "See heathen nations kneeling." Next was a clock exercise by twelve little boys, followed by a solo and chorus. The dialogue by five young ladies, which came next, showed how the members of a Mission Band are themselves benefited while trying to benefit others. After the dialogue was a violin solo, followed by an exercise on India, by six girls, and a hymn sung by the little girls of the Band. A paper on "Mission Bands" was then read by one of the members, after which a recitation was given, and the closing hymn, "The whole wide world for Jesus," sung. This ended the literary part of the entertainment. Refreshments, in the form of ice-cream and cake, were then served, and to judge from the manner in which both articles disappeared, were thoroughly appreciated. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to \$38, and the Band handed over to the Woman's Missionary Society as the result of the year's work, the sum of \$73.75. The annual election of officers for the Band resulted in the following persons being chosen:—President, Miss Janet Stevenson; Vice-President, Miss Edith Boyd; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Ethel Johnston; Treasurer, Miss Minnie Stevenson; Recording Secretary, Miss Clara Thornton; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Emma Veazey.

EMMA VEAZEY,

Cor. Sec.

Correspondence.

THE following letter has been received by the Treasurer of Central Branch, and, upon request, it is allowed to be published, guarded by the proviso, "Let God be glorified, not us; we have given the Lord but of His own, and we have no desire that our giving should be seen of men, only so far as it may be our privilege to let our 'light so shine before men, that they, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father which is in heaven,' and also the possibility of 'provoking one another to love and good works.'" It is of interest to know that Mrs. C. is a sister of Miss Munro, one of our missionaries in Japan:—

PETERBORO', July 14th, 1891.

DEAR FRIENDS,—We take pleasure in offering to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Canada this sum of three hundred dollars, to be spent in connection with the work of the orphanage proposed to be begun, or may be already begun, at Kanazawa, Kaga, Japan. If this work is not yet begun, or likely to be in the near future, say, inside of three months, then the Woman's Missionary Society are at liberty to use this money in whatever way they deem advisable, in connection with their other work in Japan.

Will the friends of the Woman's Missionary Society join us in prayer and united faith while we bring this offering and lay it in the hands of Jesus, and ask His blessing upon it, that He will do as He has said He will, "make the little one a thousand," and that ere long our fellow-workers in Japan may have a comfortable home for the many little homeless ones who know nothing of a father's or a mother's love or care; and that in this home, many, very many, may find Jesus, "the pearl of great price," who loved them and gave Himself for them.

"Ask and ye shall receive. If ye shall ask the Father anything in My name, I will do it."

Truly we can say, "Of Thine own have we given Thee."

Yours in the work,

JOHN CARLISLE.

ELLEN CARLISLE.

INDUSTRIOUS SUNDAY-SCHOOL MISSION WORKERS.

DUNKERRON (Sept. 8th).—We thought it might be encouragement to some school or Mission Band to hear of how well we succeeded on the one-cent system. A number of pupils of the Dunkerron Sabbath-school received one cent apiece to use in what way they could, by buying or selling, and this is the result. About nineteen cents were given out. Following is the manner that some made use of theirs:—May Walker; with her cent she bought tissue-paper, made flowers and sold them for 15c.; she bought 5c. worth of onions, planted them, and sold them for 50c.; she then bought cretonne and made dust bags, and sold them for 75c.; bought more tissue-paper, made flowers, and sold them for 60c.; made altogether \$1.40. May Wills' account: Bought tissue-paper and made flowers, and sold them for \$1.65; she dealt all in tissue-paper. Laura Ferguson made fancy work, 50c. Millie Potter bought tissue-paper, made flowers and sold them for 10c.; bought more tissue-paper and made more flowers, sold them for \$1.20; took 5c. and bought batting, made bags and sold them for 3c. each; made altogether \$1.60. Libbie Webb bought three eggs, hatched them; two died, and sold the one for 25c. Eddie Webb bought two eggs, hatched them, and sold the chickens for 25c. Rillia Webb bought tissue-paper, made flowers, and sold them for \$1.65. M. Wilson bought tissue-paper, made a bunch of flowers, and sold them on credit, got one cent on the bargain; she invested that cent again on tissue-paper, made another bunch; the next bunch was not very salable, she tried to auction them off, but failed. L. Brandon bought two eggs, hatched them, and sold the pair for 45c. Langtry Doyle bought tissue-paper, made a bunch of flowers, and sold them to his uncle Ed. His flower was not very good one, so his grandmother bought a good one from Estella, and gave the good one to his uncle and kept the poor one. The little fellow a few days after sold the poor one, having received leave from his uncle, and realized 23c. Ernest bought cucumber seed, and not being successful in finding a buyer, he gave himself 25c. for them, and eat them himself. Estella Doyle made 50c., and the following gave

these amounts: Jenny Kiteley, 25c.; Wilie Kiteley, 25c.; Lula Wray, 35c.; Susy Hill, 50c.; Mary Brandon, 45c.; A. Hughes, 35c.; Mrs. Walker, 60c.; M. Wilson, 10c.; Adeline Brandon, \$1; Annie Robinson, 35c.; Ida Mills, 35c. There were about nineteen cents given out, some of the smaller ones lost theirs; the amount realized was \$14.70. E. L. HUGHES.

Along the Line.

ONTARIO INDIAN WORK.

Grand River (Niagara Conference).—This mission has been under the care of the Rev. D. Ward Kelley for the past six years. He reports signs of progress, although not by any means equal to his expectations. The number of conversions has been smaller compared with the multitudes who are yet unsaved, and the number of missionaries laboring among them. This Indian reserve is supplied with missionaries from the Episcopalian and Baptist Churches as well as our own; and even the Salvation Army has been for some years sounding the tocsin through the settlement. One missionary has three or four preaching places, and has done good work. Yet to bring the Indian mind into practical harmony with the spirit of a self-sacrificing determination to work for Christ, or to give of their means to make the mission self-supporting, is an extremely difficult task. The schools on the reserve have been put under a new board of management, including our own two schools, and it is hoped that better educational results may be reached than heretofore. The incoming missionary, Rev. William Walker, will enter upon his work with many encouraging features, and we earnestly hope that the Lord may go before him, and also in glorious power be his rearward, and that many of those poor people may be savingly led to Christ.

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