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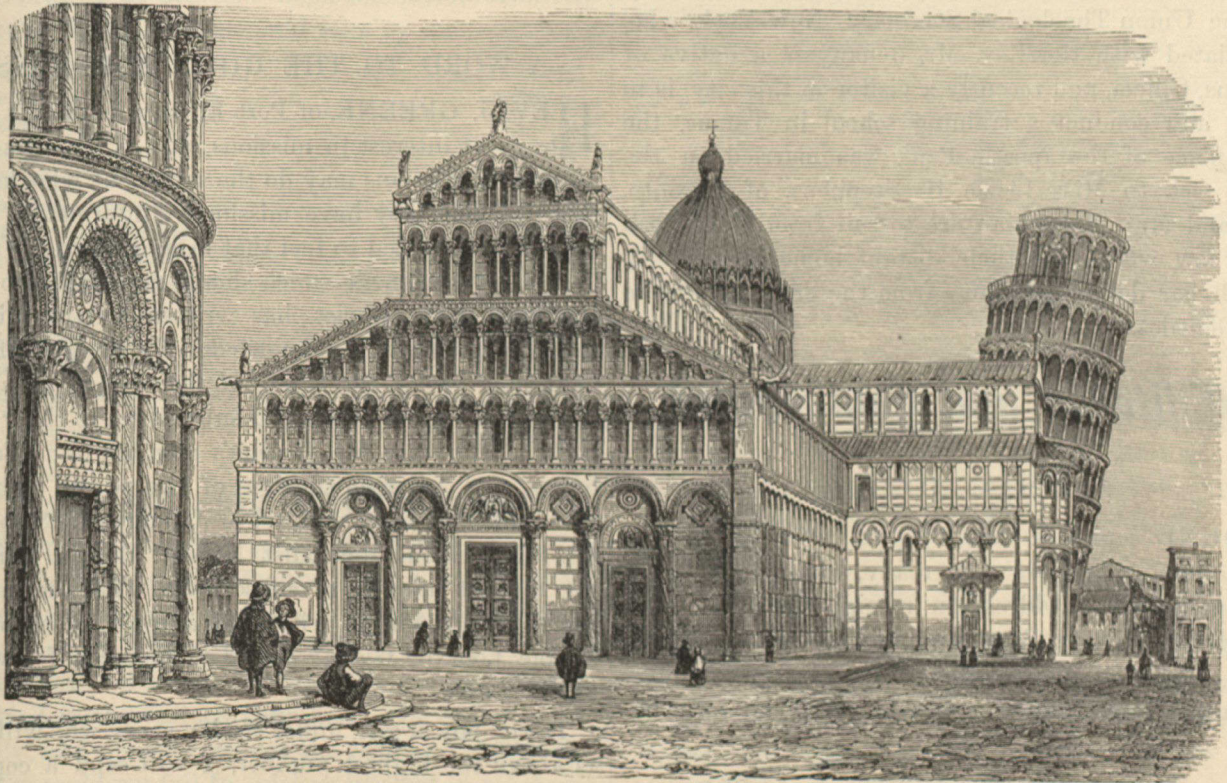
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Field Notes.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Mr. J. A. Youmans, of the McDougall Orphanage, Morley, requests us to acknowledge, with thanks, through the *OUTLOOK*, the receipt of a number of Ontario Readers, from someone in Toronto, under the signature of "M. P." This acknowledgment would have been made several months ago, but that the note accompanying the books was not discovered until the last of them was being given out.

A MERCHANT of Glasgow, Walter Wilson, lately gave a Jubilee treat to thirty-seven thousand children from the city schools. Prizes were competed for, and everything passed off successfully.

REV. J. GOFORTH, of the Presbyterian Church, was recently ordained to the work of the Christian ministry, and subsequently married to Miss F. R. Bell-Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Goforth are to be sent as missionaries to China by the students and graduates of Knox College. While pursuing his studies, Mr. Goforth devoted his spare time to mission work in



LEANING TOWER OF PISA.

THURSDAY, the 17th of this month, has been set apart as the day of public thanksgiving. Surely the people of Canada have reason to sing heartily, "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness."

A SUCCESSFUL Jubilee meeting of all the Protestant Sunday School scholars of Montreal was held in the Victoria Rink, on the 1st of October. Ten thousand young voices united in singing "God Save the Queen," with a number of familiar hymns. It was a truly grand and affecting sight.

Toronto, where he displayed the zeal and energy which are so essential to successful missionary labors. Mrs. Goforth was also an active worker in connection with the Mission Union of this city.

THE Calendar of the Toyo Eiwa Gakko (our College in Japan), for the academic year 1887-8, has been received at the Mission Rooms. The College comprises four departments, viz., the *Preparatory*, extending over a period of four years; the *Academic*, of six years; the *Collegiate*, of four years, and the *Theological*,

of four years. The calendar gives a most satisfactory account of the progress of the College, and outlines the work being done. It was founded in 1885. The *first* year it enrolled 151 students, the *second* 398, and the *third* 631.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.—The Evangelical Alliance has issued from the London office the invitation for the Week of United and Universal Prayer, for 1888. The following are the topics suggested: Sunday, January 1—Luke xxi. 28; 1 Peter iv. 7. Monday, January 2—Thanksgiving. Tuesday, January 3—Confession. Wednesday, January 4—Prayer for families. Thursday, January 5—Prayer for the Church of God. Friday, January 6—Intercession for Missions. Saturday, January 7—Intercession for Nations. Sunday—Sermons, 1 Cor. xv. 58.

REV. ALEXANDER McLACHLAN, B.A., of Toronto, a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, and latterly of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, who, associated with the Rev. Mr. Jenanyan, a native of Tarsus, Cilicia, and recently a visitor in this city, is to open and conduct a training school in Tarsus, the birthplace of the apostle Paul, was married on the 19th Oct. to Miss Lizzie H. Stephens, of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. McLachlan are to sail from New York in a few weeks for their distant home in the city which has derived its fame from the great apostle to the Gentiles.

Editorial and Contributed.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

BOUND copies of the OUTLOOK, covering the past three years, are now ready, and will be sent post-paid to any address on receipt of \$1.25. Each Auxiliary, Mission Band, and Sunday-school will do well to procure one for their library, as the volume contains a large fund of valuable missionary information.

"THE OUTLOOK"—SPECIAL OFFER.

THE volume of the OUTLOOK begins with January and ends with December. All new subscribers whose names are received during November will be credited for the full volume for 1888, and will receive the remaining number for the present year free.

Will the kind friends who get up clubs for the OUTLOOK, in sending in their lists, remember to give the initial of the Christian name, also whether they are new subscribers or renewing. Those wishing the address of their paper changed will please give the old as well as the new address.

DR. NELLES.

IT is with feelings of profound sorrow that we now record in the pages of the OUTLOOK the death of the Rev. Dr. Nelles, Chancellor of Victoria University. A few days' illness terminated a life of incalculable usefulness on the 17th October, his sixty-fourth birthday. In his own Church, probably no other minister had so many warm personal friends, his large sympathies and genial disposition having attracted and held a large number of affectionate admirers.

In educational circles Dr. Nelles stood in the front rank, and was successful in raising Victoria College from a weak and struggling condition to its present position. In him the students always found a friend as well as a teacher, and hundreds to-day in our own and other countries mourn as those who have suffered a personal loss. In all the relations of life he won the esteem, confidence, and love of those by whom he was surrounded.

A WORD TO THE GIRLS AND BOYS.

REV. J. GREENE, of Port Elgin, who takes a very great interest in missions, and is desirous that all other Christians may do the same, but who knows that without they have missionary information they cannot be expected to feel that deep concern for those in heathen darkness, which should mark all who love the Lord Jesus Christ, has written to the Mission Rooms, that he will acknowledge, by the gift of two handsome books, the labors of the boys or girls who secure the largest number of subscribers to the "OUTLOOK." Here are Mr. Greene's own words: "To the boy or girl, between the ages of twelve and eighteen, who will send, before the 1st of January, 1888, to Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Methodist Mission Rooms, Toronto, the highest number of subscribers, with the money, for the OUTLOOK, I will send a copy (new) of the "Bible Looking-Glass," bound in morocco, for which I paid \$4.50.

To the boy or girl, under twelve years, who will send as above the highest number, I will send a copy of Brother Potter's interesting temperance work, entitled "From Wealth to Poverty" (new).

Now, boys and girls, begin; and when you send the names and addresses of the new subscribers, together with the money, to the Mission Rooms, kindly mention that you are competing for the prize, and give your age and address in full.

GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

THE General Board of Missions met in the Dominion Square Church, Montreal, Oct. 11th, 1887. Nearly all the members were present.

The General Superintendents presided with their usual ability.

The General Secretary presented an abstract of the annual report, which gave general satisfaction. The Secretary of the Board was instructed to prepare a digest of the proceedings, which has already appeared in the *Christian Guardian*.

THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1887-8.

THERE is one feature about the appropriations for the current year that is encouraging,—the grants to the Domestic Missions are a little better than formerly, showing an advance of five per cent. In other words the grants, added to the amounts which the missions propose to raise, will give an average of seventy per cent. of the basis of salary, instead of sixty-five per cent., or less, which has been the rule hitherto. We append a statement of the amounts appropriated to different departments of the work, omitting details, which would take up too much room :

Domestic Missions	\$71,432 00
Indian "	42,609 00
French "	9,948 00
Foreign "	17,803 00
Chinese "	2,025 00
To recoup advances for Parsonage, building, etc....	3,968 00
Affliction and Supply	2,000 00
Travelling Expenses of General Board, Conference Missionary Committees, Chairmen of Districts, etc	1,745 00
Publishing Charges	5,300 00
Cost of Management	8,750 00
Miscellaneous	31,465 00
Total	\$197,045 00

THE SOCIETY'S ANNIVERSARY.

THE revival services conducted by Mr. Moody attracted so much attention that it was feared by some the attendance at the missionary services would be very small. These fears proved to be comparatively groundless, and on the Sabbath fair congregations assembled in the various churches. The sermons were timely, and the addresses at the various meetings were such as could not fail to quicken interest in missionary work.

The annual meeting of the society was held in the St. James Street Church on Wednesday evening, Oct. 12th. The honored Treasurer of the Society, John Macdonald, Esq., presided with his accustomed ability, and opened the proceedings with an earnest and appropriate address. An abstract of the Annual Report was read by the General Secretary, and addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Macdonald, J. Woodsworth, and Y. Hiraiwa that were models of their kind. This was one of the first attempts made by Mr. Hiraiwa to speak to a congregation in English, and his success

was, to say the least, remarkable. His use of the language is wonderfully correct, and a few weeks' practice will enable him to use the English tongue almost as fluently as his own. A short address by Mr. Moody, at the commencement of the meeting, was highly appreciated.

In this connection we would call especial attention to the motto for the year, which was adopted with great cordiality alike by the Board and by the meeting:—A REVIVAL IN EVERY CONGREGATION, AND A QUARTER OF A MILLION FOR MISSIONS.

THE FRENCH WORK

RECEIVED more attention than usual from the Board, and we are justified in saying they have put that department of our work on a better foundation than it ever has occupied in the past. The conviction was deep and universal that the Church could no longer afford to *play* at French Missions, and that her plans and expenditure must bear some fair proportion to the magnitude of the work. The importance of the educational element was clearly perceived, and the resolution to establish an Institute on a comprehensive scale may justly be regarded as the most important movement that has yet taken place in connection with our French Work. The step has been taken after full deliberation, and must be pushed forward with vigor and at once. This is not the time to enter upon details, but we may say the project involves buildings that will cost some \$20,000, and *this must be provided without touching a single dollar of the regular income of the Missionary Society*. What that means we hope our wealthy men will understand. "A word to the wise" ought to be "sufficient."

PUSH ON THE CAMPAIGN.

TO reach the standard fixed by the General Board, —and every cent is needed,—will require prompt, united and sustained effort. There is the more need to emphasize this point in view of the many other claims pressing upon the Church. The Federation Scheme requires a large sum, (but no larger than the Church is well able to raise), and the local Sustentation Schemes in the various Annual Conferences may trench upon the Mission Fund unless the latter is carefully guarded. The best way to guard against "a falling away" is to resolve upon a marked advance, and the amount of advance necessary to reach that quarter of a million is just about twenty-five per cent. above last year's givings. Let those who gave four dollars last year give five dollars this year,—others in proportion,—and the thing is done. "The thing looks easy on paper?" Yes; and its just as easy in fact if each one

will do his share. Now for "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether!"

THE CHINESE MISSION.

NEXT in importance to the French work is the Chinese work on the Pacific Coast. We have experimented enough to show that a rich field awaits development here, and have reached a point where the erection of suitable buildings has become a prime necessity. A church is needed, but that is not all. There must be a school-room, and, in connection with that, rooms where there will be provision for social intercourse, free from the terribly demoralizing influences of the Chinese opium and gambling dens on the one hand, and the white man's whiskey saloon on the other. Still further, a girls' rescue home is needed; and all these, like the buildings for the French work, must be provided outside of the general Missionary Fund. At the missionary meeting in Dominion Square Church, Montreal, the General Secretary stated the case in regard to the Chinese work, and on the morning after received the following note, which we take the liberty of publishing in view of the good it may do, withholding the name at the request of the writer:

MONTREAL, 11th Oct., 1887.

DEAR DOCTOR,—In response to your appeal on Sabbath evening last, I would gladly provide the needed mission premises for the Chinese work at Victoria; but while the spirit is willing the pocket is weak. I will, however, give five hundred dollars toward the erection of such premises at either Victoria or Vancouver, as may be deemed best, should the Committee see its way to proceed with the matter promptly.

Yours sincerely,—

Who will next respond to this noble example? Let us hear quickly, that the work may not be delayed.

REPORT.

THE Annual Reports have been issued, and will be forwarded to every Circuit and Mission entitled to receive them with all possible despatch. They are in the same form as last year. Two lists of subscriptions should be prepared, one to be kept on the Circuit and the other to be filed at the Mission Rooms. This is all the more necessary, as missionary meetings are held before the meeting of the General Board, and therefore before the Report can be issued.

As the Report is being sent out so early after the meeting of the General Board, it was not thought necessary to send the abstract as formerly.

Superintendents will greatly oblige by sending a list of Missionary Collectors' Books and Juvenile Cards needed, so that they may be sent with the Reports.

PLAN OF MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS FOR REVS. D. McDONALD AND Y. HIRAIWA.

APPPLICATIONS for the services of Bros. McDonald and Hiraiwa have poured into the Mission Rooms in such abundance that it is evident they cannot reach half the places where they are wanted. Finding it absolutely impossible to accommodate everybody, the following general plan, indicating the time at which the above-named brethren can visit particular Districts, has been prepared, and it is hoped that all concerned will kindly fall in with the arrangement. It is left with the Chairmen of the several Districts to decide, by correspondence with Superintendents, what Circuits shall be visited. A glance at the plan will show that Bros. McDonald and Hiraiwa have work before them up to the full measure that strong men should undertake, and it is earnestly requested that it be not increased by any extra services, and that they be not planned, without their consent, to take work of any kind on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Hiraiwa's appointments in the West begin with December, as work is already arranged for in the Maritime Conferences up till that date; and Superintendents of Circuits are requested to secure such other help as may be needed for the meetings during the month named. Dr. McDonald cannot begin work till after New Year.

Date.	Districts.	Deputations.
Dec. 4-8	Brockville and Matilda	Mr. Hiraiwa.
" 11-12	Kingston City	"
" 13-15	Napanee	"
" 18-19	Belleville	"
" 20-22	Picton	"
Jan. 8	Cobourg	Dr. McD. & Mr. H.
" 9-12	Bowmanville	Mr. Hiraiwa.
" 9-12	Uxbridge	Dr. McDonald.
" 15-18	Brantford	Dr. McD. & Mr. H.
" 22-23	London City	"
" 24-25	St. Thomas	"
" 29-31	Hamilton	"
Feb. 5-6	St. Catharines	"
" 7-8	Welland	"
" 12-15	Toronto City	"
" 19-20	Ottawa	"
" 21	Pembroke	"
" 22-23	Perth	"
" 26	Peterboro'	"
" 27-28	Whitby (Inc. Oshawa)	"
March. 4	Brampton	"
" 5-6	Milton	"
" 7	Orangeville	"
" 11-12	Guelph	"
" 13-14	Galt	"
" 17-18	Stratford	"
" 19	St. Mary's	"
" 24	Owen Sound	Mr. Hiraiwa.
" 24-26	Goderich	Dr. McDonald.
" 25-26	Wingham	Mr. Hiraiwa.
" 27-28	Palmerston	"
" 27-28	Kincardine	Dr. McDonald.
" 31	Listowel	Mr. Hiraiwa.
" 31	Walkerton	Dr. McDonald.

ADDRESS FROM JAPAN.

SINCE our last issue we have had the pleasure of welcoming the Rev. Y. Hiraiwa, native missionary from Japan. Mr. H. was one of the first-fruits of Dr. Cochran's labors, and one of the first three ordained native missionaries. Our Japanese brethren took advantage of the visit of Mr. Hiraiwa to send an address in Japanese, beautifully engrossed on parchment, of which the following is a translation:

TO THE GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS AND THE METHODIST CHURCH THROUGHOUT CANADA.

*Dear Fathers and Brethren of the Ministry,
Dear Brothers and Sisters of every Church.*

Availing ourselves of the opportunity afforded us by the visit of our brother Hiraiwa Yoshiyasu to your country on your kind invitation, we venture to express our sincere gratitude to you for sending us so many excellent and earnest workers, both evangelistic and educational. The excellent work done by the Rev. Drs. Cochran, McDonald, Meacham and Eby, in foundation laying, and latterly, ably seconded by Rev. Messrs Whittington, Cocking, Large, Cassidy and Saunby, and Mr. Odum, together with that of your elect ladies, Miss Cartmell, Miss Spencer (now Mrs. Large), Miss Wintemute, and the Misses Cochran, have contributed largely in breaking down old prejudices which bound our people; while the statistics of our District show nearly a thousand souls won to the Saviour, and fifteen men from among the converts who have given their lives to the work of the Christian ministry.

Throughout the empire Christianity is now recognized as the best religion. In bringing about this gratifying change, we, as Japanese Christians, wish to testify that your missionaries have contributed, and still contribute, very largely; their work all along has had a remarkable influence in uplifting our people to higher modes of Christian thought and practical life.

The two schools built by you, and conducted by your missionaries, are accomplishing a great deal of good among our young people of both sexes—moulding a new generation—and we hope that before many years, a large number of well equipped men and women of talent will go forth to bless our land, carrying in their hearts and lives the impression of a Christian training, living witnesses of the love and kindness of our brethren in Canada. The benefits arising from your work in Japan, which we cannot enumerate, we trace to the fountain of Christ's great love to man, whence your love to us first sprang. But while we cease not to praise our Father in heaven for these gifts, we bring to you a tribute of sincere and earnest gratitude, and assure you of our constant and fervent prayers on your behalf.

We congratulate ourselves on having this unique opportunity of expressing our gratitude to you by means of one of our own countrymen, who at the same time will be able to tell you more fully what is in our hearts, and describe more particularly the state of the work and the progress of Christianity in our land. Our brother Hiraiwa has our fullest confidence, his praise is in all the churches as a faithful

and successful worker for Christ, and we rejoice that he can speak to you our thoughts in your language.

And now, we would commend our brother to your kind consideration; we hope and pray that his visit to your country will tend to cement still more strongly the bond of love which unites us, and not only result in benefit to our land, but also leave an impulse of blessing in your country.

Signed on behalf of the Japanese portion of the District Meeting.

S. EBARA.

K. KOBAYASHI.

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH FOR 1886-7.

THE General Board of Missions submits its sixty-third Annual Report with feelings of devout gratitude to the Head of the Church, who has crowned the work of the Society with abundant blessings, and with cordial acknowledgement of the liberality with which the Fund has been sustained. Having now passed the \$200,000 line, it is hoped that the Church will make this the starting point for a grand onward movement, and the Board suggests that the motto for the present year shall be "A Revival in every Congregation, and a Quarter of a Million for Missions."

The religious reports for the past year are full of interest and encouragement. In almost every department there has been substantial growth, and there is a spirit of hopefulness about most of the reports which promise well for the future. Notwithstanding straitened stipends and consequent embarrassment, there is no abatement of heart or hope, and with a joyous confidence that fears no discouragement, the devoted missionaries of the Society are pushing on the work in all directions, finding their richest rewards in trophies won for Christ. But while we admire the self-denying heroism of the workers, we would appeal for such unstinted liberality in support of the Fund as will enable the Board to give every missionary a living allowance, and to enter the new doors that are opening on every side.

THE FOREIGN WORK

still continues to prosper, and the opportunities for extension are far beyond what the Society has power to meet. The college in Tôkyô has proved a marked success. The demands for admission have been so pressing that the buildings had to be enlarged for the second time, and all the probabilities are that the additional space will be occupied to its fullest extent. The need of a large church in the vicinity of the college is deeply felt, as a congregation of eight hundred, including the students of the two schools, could be readily gathered. The opportunity is a grand one, and it is earnestly hoped that funds will be forthcoming, at an early date, to erect the necessary buildings.

A most interesting feature of the work in Japan is the demand for trained teachers in Government schools, coupled with the fact that the authorities show a decided preference for those who are recommended by the missionaries. Salaries ranging from 50 to 150 yen

per month are offered, and there is a grand opportunity for consecrated men and women to do successful missionary work along self-supporting lines.

THE CHINESE WORK

in British Columbia has made substantial progress. The agencies employed consist of a layman, who devotes his Sundays, week-evenings, and other available hours to the work; two evening-school teachers; and, for a part of the year, two assistant teachers. The evening-school has been successfully conducted on five evenings of each week. Sunday-school and a select meeting have also been sustained. But the centre of attraction in connection with this mission is the Sunday evening preaching service, which has been crowded, often to discomfort. By this agency the saving truths of our glorious Christianity are being cast upon the waters of a migratory population, by which they are carried to every corner of the Province, and to Asia as well. By the self-denying efforts of the missionary, ten Chinese girls (the youngest only nine years of age) have been rescued from a life of slavery and present or prospective degradation of the vilest character. One of these, after being well instructed in the way of life, has returned to her parents in China; another has been placed in a Christian family; and six are now cared for in a temporary home, provided by the missionary at considerable expense and trouble to himself, assisted by a few contributions from some Christian friends, and a small grant from the Woman's Missionary Society of our Church. For the full accomplishment of its beneficent design, this interesting mission requires suitable premises for church, school, missionary's residence, and girls' rescue home. It should also have a missionary whose whole time will be available for the mission work; and, in addition, there should be evening and Sunday-Schools established in other towns of the Province, where there are considerable Chinese populations, so that the converts might have in each place a home and an adviser, who could also utilize them as a medium through which to reach the other Chinese in these towns.

THE INDIAN WORK.

This work, perhaps more than any other, tries the faith and patience of the workers; but faith and patience alike have their reward in trophies won for Christ, and in the gradual elevation of whole tribes to a higher plane of civilization. When we remember the isolation, the lack of society, the hard fare, the long and perilous journeys, the exposure to storm and tempest, not to speak of "hope deferred" that "maketh the heart sick," the devotion of the laborers on our Indian Missions is deserving of all praise. During the past year one faithful missionary—the Rev. W. B. Cuyler, of Bella Bella—succumbed to disease contracted through exposure on his long missionary journeys, and was obliged to desist from active work. "Faithful unto death," he has received the "crown of life," while his place in the ranks has been promptly filled by another.

On the Pacific Coast the Indian work demands extension. There are vast numbers of villages yet unreached, and from some of them the cry for mission-

aries and teachers is earnest and pathetic. An Industrial Institute for Indian youth of both sexes should be established at some suitable point in the Valley of the Fraser. To provide the necessary land and buildings is the duty of the Dominion Government, and we trust the duty will not be long delayed. Our work in the past among this people has been most encouraging. The membership in the British Columbia Districts is now 1,280, which shows a net gain of 178 for the past year. From the North-West the reports on the whole are encouraging. At Norway House there are signs of spiritual quickening. Attendance upon the means of grace has largely increased. Old members are waking up and young people are coming to Jesus, affirming with tears and earnest words their faith in Christ and their purpose to work for His glory. At Nelson House, though without a permanent missionary, the work flourishes, and the people live the religion they profess. On the Saskatchewan District there has been steady progress, and as there is now a prospect of an Industrial Institute at Battle River under Methodist control, the educational needs of Indian youth in that region will be met, at least in part.

THE FRENCH WORK.

The year has been one of much anxiety and not a few changes in the French work. The small stipends paid, coupled with the discouragements of the work itself, have caused the retirement of several laborers from the field. The resignation of Mr. Beaudry left the French District without an official head, and this, with other circumstances, necessitated an entire readjustment of the work. For the time being the French missions are connected with the English Districts, within the bounds of which they are located, and it is expected this arrangement will continue till such time as the number of missionaries, and their knowledge of Methodist doctrines, discipline, and usage, will justify the reorganization of the work as a separate District.

The gravest problem which the Dominion of Canada has to face is the attitude of its French population; not because it is French, but because it is Roman Catholic in a sense which makes it intensely hostile to the principles of civil and religious liberty. Every year the danger to our free institutions becomes more threatening, and the grasp of the hierarchy more fixed and unyielding. Ultramontane Rome dominates, with absolute sway, the political, educational, and social life of the Province of Quebec, and holds the key of the political situation in other Provinces of the Dominion. It is the sinister power behind the throne in matters of legislation, and is the only power which dares to interfere with the administration of justice; and its avowed policy is to dominate in every sphere, whether pertaining to Church or State.

If relief is ever to come, it must be through educational and evangelical agencies, and the spread of information. The French are a people of many excellent qualities, and under the influence of free churches and free schools would become an invaluable part of our population. But if the agencies referred to are to be effectual, better methods are imperatively demanded. The Church can no longer afford to play at French

missions. She must either sanction comprehensive plans and large expenditure, or else retire from the field. A few imperfectly trained missionaries, dispersed among a hostile population of a million and a quarter, and unsupported by those educational appliances that are deemed essential in other departments of missionary work, are placed at an immense disadvantage. The expenditure of six or seven thousand dollars per annum makes a poor showing against an adversary whose resources are practically unlimited. The demand of the hour is for concentration. Scattered forces make a feeble impression; a wavering policy invites defeat. The Church must settle definitely the plan of campaign, and resolutely fight it out on that line. The defences of Rome seem to be impregnable, but there are at least two forces by which they can be entered. These are colportage and education. In saying this, we do not undervalue direct evangelistic work, nor would we withdraw a single missionary from the field; but it is not desirable to increase that agency until we can send forth men who are thoroughly trained, and for that training the Church must make provision. While this is in progress, the other agencies can be employed to almost any extent, and so prepare the way for the work of direct evangelization.

For several years a French Institute has had an existence in the city of Montreal, and enough has been done to show that an important field awaits cultivation; but better buildings and better appliances are essential to permanent success. A building on a good, healthy site, sufficient to accommodate at least one hundred pupils, should be provided without delay, and put in charge of a thoroughly qualified principal and staff of instructors. The aim of the Institute should be two-fold: 1st. To give thorough instruction in all branches needful for High School entrance, especially the French language; and, 2nd. To ground the pupils in evangelical truth, and train for service in the Church those who give evidence of sound conversion. With such a source of supply, we would be able, in the near future, to replenish the ranks of the French ministry with trained candidates, and might count, with some degree of confidence, upon retaining them permanently in the work.

A system of colportage is also highly important. A little has been done already in this direction, and the results are encouraging. But the system needs to be thoroughly organized, and a larger corps should be employed. Colportage presents an inviting and useful field for candidates for the French work, and in no way could adult students from the Institute better employ the vacation months. Only let the seed be widely sown, and the harvest will come—perhaps far sooner than we expect.

THE HOME WORK

presents, as usual, many encouraging features. On these missions there has been a decided gain in membership, and new fields are being occupied as rapidly as the funds of the Society will allow; but many doors are open which we have not been able to enter. The work should be extended in British Columbia, in the North-West, and in the vast region lying between Mattawa and Port Arthur, along the line of the C. P. R.

At the present time the utmost is done that limited resources will allow. We have long prayed the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers, and there are more laborers waiting now than we are able to employ; but there is great need that the Church should prove the sincerity of its prayers by such offerings as will sustain those already in the field, and open the way for many more to enter the work.

The statistics of our mission fields for the past year show the following results:—Domestic Missions, 415; missionaries, 426; members, 43,255; net gain, 4,457. Indian Missions, 44; missionaries, native assistants, teachers and interpreters, 102; members, 4,216; net gain, 224. French Missions, 12; missionaries, lay agents and teachers, 17; members, 275; net gain, 28. Japan—Missions, 10; missionaries and assistants, 26; of whom 19 are natives; members, 781; net gain, 190. Chinese Missions, 1; paid agents, 4; members, 15. Grand totals: missions, 482; missionaries and other paid agents, 574; members, 48,542; net gain for the year, 4,914.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1886-7.

<i>Income.</i>	
Subscriptions and Collections	\$162,158 84
Juvenile Offerings	25,526 71
Legacies	2,023 46
Donations upon Annuity	1,500 00
Indian Department, and for schools	9,047 98
Miscellaneous	1,617 35
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Total Income	\$201,874 34
Net Increase	12,062 97
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Domestic Work, including Missions to Settlers in Missionary Districts.....	\$83,148 64
Indian Work, including the Mount Elgin Industrial Institution	38,175 61
French Work in the Province of Quebec	7,335 03
Chinese Work in British Columbia	1,200 25
Foreign Work—Japan	20,740 56
Special grants for purchase, erection, or repair of Mission property, furniture, etc.....	8,826 29
Special grants for affliction and supply	570 50
Grants towards Allowances of Superannuated Missionaries	4,900 00
District Superintendent's Expenses	837 25
Circuit expenses—Deputations, advertising, etc.	3,377 33
Annuities in consideration of Donations	940 09
Interest, Discount on Drafts, etc	5,183 10
Publishing charges.....	5,108 97
Cost of Management *	8,942 53
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Total Expenditure	\$189,286 15
Net Increase	6,283 79
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Surplus to be applied to reduction of debt.....	\$12,588 19
Present Indebtedness	999 22

* The "Cost of Management" includes the salary of the General Secretary, the Assistant, and the Accountant; Rent of Mission-Rooms; Travelling Expenses of General Board, Committee of Finance, and Conference Missionary Committees; Office Charges, such as Wages of Clerk and Caretaker, Postage and Telegrams, Stationery, Printing of Schedules, Circulars, Subscription Cards and Collecting Books, Cost of Missionary Boxes, etc., etc.

PER CENTAGE EXPENDITURE.

The following table shows how each Dollar of Income was divided last year between the different departments of the work :—

	Cts.	Mills.
Domestic Missions	40	0
Indian Missions	19	3
French Missions	3	7
Chinese Missions.....	0	6
Japan Missions	10	0
Mission Premises.....	4	2
Affliction and Supply	0	3
Superannuated Missionaries	2	1
District, Circuit and Conference Treasurers' Expenses	2	8
Annuities, in consideration of Donations.....	0	5
Interest, Discount on Drafts, etc	3	0
Publishing Charges (Annual Reports, Reward Books for Juvenile Collectors, etc	2	9
Travelling Expenses	0	2
Cost of Management	4	0
Reduction of Debt	6	4
	100	0

Woman's Work.

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us : and establish thou the work of our hands upon us ; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."—Ps. xc. 17.

THE Annual Meetings of the Branches and the General Board are over. We think the reports will be read with great satisfaction. The results of the year's work are most encouraging ; and in nothing more so than in the growth of interest taken in all the proceedings of the membership.

To crown our work with the success we covet, we must have strong personal interest on the part of each member ; and a firm, practical consecration to God of all the intellect, thought and energy we possess.

We must look at all questions from all sides, that we may draw only wise and generous conclusions. Great is our responsibility. Constant be our work, faithful be our administration, fervent be our prayers, and unwavering our faith. Then shall the results be a "Psalm of praise" for ever and ever.

GREAT satisfaction is expressed with the appropriations for the coming year. We have received liberally, and we think have devised liberal things. We doubt not the lonely workers in the North-West, and our beloved missionaries on the Pacific Coast, will read the record of appropriations with thankfulness and cheer. Let us put more vigor into the work God has placed at our own door, in our own land. If we are tempted

to disparage the work among the Indians, let us take heed to the tender encouragement, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Let us not forget that the North-West Rebellion, which cost so much money and the blood of so many of our own citizens might have been avoided had a more enterprising missionary spirit long ago elevated in those remote wilds the banner of the Prince of Peace.

THROUGH the providence of God, nations from afar are seeking our shores. Five thousand Mennonites and two thousand Icelanders have settled in colonies in our North-West Territories. Many from our own Province are to-day without the preached word, and the Sabbath is to them as any other day. Such a condition of things cannot long exist without danger to the peace and morals of the country.

"ONE Church in the Mission Field" is the title of a paper by Mrs. (Rev.) James Graham, of Exeter, which was read at the Western Branch Meeting, and also at the General Board. We hope to give it to our readers in the next number. This subject is attracting much of the advanced missionary thought of the day. We have no doubt but the problem will in the near future reach a practical solution, and we wish the movement a hearty God-speed !

WE congratulate our dear young friend, Miss Morgan, on her appointment to the Japan school, and wish her a safe and pleasant journey, and many years of useful, happy toil in the service of the Master.

THE reports from Japan are full of encouragement. Christianity is making remarkable strides. Government schools are open to Christian teachers, at salaries comparing favorably with those in our own country. The churches and schools of the various denominations report steady advance. There appears to be a wonderful anxiety for the adoption of the English language and customs. The rising generation of Japanese will be largely Christianized. In this grand achievement we are proud as a Society to bear a part, and with gratitude to God we report the extension of our work there in the opening of a new school at Shidzuoka.

THE Annual Reports of the Branches which we present in this number require us to defer the publication of papers sent in until next month.

It is expected that the Christmas number will be specially devoted to Woman's Work. Subscribers for next year, beginning January, by paying now will receive numbers for the rest of the year free.

WESTERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fifth Annual Meeting of the Western Branch assembled in the Trafalgar St. Church, Mitchell, on Tuesday, October 4th, at 2.30 p.m. After devotional exercises, conducted by the President, Mrs. S. J. Hunter, the roll of delegates was called, when thirty-nine answered to their names; this number was increased to forty-two on the following day, together with several visitors from the adjoining towns. The "words of welcome" were kindly and gracefully given by Miss Ford, of Mitchell, and replied to verbally by Mrs. Sharpe, of Brantford, in an appropriate manner.

The President's address was a thoughtful review of the year's work, together with many valuable suggestions as to the outlook for the coming year, urging specially that we be not discouraged when results do not appear quickly, being satisfied to leave the issues which God owns to appear by and by.

A Nominating Committee was then chosen, consisting of Mesdames Burns, Detlor, Messmore, Fowler, and Russ; these in turn nominated the following ladies:—

On Resolutions and Memorials—Mesdames Burns, Strachan and Saunby.

On Modes of Work—Mesdames Wood, Crawford and Messmore.

On Courtesies—Mesdames Russ, Cunningham and Hooker.

A number of resolutions and memorials were handed in for the consideration of the Committee, but as most of these will appear in the proceedings of the General Board, we give them in brief merely:—

1. Memorial from Dundas Street Auxiliary *re* Blood Indian Mission School. Passed to General Board.

2. Cor. Secretary's Quarterly Cards be amended. Left in hands of Committee for alteration.

3. Names of annual members be omitted from reports to save expense. Lost, as it was thought their publication more than compensated for the expense.

4. That the Minutes of the Executive Committee's work be published in full in the Annual Report. Carried.

5. That the printed Leaflets be abolished to save expense. Lost, as the expense is met by special donations.

6. Appointment of Organizer. Taken up in Report of Committee on Modes of Work.

7. To increase the number of members on the Executive Committee, or to lessen its powers. Passed to General Board with a recommendation that a committee be appointed in each Branch to confer with General Board in emergency on the taking up of new work.

8. To change the time of Branch Annual Meeting. Lost, as two weeks are necessary between the Branch and General Board Meetings.

Reports from Auxiliaries were then called for, the following being given:—Hamilton, Paris, Simcoe, Brantford, Chatham, Strathroy, Burlington, St. Catharines, Otterville, London (Queen's Avenue), Jarvis, Clinton, and Ingersoll. The progress reported was most encouraging; even where a decrease of membership occurred, the income was not lessened, but generally the

reverse. The Queen's Avenue report showed wonderful progress and activity, together with much valuable information as to modes of work in the Auxiliary.

A paper from Mrs. Cunningham followed, entitled "Our work, its difficulties, and how to overcome them." This paper was so full of helpful advice that its publication in the OUTLOOK was asked for, and a unanimous vote of thanks tendered Mrs. Cunningham. The invitations for the next annual meeting being called for, responses were given from Ingersoll, Chatham and Guelph, the last named being accepted with the request that the other two be held over.

An adjournment was then made to the Main Street Church, where a delightful season of social intercourse and refreshment was passed, previous to the evening meeting. Although the weather was most inauspicious, it did not appear to affect the spirits either of hostesses or guests, as the gathering was almost as large as an ordinary tea-meeting, and the good things of this life were dispensed with most liberal hand.

The evening meeting was held in the audience room of the church, and presided over by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Stafford; the choirs of both churches were also present, and gave several pleasing numbers during the course of the meeting.

The reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer were given briefly, showing the number of Auxiliaries to be 45, an increase of 9. Membership, 1,198; increase, 321. Life members, 108; increase, 61. Mission Band Members, 455; increase, 320. Total membership, 1,761. The Treasurer reported \$4,223.12 as the income for the year, being an increase in the neighborhood of \$700.

The speaker of the evening, Mrs. Van Benschoten, of Newark, N.J., gave a most earnest and affectionate address, urging upon all Christian women the consecration of every power to the Master's service. This lady is no stranger amongst us, and each succeeding visit does but fix more firmly her hold upon Canadian audiences.

A collection of \$25.00 was taken up, and the meeting closed in the usual way.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The meeting opened with devotional exercises, after which the Question Drawer was introduced, and information elicited upon several important phases of work in the society.

The Committee on Modes of Work then presented the following resolutions:

1. Whereas the demands growing out of our work are constantly increasing, and urgent requests come to us for help from districts outside the work now in hand—

Resolved,—That some auxiliary from each district be made responsible for organizing auxiliaries in that district. Amended to read,—That the organizer be a member of some auxiliary in the district, and chosen by the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch.—*Carried*.

That great effort be put forth to increase the circulation of the OUTLOOK. That the printed letters be continued, and that the number of leaflets be increased and carefully circulated. Also, that we express our

high appreciation of the ability shown by Mrs. Dr. Parker in the editing of that part of the *OUTLOOK* devoted to the work of the Woman's Missionary Society, and we request that she be allowed still more space.—*Carried.*

3. That all auxiliaries and mission bands be advised to take up the study of the lives of missionaries, the condition of heathen countries, and the wants of heathen nations.—*Carried.*

4. That whenever possible we should take part in a monthly missionary prayer-meeting, and that the work be brought before the Sunday-schools once a month so as to enlist the young in mission work.

Reports from auxiliaries being resumed, Dundas Street, London, Mitchell, St. George, Dundas, and Stratford were read.

A consecration meeting was held for an hour, conducted by Mrs. Van Benschoten. It was a season of blessing and power, and had to be adjourned before nearly all had spoken who were wishful to take part.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Auxiliaries again heard from, viz:—Niagara Falls South, Milton, Rockwood, Eden Mills, The Grove, Tilsonburg. Also the following mission bands:—Hamilton (Centenary Church), Mitchell, Brantford, Rockwood, Simcoe, Queen's Avenue.

Mrs. Strachan, the Corresponding Secretary of General Board, read two letters from the Crosby Home, one from Mrs. Crosby and the other from Miss Knight, the matron, showing this institution to be in a satisfactory condition, but asking for more assistance. A brief report of the McDougall Orphanage was also given. Many questions arose about this institution, and a general expression of desire for fuller reports.

Mrs. Tate's letter, asking that the Woman's Missionary Society take charge of a home for girls at Chilliwack, was read, but expression of opinion deferred till evening, as it was found necessary to prolong the meeting.

Business was resumed and the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer given in detail, both of which were adopted. The usual ballot for officers and delegates resulted as follows:—

President	Mrs. S. J. Hunter, Hamilton.
1st Vice-President	Mrs. Fowler, London.
2nd "	Mrs. Messmore, Brantford.
3rd "	Mrs. Russ, Milton.
Recording Secretary	Mrs. McMechan, London.
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Cunningham, Stratford.
Treasurer	Mrs. J. C. Detlor, Clinton.

Delegates to General Board meeting in Belleville:—Mesdames Burns, Fowler, Detlor, Messmore, Hooker, Russ, Saunby, Jackson, Owrey, Sharpe, Wood, Fearman, Freeman. Alternates—Mesdames McMechan and McGibbon.

The question of presenting a memorial from the Women's Missionary Society to each Annual Conference in our Branch arising, it was decided to send the following ladies:—To the London Conference, Mrs. Dr. Burns, St. Thomas; to the Guelph Conference, Mrs. J. C. Detlor, Clinton; to the Niagara Conference, Mrs. Flagg, Mitchell.

The Committee on Courtesies then presented the following votes of thanks:—

To Mrs. Van Benschoten, for her able and inspiring address.

To Mrs. Dr. Burns, for her years of valuable service to the Society, coupled with our sincere regrets at her resignation.

To those ladies who so kindly entertained us at tea and also opened their homes to us, coupled with the Mission Band, whose members so assiduously attended to the wants of the guests.

To the ministers, choirs, and trustees of both churches. These were carried unanimously and with a rising vote.

The evening session was chiefly occupied in discussing the letters of Mrs. Tate and Mr. Starr, relating to the support of a home for Chinese girls in Victoria, B.C.

On the point of a home for Indian girls at Chilliwack, so strongly advocated by Mrs. Tate, it was, after much discussion,

Resolved,—That this question be left in the hands of the General Board.

Mr. Starr's letter was so appalling that the ladies found difficulty in coming to an intelligent conclusion, but on being put to the vote the following deliverance was given:

Resolved,—That this meeting request the General Board to listen to this cry and give all the help that is in their power. Also, that we approve of the action of the Executive in making the grants mentioned. And while not committing ourselves to the support of the Home, would recommend that the Government be petitioned on the matter, that the traffic in young Chinese girls be stopped.

In the absence of Mrs. Graham, of Exeter, her paper on "One Church for the Mission Field" was read by Mrs. Detlor. A cordial vote of thanks was presented and ordered to be forwarded to Mrs. Graham.

The following resolutions were brought in towards the close of the meeting:—

Confirming the action of the General Board in expunging from the Constitution the Article making each President of an Auxiliary a Vice-President of the Society.—*Carried.*

Resolved,—That the Board of Managers be requested to make a rule for the Western and Central Branches, limiting the representation of delegates at the General Board to one for every two hundred members.—*Carried.*

This closed the business of the meeting, and after a few kindly words from the President, we separated each acknowledging that it was good to be there.

A. G. MCMEECHAN, *Rec. Sec.*

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. BRANCH.

THE second Annual Meeting of the New Brunswick and P. E. I. Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in the school-room of the Centenary Church, St. John, on Oct. 5th, 6th and 7th. The delegates present were Mrs. Shenton and Mrs. Johnson, of Charlottetown; Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Vickerson, of Bedeque, P. E. I.; Miss Bowser and Miss H. Stewart, of Sackville; and Mrs. Macmichael, Mrs. Eaton and Miss Palmer, of St. John. After devotional exercises,

conducted by Mrs. Macmichael, President of the St. John Auxiliary, Mrs. Shenton, President of the Branch, took the chair and addressed the meeting. In heartfelt words she spoke of this grand work of women for women, and lovingly urged all the sisters to stronger efforts for the future. It was immediately moved and seconded and adopted by a rising vote that the thanks of this Society be tendered to Mrs. Shenton for her admirable address. The Corresponding Secretary's report for the year was then read, showing that each Auxiliary has done good, faithful work. The number of Auxiliaries has not increased, for one has ceased to be, and another has come into existence. The monthly meetings have been well kept up; in some cases the list of members has increased, and in the Charlottetown Auxiliary there has been added another life-member. Perhaps it would be well to mention here that this lady joined the Society when it was first organized, and although unable to attend the meetings on account of ill-health, has from the first been laying aside a portion, until at length she was able to send in her \$25, and enroll herself a life-member. Of her it shall be said, "She hath done what she could"—and this not of her abundance. The Treasurer's report was also heard and adopted. The funds for the year amounted to \$629.62. The meeting then adjourned till the afternoon.

The devotional exercises of the afternoon session were conducted by Mrs. Dr. Johnson, President of the Charlottetown Auxiliary. Mrs. Macmichael, in words of cheer and encouragement, gave the address of welcome; and the reply delivered by Mrs. Johnson was fitted to arouse in each one a sense of responsibility to the unenlightened heathen. Reports from the several Auxiliaries were then in order. The one from Sackville, read by Miss Bowser, showed a marked increase in the funds, and decided progress in the work. Mrs. Turner, of Bedeque, was able to tell of faithful deeds accomplished in that place. The interest has been kept up, and nothing has been of greater service than the *MISSIONARY OUTLOOK*, of which fifty copies were taken. In fact, in all of the Auxiliaries this little paper has won many hearts. One lady pronounced it a grand missionary educator. Mrs. J. Eaton then read a report of the Centenary Auxiliary, in which reference was made to the large attendance at the regular meetings, and to the successful public meeting held during the winter. The finances had increased, but all felt the loss of their late President, whose untiring zeal prompted to acts of willingness.

Greetings were then given by representatives from the Baptist and Congregational Churches. Mrs. March told of the commencement of the Baptist Society, and of the hardships that were met and overcome. Her remarks as to the right of women to take part in such a grand cause were truly inspiring. Mrs. Saer gave a short account of the workings of her Society, and closed by wishing the Methodist ladies every success.

In the evening a public meeting was held, and it was gratifying to see a large audience assembled. Rev. W. W. Brewer took the chair, and after singing Rev. Dr. Pope led in prayer. Mrs. Macmichael then gave a short account of the work undertaken by the Society, and mentioned that during the five years of its existence thirty-three thousand dollars has been

raised. Mrs. Shenton read a paper on "Woman's Work for Missions," and strongly pleaded for increased activity. For, indeed, heathen women and children were perishing in darkness, and surely the Christian women of to-day would be held accountable if they neglected their duty in this matter. The Corresponding Secretary's report showed an advance in the work throughout the Branch, yet it was evident that all was not being done that ought to be done. It was possible for each one to lovingly consecrate her all to the Master, and cheerfully give what it was the Lord's will for her to give. Miss Bartlett gave a reading which was in itself good and was besides excellently rendered. A missionary debate was delivered by six young ladies. A resolution was offered to the meeting to do away with missions entirely and keep all the means and workers at home. Four ladies then spoke against this resolution, one pleading for the work among the Indians in the North-West Territory; another for the French work in Quebec; another for the work among Indian girls in British Columbia, and still another for the work in Japan. An amendment was then offered, and after being seconded Mr. Brewer put it to the meeting, and immediately the large audience arose to their feet and in the words of a familiar verse—"Shall we, whose souls are lighted," etc.—testified to their willingness to further the mission cause. This debate was original, having come from the pen of Mrs. Eaton, late President of St. John Auxiliary. Hopes are entertained that it will soon be printed as one of the missionary leaflets. The exercises were varied by sweet songs of praise, for which all that took part deserve credit.

The devotional exercises of Thursday morning's session were conducted by Mrs. C. A. Palmer and Mrs. Shenton. The first business of the morning was a discussion on the change of Constitution, and it was decided that this Branch agrees with the General Board in the change made last year as to the number of Vice-Presidents. The resignation of the Cor. Secretary was then read, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Stewart for her efficient services, expressing regret that she was unable to retain her position. A Nominating Committee was appointed, and in a short time the following officers were elected by ballot:—Mrs. Macmichael, President; Mrs. Shenton, Mrs. Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Geo. Campbell, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. C. C. Gardiner, Rec. Secretary; Miss Palmer, Cor.-Secretary; Miss H. Stewart, Treasurer; Mrs. Turner, Auditor. Thanks were tendered to Miss Palmer, late Rec. Secretary, also to Mrs. Shenton, the retiring President, for the able manner in which they had performed their duties. Mrs. Macmichael then took the chair, and in a few well-chosen words thanked the ladies for the honor they had bestowed upon her, and craved their united help in all the undertakings of the Society. Miss Palmer was elected as delegate to the meeting of the General Board, held in Belleville the third week in October, and Mrs. Eaton as alternate. Mrs. March asked that a delegate be sent to the Baptist Woman's Association, in Wolfville, next August. Mrs. Macmichael was elected. An invitation from the Sackville Auxiliary to hold the Branch meeting there next year was accepted. It was moved, and unanimously adopted, that the thanks of this Society

tendered to the St. John ladies for their hospitality and repeated kindness. Thanks were also tendered to the press for the reports in the daily papers. Greetings to the Nova Scotia Branch, to be held in Yarmouth the next week, were ordered to be sent. A spirited discussion about the traffic in Chinese girls which is going on in British Columbia followed; and it was resolved, that a memorial be sent to the General Board asking that, if they can see their way clear, this work be taken up, and stating that this Branch will pledge itself to increase its funds. A proposal to invite Miss Cartmell to visit the Maritime Provinces was talked over, and the Secretary was authorized to communicate with Miss Cartmell on the matter. The meeting adjourned till the following morning.

On Thursday evening a social gathering was held in the parlors of Centenary Church, at which were present the members of the Society, the ministers and their wives, and other invited guests. A very enjoyable time was spent, and the several speeches served to show how grateful everyone felt to the St. John ladies for their untiring kindness. Too much cannot be said of the reception that the visitors met with; as one lady expressed it, "I have often heard of the hospitality of St. John people, but the half had not been told." From the speeches of the ministers we infer that there will be increased help from them in the coming year. One of them, at least, declared himself a convert to woman's work for foreign missions, and said that he would do all in his power to further the Woman's Missionary Society.

The closing session on Friday morning was a time long to be remembered. There was some general conversation as to the manner in which the interest in the Auxiliaries may be increased, and then followed a short season of prayer, while all bowed humbly at the Cross and implored the aid of Divine power on the efforts put forth in the coming year. Each one left feeling that the blessing of the Almighty rested upon her, and that the seed sown in faith would spring up in an abundant harvest.

H. S. STEWART.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE annual meeting of the Central Branch of the above Society was held in the Bloor Street Methodist Church on Thursday and Friday of last week, the President, Mrs. Dawson Kerr, in the chair. After the devotional exercises of the opening meeting, a large number of delegates answered to the roll, which was called by the Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Briggs. Mrs. Brett, of this city, gave an address of welcome to the visiting delegates, in which she referred to the early recognition and importance of woman's work which had characterized Methodism. The address was responded to by Mrs. Lewis, of Belleville.

The President's annual address spoke of the success which had crowned this year's work, and of the encouraging outlook in Japan and British Columbia. The French work had also prospered, and fourteen converts had been added this year. Mrs. Kerr con-

cluded her admirable address by urging the establishment of a school in the North-West.

The Secretary's report said that the Society had been extended during the year by the addition of seventeen new societies, made up of nine auxiliaries and eight mission bands. They had now a total of thirty-nine auxiliaries and nineteen mission bands, with a membership of over 2,000, of which sixty-four are life-members. The Treasurer reported the total receipts of the year to be \$5,036.92, an increase of \$970.82 on last year. The expenses were \$109.39, leaving a balance of \$4,927.53. Mrs. Robinson, from the Woman's Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church, and Miss Clark, of the McCaul Mission Hall, were introduced to the meeting and read addresses of greeting. The remainder of the meeting was occupied with the reading of a large number of reports from the auxiliaries.

At the meeting on Friday, the President appointed a committee on memorials, after which the reception of reports from the various auxiliaries and mission bands was continued. Among these reports was one from Georgina Island Indians, showing considerable progress in the work. A resolution expressing deep thanks to the retiring President, Mrs. Dawson Kerr, for her earnest and efficient work in behalf the society, and assuring her of the esteem and love of its members, was unanimously carried.

At the afternoon session the Question Drawer was opened, and many queries as to the work and organization of the various auxiliaries and central societies were answered. The report of the McDougall Orphanage showed a deficit of \$546.04, and the report of the Crosby Home for Indian girls at Port Simpson, B.C., showed a prosperous condition of that institution. The Committee on Memorials recommended that Sunday-schools be requested to forward any spare periodicals to mission schools, and that a Supply Committee be appointed by the Board. Reference was also made to increasing the representation to the branches, and to the immoral traffic in Chinese girls in British Columbia.

Mr. J. N. Lake was appointed auditor for the ensuing year, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. Dr. Williams; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Gooderham, and Mrs. Carman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Willmott; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Briggs; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Brown, and Assistant-Treasurer, Mrs. T. Thompson.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church held its first session in connection with the Annual Meeting in the Bridge Street Church, Belleville, October 18th. After the opening devotional services the roll was called, showing the following officers present:—Mrs. Jas. Gooderham, President, Toronto; Mrs. Dr. Carman, Belleville, Vice-President; Mrs. Chisholm, Recording Secretary, Ottawa; Mrs. Strachan, Corresponding Secretary, Hamilton; Mrs. Rosebrugh, Treasurer, Hamilton, besides the officers and delegates from the Central, Western and Eastern Branches.

Dr. Williams was introduced and presented his con-

gratulations. The General Board gave several valuable recommendations for the work of the year.

The Corresponding Secretary's report showed general prosperity and an increase of membership throughout the societies. Twenty-three children were in the Crosby Girls' Home at Port Simpson, B.C. The McDougall Orphanage sheltered eighteen children. The French work at Acton, P.Q., was never so encouraging. The Girls' School in Japan had accommodated 227 pupils, the current expenses being covered by the Japanese themselves. Fifty had been converted, and sixty-five native Christians were meeting regularly in class. There was not room to accommodate all who apply for admission. Through ill-health Miss M. J. Cartmell, first missionary in Japan, had been obliged to return to Canada, and Miss H. Lund, of Woodstock, and Miss Cunningham, of Halifax, had been sent out. The condition of the Chinese girls of the city of Victoria, B.C., was referred to. Seven girls had been rescued from a life of shame. The total membership was 3,600, an increase of 642.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$6,414; receipts \$14,197; expended, \$9,662; balance, \$10,950.

The President's address followed, which was full of thankfulness for the year's work and of encouragement for the future.

Mrs. McLean, from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, Western Section, conveyed the greetings of that body. Mrs. Chown read a letter of greeting from the Belleville Baptist circle. Mrs. Dunnett, of the Woman's Christian Association, Belleville, also extended greetings.

In the evening the lecture-room of Bridge Street Church was crowded with friends and delegates of the Woman's Missionary Society. Rev. John Learoyd presided. An address of welcome was read by Mrs. Dr. Carman, who referred to the fact that Belleville was the home of the first missionary to Japan, Dr. Meacham. Special greetings were given Miss Cartmell, the returned missionary from Japan; to Mrs. Chandler, of Ocean Grove, and to Miss Morgan, who is soon to go out as a missionary in the foreign field. Mrs. Whiston, of Halifax, responded on behalf of the Society. A valuable paper, "One Church for Christ," prepared by Mrs. Graham, of Exeter, was read by Mrs. Detlor, after which Miss Cartmell gave an interesting account of the Girls' School at Tôkyo and the progress of evangelistic work in that place.

At the opening of Wednesday morning's session, a resolution was adopted expressing regret at the death of Rev. Dr. Nelles, and expressing deep sympathy with his bereaved family.

A memorial was presented from the Eastern Branch asking that the Government be petitioned to enforce the law in Victoria, B.C., for the protection of Chinese girls.

The report of the French work was presented by Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal. As it involved additional expense for the current year, it was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Western Branch reported, through Mrs. Cunningham, of Stratford, twelve new auxiliaries, two mission bands; annual members, 1,226; life members, 112; band members, 490; income, \$4,225.62.

For the Central Branch, Mrs. Dr. Briggs reported nine new auxiliaries, eight mission bands; total membership, 2,100, including sixty-four life members and 753 members of bands; income, \$5,036.92

Mrs. T. G. Williams reported seven new auxiliaries for the Eastern Branch, four mission bands; total membership, 733, including twenty-two life and 177 members of bands; income, \$1,997.11.

One new auxiliary, formed by the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch, reported through Miss Palmer, of St. John, N.B., a total membership of 280.

Mrs. Whiston reported for the Nova Scotia Branch five new auxiliaries, one mission branch; total membership, 739, including thirty-two life members and 235 band members; income, \$2,049.82.

Mrs. Dr. Aikins, on behalf of the Metropolitan Auxiliary, invited the Board of Managers to meet in Toronto next year. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

At the afternoon session the report of the school in Japan was read by the Corresponding Secretary. Two hundred and twenty-eight students have entered for the coming year, and only want of room prevented the reception of a larger number. The Christian Japanese girls are earnest workers among their fellow students, endeavoring to lead them to Christ. Good progress has been made in the educational work of the school, and the teachers have now about decided that the course of study shall be the same as for a modified third-class certificate on the Ontario standard. A lady interpreter is needed for evangelistic work, and the hope was expressed that another teacher would be sent. During the year \$12,564 had been received, the amount expended being \$11,885, leaving a balance on hand of \$679.

A very interesting report of the evangelistic work in Japan was read by Miss Cartmell, dating from the beginning of her labors in Japan. The quaint, concise rendering of some of the reports of the native Bible women by Miss Cartmell was of great interest to the meeting. The sum of \$213 was expended in connection with this work, exclusive of \$25 sent by Mr. John Macdonald, of Toronto, the report of which was sent him direct.

In regard to providing a home for Indian girls at Chilliwack, British Columbia, it was agreed that a certain sum should be sent to Mrs. Tate for this purpose, the amount being left to the Committee on Appropriations.

A request was presented from the Metropolitan Church Mission Circle that they be allowed to support a Bible-woman in Japan, and a girl at the Crosby Home. A similar request was preferred by the Woman's Mission Band. Decision was reserved.

The evening session was held in the Bridge Street church, where a large audience assembled to hear the principal address of the Convention. Miss May Doughty sang, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," after which Mrs. Kennard Chandler was introduced.

Mrs. Chandler said the thought that came to her here to-night was, that Christ took the weak things of life to confound the mighty. The Woman's Missionary Society had grown from a weak effort to a grand and glorious success. The Women's Foreign Missionary

Society of the United States was now seventeen years old, and she congratulated this society on the good work done by it in these few five years. In Benares, claimed by some to be the oldest city in the world, there was a wonderful school conducted by the Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and 200 children under six years of age were in the infant class there. Mrs. Chandler then described, with great pathos, visits to Bethlehem, Nazareth and Calvary, also her impressions of the wonderful picture of the crucifixion of Christ. She further said, "It is beyond any human lips to tell of the magnitude of the work in India and of the grandness of the sacrifice made by Christian missionaries. Down through centuries the stately step of woman has come. Miriam, Deborah, Hagar, all stand out as types of the grand womanhood of the past, but our Woman's Missionary Society shows to-day a grander type of womanhood, to whom the Gospel message is given which shall reach every creature. Mrs. Chandler closed her eloquent address, which in many parts was full of inspiration, with an urgent request for a larger membership and even more generous subscriptions to this Society.

Mrs. W. E. Ross sang with pleasing effect "Forever with the Lord," and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

Thursday's sessions were largely taken up with reports of committees as to the different modes of work for the progress and efficiency of the Society.

Appropriations for the year were made as follows:—Crosby Girls' Home, \$1,400; French Work, \$1,200; McDougall Orphanage, \$1,000; Chinese Home at Victoria, B.C., \$750; Home for Indian Girls at Chilliwack, B.C., \$400; Japan Work, \$6,013. The sum of \$300 was voted to Miss Cartmell for the year.

Mrs. Aikins stated that the Metropolitan Church Society of Toronto had \$500 on hand to be appropriated to sending still another lady to Japan, to be known as the Metropolitan missionary. The offer was accepted with thanks.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. James Gooderham, Toronto; Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Cameron, Belleville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Chisholm, Ottawa; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Strachan, Hamilton; Treasurer, Mrs. Rosebrugh, Hamilton.

Miss Morgan was engaged by the Board as missionary to Tokio, Japan, and it was decided if possible to secure Miss Leek as matron of the Chinese Home in Victoria.

ST. JAMES STREET MISSION BAND (Montreal).—The St. James Street Mission Band met at the residence of the President, Mrs. Ross, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15th, to meet Miss Cartmell, lately returned from Tôkyô, Japan, when a very interesting account of the Japanese work was given by Miss Cartmell. A large number of the members of the Band were present, showing the deep interest taken in the work. It was decided to apportion the funds of the past year as follows: \$50 to the Crosby Home at Port Simpson, B.C.; \$50 to the Chinese Girl's Mission at Victoria, B.C.; and the balance, \$81.42, to the Girls' School at Tôkyô, Japan.

JESSIE NICHOL, *Cor. Sec.*

Our Young Folk.

I'M NOT TOO YOUNG.

I'M not too young for God to see;
He knows my name and nature too;
And all day long He looks at me,
And sees my actions through and through.

He listens to the words I say;
He knows the thoughts I have within;
And whether I'm at work or play,
He's sure to see me if I sin.

If some one great and good is near,
It makes us careful what we do;
And how much more ought we to fear
The Lord who sees us through and through.

Thus when inclined to do amiss,
However pleasant it may be,
I'll always try to think of this,
I'm not too young for God to see.

WRITING IT DOWN.

UNCLE John would sometimes take a tiny note book from his pocket, and begin to write, when the children were naughty and called each other names. Afterward he would read aloud to them what he had written. They did not like to hear it, although they knew it was true, every word of it; "for somehow," as Bess declared, "it wouldn't have been so dreadful if it hadn't been written down."

By-and-by, whenever Uncle John began to write in the little book, they would run to him and say: "Please don't write it down; we'll not say any more naughty words."

The good man would smile as he put away the little book, and speak to them lovingly of "the Lamb's book of life," where every thought and word and deed is written down.

As time passes we forget that we have been so naughty; but it is all there against us, and when the book is opened we will find much written there that we would gladly erase.

Dear little friends, the pages of your life are lying clean and white before you. What shall be written there? Now is the time to begin a record of which you will never be ashamed. The last words uttered by John B. Gough were: "Young man keep your record clean."

TAUGHT BY A FLOWER.

ONCE knew a gentleman who was turned from infidelity by a flower. He was walking in the woods and reading the writings of Plato. He came to where the great writer uses the phrase, "God geometrizes." He thought to himself, "If I could only see plan and order in God's works I could be a believer."

Just then he saw a little Texas star at his feet. He picked it up and then thoughtlessly began to count its petals. He found there were five. He counted the stamens; there were five of them. He counted the divisions at the base of the flower; there were five of them. He then set about multiplying these three fives, to see how many chances there were of a flower being brought into existence without the aid of mind, and having in it these three fives. The chances against it were one hundred and twenty-five to one. He thought that very strange. He examined another and found it the same. He multiplied one hundred and twenty-five by itself to see how many chances there were against there being two flowers each having these exact relations of numbers. He found the chances against it were thirteen thousand six hundred and twenty-five to one. But all around him were multitudes of these little flowers, and they had been blooming there for years. He thought this showed the order of intelligence, and that the mind which ordained it was the mind of God.

And so he shut up his book, picked up the little flowers, kissed it, and exclaimed, "Bloom on, little flower! sing on, little birds! You have a God and I have a God. The God that made these little flowers made me."—*Mrs. C. G. Furbish.*

Along the Line.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Letter from the REV. J. CALVERT, dated BELLA BELLA, B.C., August 25th, 1887.

AFTER three months, journeyings, we have at last reached our home in Bella Bella, thankful unto Him who all the way through has guarded our path and opened the way for us. We had a pleasant stay at Rivers' Inlet, and we trust a profitable one. Our Indians behaved themselves nobly as a whole. One or two individuals gave us a little anxiety, but as a class they were, I believe, the best behaved in the Inlet. Indian "potlatches" and heathen orgies were continually going on all around them, yet they heeded them not. It was not an uncommon sight to see the beating of the heathen potlatch drum and the ringing of the church bell at the same time and within a few feet of each other. I do not think the day is far distant when the Weekeenos will lay aside their superstitions, their insane practices, and sit at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in their right minds. They were often attentive to the gospel message, then again they were turbulent and would not listen. A man should be stationed among them all the year round, then something might be done, if he was faithful, loving, and energetic. It is next to an impossibility to do anything with them during the fishing season, so many heathen Indians from other places gather round them, and they fish and feast and potlatch the whole time.

EVOLUTION stands by to note calmly the survival of the fittest in the struggle for existence. Christianity goes to work to make something more fit to survive.

Letter from the REV. THOMAS CROSBY, dated PORT SIMPSON, B. C., September 15th, 1887.

I AM just home from a trip to the upper Skeena. I was away three weeks—travelled by canoe over 400 miles, and on foot forty or more. I held thirty-one services during that time, and the people everywhere seemed glad to see us. I took with me George Edgar to supply Ha-guil-get. These people have urged their request for a teacher for the last three years. They are about three miles from the forks of the Skeena, and speak another language. They were all delighted to have the teacher. The second day there were thirty to school, and a note from Bro. Pierce since I left, says, "Good news from Ha-guil-get! Last week forty-six attended the service, and thirty-two children in the Sunday-school in the afternoon.

At Kish-pi-ax, twelve miles from the Forks, Edward Sexsmith is stationed. We are just about to build a good log school-house at each of these places. If we had a small bell it would be a good thing for those brethren. The leading chiefs are very desirous to have a house built at once, so I set Edward to work to get out the logs.

It was very hot weather when I was up there. It is a fine climate, warmer in the summer and much colder in the winter than we have it on the coast. I did not reach the Kish-ga-gass tribes; it was thought I should find most of the people away in the mountains, as this is their time for berry picking. Bro. Pierce will visit them later on in the season. At Kitwan-gah we spent a Sabbath, had a very good day. These tribes represent 1200 or 1500 Indians. It is too bad that we should be lacking men and means to carry them the Gospel. May God bless the dear brethren up there!

I had a nice visit among the few miners on Lorne Creek. Some expressed themselves much pleased to meet us. May God bless the good seed scattered among them. Bros. Oliver and Robinson have returned from a seven weeks' trip on the coast and round Vancouver Island. They travelled about 1498 miles by the Gospel ship *Glad Tidings*, and held over fifty services. They have had a good time. Report hundreds of people destitute of the Gospel. I should have liked much to have gone on that trip, but other duties kept me.

JAPAN.

Extract from a report of the REV. M. KOBAYASHI to REV. DR. EBY, dated SHIZNOKA, 26th, July, 1887.

I AM very glad to report some progress. Now is a very good time in Tujieda. I was there on the 10th. At 2 p.m. (Sunday) we held a nice lovefeast, at which all the members related their experiences. One of the members on trial, whose name is Yokoyama, was a very bad prodigal son. He was culled, as the first, out of a bad company of five. He got the new light and become converted, and now he is joined to the Saviour with his whole family. That glorious news caused much astonishment in Tujieda. He has since been helping Mr. Yosii and Takahashi (evangelists) in wayside work, and he preaches to his old

neighbors who knew his previous conduct. One of his old company has already been led by him to give up his cups and become an earnest enquirer after the Saviour. Some of the women members are doing good work also. I baptized thirteen men members. Mr. Yoshi and Mr. Takahashi are working very well, preaching every night in the street, except Sunday and Wednesday.

Jonokoshi, about a *ri* from Tujieda, is doing well; two school teachers have lately applied for baptism.

Shimada, where Bro. Kozawa (a theological student) will stay and work for the vacation, there are three or four members. Not being able to get a preaching place, they have service in his lodging, and he preaches in the street every night. A good many inquirers have already come to him.

Mori has been in a good condition since your visit and the lectures. Bro. Jinuma (a theological student) goes there, and we expect a good harvest by and bye.

Takursi is a new preaching-place, opened three weeks ago. There are several earnest inquirers, among whom are the chief of the police, his family, and five policemen. Mr. and Mrs. Nagai (Mrs. Nagai is a Bible-woman) work this place from Mitsuke every week, and Mr. Ogawa goes from Hamamatsu once or twice a month. The inquirers have promised to pay half the expenses of the preaching-place. I like such good spirit very much; it is a good beginning; by and bye, I will report some glad tidings of hope.

Mitsuke. Two young men were baptized.

Hamamatsu. Mr. Ogawa is working joyfully, and is particularly successful with a large female class; financial condition low. Six persons were baptized on the 17th.

The work of enlarging the Shizuoka church will be completed by the 20th of August, when we shall hold dedication services.

THE FRENCH WORK.

Montreal Centre.—Owing to absence at District Meeting and five weeks on furlough, my report for this quarter gives a small showing. Nothing of much importance has occurred. The services and social meetings have been fairly well sustained. The Rev. J. A. Dorion had charge of my work during my absence, and rendered good service. Last Sabbath (Aug. 7) we had a considerable number of Roman Catholics at our evening service. Some stayed to the end, and seemed to listen with eagerness to the word of truth. The majority of those who came are young men of the middle class. At our week-night service last week, there were many Catholics listening at the door and windows very attentively. Sometimes, however, they greet us with very abusive language. We pray that God's own word may have its effect in the conversion of their souls.

J. PINEL.

Montreal West End, Chatham Street, Point St. Charles.—I am glad to state that this Mission is in a prosperous state, the meetings are well attended and growing in spirituality, the Sabbath-school is interesting and prosperous. Alas, I have no day school to report although one is much needed, neither can I find

a place in Point St. Charles in which to preach on Sundays. I greatly need a little church or a house, the upper part of which would serve as a parsonage and the lower part as a mission room. If my people were able to subscribe towards a church and school we would soon have one, as I believe they are willing, but are very poor, being all of the laboring class, and working at low wages. What with house rent and water tax, food and clothing for the family, to my own personal knowledge, most of them find it hard to make both ends meet. Some are in the employ of the G. T. R. now working at eighty-five cents per day; then when affliction comes they are poor indeed. I wish some kind friend would send me some French tracts to distribute.

MITCHELL SADLER.

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