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Field Notes.

DR. BOLTON, who has been in medical missionary labors abundant on the Pacific coast during the past five years, accompanied by Mrs. Bolton, passed through the city on the 21st ultimo, *en route* for Port Simpson, B.C. After attending

General Conference, of which he was a member, the Doctor took advantage of being east to go on to New York, in order that he might spend a few weeks in one of the hospitals of that city.

THE following extract from a letter received during the past month we give, which needs neither note nor comment :

"For about a year it has been my conviction that the Gospel in this locality ought to be self-supporting. At last the spirit has got the victory, and I humbly beg to decline any grant from the Society this year. Through force of circumstances I drew twenty-five dollars in July, of which I now refund fifteen dollars, and intend in due time to send the balance. I hope you will not think that I have not appreciated the kindness shown by the Board to the Home Missionaries; nor do not think I am robbing myself, for the windows of heaven are already opening, and, with half of the mission I had last year, I have already received more than thirty dollars in advance of what the two missions had given me a year ago."

A LADY, in sending \$25 for the support of a boy in the Chentu school, West China writes:

"God has asked me to do this, and has given me that hungering and thirsting after His will which enabled me to respond gladly, 'Yes, Father, thanks be unto thee for the desire and willingness to do it.' I was about to send it to Dr. J. H. Wooley, Foo-chow, without taking it into thought we have a mission of our own, but God directed this way. May it be the means of helping one precious soul to come to Jesus and learn of him; and through that one may many more find the priceless pearl."

A GENTLEMAN of this city has sent to the Mission Rooms a Thank-offering of \$48. Could not many more such offerings find their way into the treasury of the Missionary Society?

THE issues of the *Onward* of November 24th and December 1st are splendid missionary numbers, Japan and our missions in that country receiving special attention. The information is valuable and timely, as much of it can be utilized in preparing programmes for young people's meetings.

DURING thanksgiving week the Epworth Leaguers of the United States have been making a grand rally to aid the Missionary Society to meet its financial responsibilities, which are causing much thought and anxiety at the present time. The Secretaries at the Mission Rooms, New York, have received word that reports already received indicate that the coming Thank-offering for missions will not amount to less than \$50,000. We congratulate our cousin Epworthians!

WE would again call attention to the tracts that have been issued for this year. The brethren will find them helpful in arousing interest in mission work. The following are the titles:

"Information for the People," "Heathen Claims and Christian Duty," "An Appeal from the Student Volunteers of the Methodist Church in Canada to the Members of the Church on behalf of Foreign Missions," "Coming To-Morrow." We have also a supply on hand of those published last year.

Editorial and Contributed.

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\$250,000 FOR MISSIONS

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**Collections, Subscriptions and
Juvenile Offerings.**

Editorial Notes.

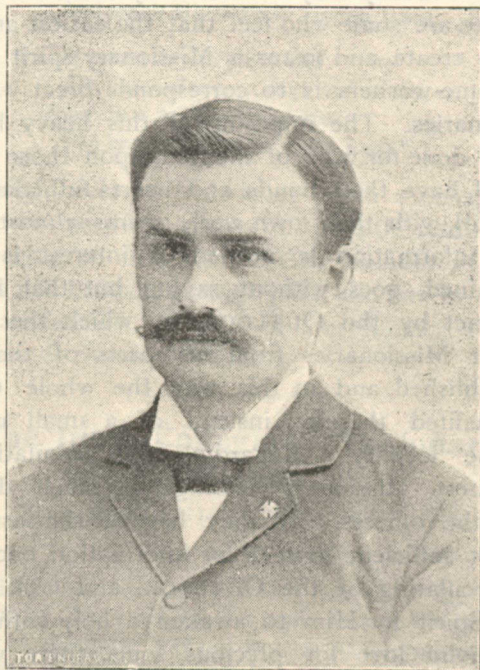
"A LONG pull, and a strong pull, and a pull together," is what is required to raise the \$250,000 asked this year for missions. Many of our brethren have gone to work with a hearty determination that they will be faithful to this grand cause. But a spasmodic effort will not avail. Let the "long," "strong," "pull together" extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

WE have come to the last leaf on our calendar, and it does seem fitting that Christmas, with all the good cheer that attends this festive season, should brighten the last month of the year. During December almost daily there are events occurring which seem to compel us to look back over the record of the past eleven months. Perhaps, at times, with not a very brave spirit, but rather of regret that we have not always thought on "Whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, and whatsoever things are of good report;" and with the consciousness of many unrealized hopes, comes a shrinking from taking up the duties that the New Year will surely present; fearing to take up the chisel, so rough has been the hewing of the past. But, amid all these hopes and fears there comes ringing through the soul the heavenly anthem, "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." "Peace, good will toward men," and as the music swells and rolls through our soul, we are filled with stronger, brighter, and more loving confidence in a Father's wise care; and with our spiritual strength renewed we say,

"O Lord, fulfil thy word,
And make me truly blest;
Lead where thou wilt on life's uneven way,
If only I can hear thee say,
'My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest.'"

OUR young friends will, no doubt, greet with pleasure the photo-engraving we publish this month of the Rev. R. N. Burns, B.A., president of the Methodist Young People's Association of Ontario. Mr. Burns has always taken a keen interest in young people and their work; and to him, during his pas-

torate in Barrie, must be awarded the honor of organizing the first Epworth League in Canada. Young in appearance, manner and feeling, Mr. Burns has the happy faculty of gaining the confidence of the younger members of his congregation; while the prominence he always gives to the importance of developing a high, spiritual standard of Christian life, makes him their valued and judicious friend.



REV. R. N. BURNS, B.A.,
President of Methodist Young People's Association of Ontario.

Organizations of young people can be, if wisely guided, one of the greatest factors in the world's evangelization. One of the most hopeful signs is that the interests of the young are not all centred around the home work, but they are pushing out to aid those sitting in darkness in the regions beyond. Many letters of enquiry have come to the Mission Rooms regarding work for the Missionary Department of our Epworth Leagues. In another article will be found answers to the questions contained in these letters, which have received due attention; but there are many societies which may find the article referred to helpful.

THE annual meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held in Brooklyn, N.Y., in the early part of November. The total income for the year ending November 1st, 1894, was reported as \$1,137,807, being \$58,800 less than the previous year. The falling off was in legacies, and not in the regular collections. This is the bright lining in the cloud. As Secretary McCable remarked, "The Church ought to be congratulated. The thermometer was the collection only; the decrease had not been there; the love and loyalty of the Church are wonderful." Work is being carried on in Africa, South America, China, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, India, Malaysia, Bulgaria, Italy, Mexico, Japan and Corea. But there is such a large foreign element in the country that has to be

cared for, that a great number of what is termed Domestic Missions are to foreigners residing in the United States.

WITHIN the past month the Emperor of all the Russias has bowed to the inexorable decree, and gone to his eternal reward. Much has been said and written concerning this man of autocratic rule; but it seems almost impossible for those born and nurtured on the American continent to judge fairly of him and his work. Education and surroundings have so much to do with the life and character of a man, that unless one is familiar with these, the judgment is almost sure to be biased and unsound. That Alexander III. was religious and devoted to his Church cannot be questioned. The Greek Church has been considered purer in doctrine and practice than the Church of Rome, yet its fundamental doctrines are sacrifice of the mass, absolution as a prerogative of the priest, invocation and intercession of the Holy Virgin and the saints. The worship of images is not taught, but they are found in very many of the homes of the people, and it is more than likely that paying divine homage to these idols is a part of their worship. Purgatory is condemned; at the same time, the belief is general that there is a temporary place or condition of torment to which the souls of the departed are consigned until the sacrifice of the masses open the way to a happier state. It is not improbable that the religious services that were held almost continuously from the death of the Emperor until his burial eighteen days later, were prompted by the conviction that they were required for the repose of the soul of the departed.

IN reading reports of the rum traffic in Africa, the cry arises in the soul, "How long, O Lord, how long?" That Christian nations should permit such a diabolical business to be carried on seems incredible. How forcibly, and in a few words, the Bible touches the weakness of human nature when it says, "The love of money is the root of all evil." The love of money often gets the brandy bottle into many parts of Africa before the Bible. The love of money has caused the poor black man, after contact with the Europeans for four centuries, to develop a taste for gin, rum, gunpowder and guns. The love of money has brought about such a state of affairs in the Congo State that the battle will be between the Bible and the bottle. The love of money has sent concoctions termed rum, for which no market could be found in England, to be poured down the throats of the helpless blacks.

The African cannot withstand brandy, gin and rum. He never can be a moderate drinker; let him once indulge, and an appetite is formed over which he has no control, and when under its influence is a maddened demon. Joseph Thomson, who has led three expeditions into Eastern Central Africa, writes: "I travelled and suffered, inspired by the idea that I was doing good in opening new lands to commerce and civilization; but all satisfaction was blighted as I felt that what little I had done were better undone,

and Africa had better remain the dark continent, if such must be the end of it all. Underneath the cry for gin I seemed to hear the reproach, 'You see what Christians have made us. You talk of peace and good will, yet put devils into us.' As things stand in many places, I translate this cry of opening Africa to civilization as really opening it to European vices, old clothes, gin, rum, powder and guns. Truly, liquor has been well termed 'the devil in solution.'"

Hints For Our Young People.

THE New Constitution of the Epworth League provides for a Missionary Department, and it is greatly to be desired that every League will make a specialty of this most important department of Christian work, not only for the sake of the Mission cause, but for the benefit accruing to the Societies themselves.

At this time of the year, when many Leagues are getting down to earnest work and others are considering the advisability of making greater and more united efforts in this direction, it may not be amiss to give some information of a general character.

It is preferred by the Missionary authorities that all Methodist young people should contribute through the regular channels; but, if some special object is desired, it does not interfere with the workings of the General Society should they contribute toward a particular object, provided it is within the limits of the work carried on by the Missionary Society.

There are three departments of our Mission Work, each having features of interest peculiarly its own. These are, the work in West China, the work in Japan, and the work among the Indians of our own country.

West China.—In Chentu schools have been opened, which are attended by boys some of whose parents are in comfortable circumstances, others again are very poor. To support a boy in one of these schools will cost \$25 at the present rate of exchange. The medical work also gives grand opportunities to reach the people, and donations for hospital buildings, surgical instruments, and drugs will be gladly received. We have not definite figures regarding maintaining a cot in the hospital, or furnishing a ward, but hope to have in the near future, and any Societies desiring to take up this work may communicate with the Mission Rooms and they will receive the desired information. The cost of supporting an unmarried foreign Missionary is \$500 a year.

Japan.—In this country there are native evangelists who do Mission work part of the time, in order to help to pay their way during the period in which they are preparing for their life work. The remuneration received by such young men ranges from \$50 to \$150. Any society becoming responsible for the support of one of these students will be doing a good work. The stipend of an unmarried foreign Missionary in Japan is \$700.

The Indian Work.—In the Coqualeetza Institute Chilliwack, B.C., or in the McDougall Orphanage,

Morley, N.W.T., a boy can be supported for \$50 per annum. Dr. Bolton's medical work at Port Simpson, and the steamship *Glad Tidings*, on the Pacific Coast, are commended to the liberal aid of our young people.

In order to have contributions to any of the above-named objects acknowledged in the Annual Report it will be necessary to forward the money through the Mission Rooms, as the Treasurers can only give credit for money they have actually received.

There are some who feel that the easiest and best way to create and foster a Missionary spirit among the home-workers is to correspond direct with the Missionaries. The imposing of this heavy burden, even if done for want of thought, upon those who, if faithful, have their hands and hearts full, and more than full, with their own work, seems almost cruel. That information is needed, if interest is to be maintained, goes without saying, but that lack is fully met by the OUTLOOK, in which the letters of our Missionaries from all parts of the work are published, and in this way the whole Church is benefited thereby, instead of a small number in one locality. Regarding the circulating of the latest Missionary intelligence, much depends upon the officers. If they have enthusiasm and interest sufficient to seek for information, encourage the circulating of the OUTLOOK, and look to the Holy Spirit for Him to awaken a holy enthusiasm and divine love for precious souls, there will be no need to resort to the expedient of personal letters from Missionaries in the field. But, brothers and sisters, we are well aware that this means work. Paul used no empty form when he spoke of Christ's followers as "workers together with God."

Old Stamps Wanted for Missionary Purposes.

ANYONE having large or small quantities of the above, and who may be willing to donate the same for the benefit of the Home and Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church, will oblige by sending the same to Miss Josephine Lane, 118 St. Matthew St., Montreal. Anything in the shape of postage or revenue stamps, whether Canadian, English, American, or foreign, with the exception of the common 1c. and 3c. Canadian and the 2c. United States of the present issue, will be of value. The older they are the better. Any stamps over twenty years old are more valuable if sent on the original envelope or letter sheet. The embossed envelope stamps should not be cut round. If your parcel is too heavy to send by mail, send it by express, c.o.d.

Mite Boxes.

HE who endeavors to gather together the small sums is often building broader and deeper foundations than he dreams. In no field can this method of raising money be better worked than among our young people. Many of them are earning a weekly sum of more or less amount, while others are given an allowance upon which to provide for their own necessities,

and to give largely would be out of the question, but two cents a week, or a cent a day, is easily within the ability of almost any young man or woman. The one who wins a contributor in this way is almost certain to have gained a life-long friend and supporter of the cause of missions.

"One cent a day the Master asks
From every true disciple's hands ;
One cent a day to tell His love,
And teach His word in foreign lands.

"One cent a day to place ajar
The gates of mercy, high and broad,
One cent a day to spread afar
The knowledge of our risen Lord."

A bright colored little box, set in a conspicuous place, will prove a silent and gentle reminder of this weekly or daily duty. Any number of boxes desired will be sent, postage paid, and free of charge, upon application, to any of our Young People's Societies, or Sunday Schools.

The Inter-Collegiate Missionary Alliance.

THE BELLEVILLE CONVENTION.

BY H. E. WARREN.

THE Convention this year was held in Albert College from the 22nd to the 25th inst. Although the number of delegates was not so large as on some previous years, the interest attending the papers, discussions and addresses was deep. Special interest was given to all the services by the presence and inspiring words of the returned missionaries—Revs. Cassidy, of Japan ; Goforth, of Honan, China, and Stevens, of Western China. Several addresses were given by Mr. D. Willard Lyon, of Chicago, representing the Student Volunteer Movement. Nothing was more apparent in the Convention than the hold which this movement is taking of the colleges, not only of the States, but of this country. In our farewell meeting of Sunday night there were about fifteen of our number who rose to their feet as volunteers for foreign mission work, of whom five or six had formed the decision during this convention. The presence of so many to whom missionary information was of such vital importance, contributed largely to the deep seriousness attending the papers and addresses, which accordingly dealt almost exclusively with the foreign field.

Africa, China, Japan and Thebet came in for the greatest share of attention.

The Mohammedanism of the Dark Continent was dealt with in a paper and supplemented in an address by Dr. Livingstone, who sails for Africa next year as the chosen representative from Albert College. The spirit of Mohammedanism was shown to be pre-eminently missionary, sharing this characteristic with but two other religions in the world, Christianity and Buddhism. It possessed peculiar adaptability to the African, even to his vices, so that it was no wonder that in the last twelve centuries all the northern half of the continent have come to own allegiance to Islam. It comes to the native with a fraternal spirit, while Christianity too often condescends, but does not fraternize. To the convert every position is open in mosque and State. Moslemism in India and Africa has but one caste, and that Islamism. Furthermore, be it said to its credit, that its followers are temperate, and that wherever it exists its spirit is anti-*rum*. To Africa, civilization has come with the bottle and the Bible. Intemperance has made worst ravages in the southern or pagan portion, which lies beyond the pale proper of Mohammedanism. Yet, as missionaries of the Gospel, we believe the Bible is an antidote to her intemperance, and polygamy, and slavery, and that the day must certainly dawn when the crescent shall wane before the glory of the cross.

China came in for a large share of attention. The need of her millions lay very near the hearts of Brothers Goforth and Stevens. There was a conspicuous absence of all fault-finding with the Home Church for her slowness to realize the needs of China. They informed us they had learned to see these needs, from their grapple with heathenism, as they never could see them before, and that their return home had placed our complacency, in the face of this work, more vividly before them than it was possible for them to express. These men believed the best fuel for missionary zeal was missionary facts. Their relation of the perils, and sufferings and encouragements in these hard fields were fraught with interest. The voice of China's home and sisterhood, and aching heart, has fallen thus far on our ears too largely unheeded. To the students of our colleges that voice was coming with peculiar significance. The command was threefold: Go! Let go! Help to go! It was our business to find which one of these was our marching orders. The reiteration again and again of the Saviour's final commission to the disciples, which had such significance to all missionaries, reminded one forcibly of the words of Dr. McKay given a year ago: "I went to the foreign field, not because I 'felt' a call, or because fired by the enthusiasm of a mission story, but solely because Jesus said to go." The need of the work was the call to go, unless circumstances forbade. This is our call, unless we have received the counter command to stay at home. There is a most pressing need for women missionaries. They have access to the home and to their own sisterhood as no one else. These women are without Christ, and are waiting hourly for someone who can give them "joy" for their "garments of mourning." Every fourth mother of the globe is a Chinese, and every hour a thousand souls in this kingdom alone pass out into a dark future.

Mr. Cassidy gave some interesting talks on the Japanese, the difficulties which their language presented to the foreigner, their national spirit of aggression on all lines, except their religion, and paid a worthy tribute to the pioneers who had labored in the past. Touching reference was made to the enduring work of Miss Lund, who, since her inspiring words before our convention of a year ago, has passed to her reward.

Mr. Lyon's talks were of a very personal character. He dealt with the missionary problem from the student's standpoint. Perhaps his remarks centred about these three themes—the necessity of the student consecrating himself to God, finding out God's purpose concerning his life, where, at what, and how it ought to be spent; the necessity of much prayer; and last, the necessity of the study of missionary literature. These go hand in hand. His final address on Sunday evening, on "Prayer in its Relation to the Missionary Problem," was worthy of being carried back into our colleges as an incentive for the coming year. He showed that the world was not being reached by the present arrangement. Seventeen of every eighteen Gospel preachers were occupied with one-fifth the population of the world. The evangelization of the world could not be accomplished by missionary organizations, or literature, or addresses, though necessary in their place. All progress in the past had been made by prayer. Holy men and women had "prayed up the walls of hospitals, prayed gold into foreign lands, and pioneers into the wilds of darkest heathendom." For ages the power of electricity and of steam were unknown. To day we are beginning to see something of these. Has not yet God to show the world after the "dark ages" of unbelief, something of the power prayer is intended to wield. Electricity is powerful, but prayer is omnipotent. Prayer has its true incentives. What an incentive to take hold on God is the need of the heathen and of the missionary, separated from friends and all those things we so highly prize! What an incentive is our own weakness to undertake this great work! What an incentive comes to us as we turn our eyes over the past and see the triumphs of the Apostolic Church, and later down the ages the abundant harvests of those who but a century ago began to scatter the little seeds of the coming kingdom, "like a handful of corn upon the top of the mountain," that shall some day shake like Lebanon! What an incentive to prayer the example of Christ, the true missionary, and his command which we are so prone to misinterpret, and which

reveals the true key to all missionary success. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers unto his harvest."

Space is too limited to touch upon the Home Field, Medical Missions, and other themes that shared the discussion of the Convention.

The Japan-China War.

BY REV. J. G. DUNLOP, B.A.

I DO not propose in this letter to deal with the causes of the war, or with the progress of events in Korea and China up to this date, but rather with the subject as it presents itself in our everyday life and work here in Japan. The war news from the far east, misleading and false as a great part of it has been, has served at least to give the reader of the daily papers a fairly correct idea of the fortunes of the two great powers now engaged in deadly strife. I wish merely to set down a few of the symptoms of the war fever manifested at home in Japan.

The most striking symptom is the universal excitement. A leading English paper, writing recently on the war, incidentally made the statement that national feeling is a thing that does not exist in Asia; that the ideal of nationality is not an Asiatic product; that national uprisings can never be counted on to defeat the plans of great conquerors.

Such a statement when applied to Japan is simply absurd. Nowhere else in the world, perhaps, is there such exuberant nationalism. Though in most of its manifestations a thing worthy and admirable, it is a prime obstacle in Christian work. The independence movement in the Japanese churches is not evangelical, but nationalistic. But this same nationalism becomes a mighty force in time of national danger. The passionate patriotism exhibited in these days astonishes Europeans who have spent several decades in this land, and should be expected to know its people. National feeling seems at present almost to swallow up every other feeling and ambition. The calling out of the reserves has been attended with many sad, painful partings. The wives and children of many of these men will have to undergo a winter (or longer) of want and hardship. But in most cases the ordeal has been gone through with willingly and cheerfully. There have been many proposals for different sorts of volunteer work. A great many of the *soshi*—a semi-criminal class of reckless fellows, who have undertaken by such gentle means as club, sword and gunpowder to educate the nation in things political—have been for once whipped into line: they volunteered for coolie work, and are now hard at it in Korea and China. Women have offered, not only as nurses, but as soldiers and coolies. Some have travelled long distances to the capital to find openings for service, and a number have been accepted and sent to the front as Red Cross nurses.

The city children in scores play at war some days from morning till night, up and down over the sand dunes near our house. With bugles and banners, forts and batteries; with sorties and surprises, cheers, charges and retreats, they put as much soul and enthusiasm into it as their nation's heroes at the front. A number of workmen in the compound below our house, congregate a dozen times a day in the shade under our windows (a genuinely Oriental way of getting work done) to smoke and chat, invariably about Chōsen, Shina (Korea and China), and the war. The whole country is aflame with engravings in the most fiery colors, representing Japanese deeds of valor by sea and land.

Sacrifice for the sake of home and country is the order of the day. Contributions of both necessities and luxuries of life have been flowing in to a central depot in Tokyo, to be forwarded to the seat of war. The Emperor and the Houses of Parliament are among the contributors. A rich Tokyo banker has given timber and lumber enough for winter quarters in China for an army of thirty thousand men. A Christian soldier, a member of the Second Reserve, was on his way from this place to Sendai, the Reserve having been called out. On getting to the end of

his journey one night, his jinrikisha-man refused to receive any money from him, saying that he himself could not go to the war, and he was not going to take a fare from any man who was going.

Another symptom. The papers of a score of political parties and factions are, for the first time in their history, united in loyal support of the Government. When the press is thus united, there can be no doubt but that the nation is at one. Seldom has there been such a spectacle of national unanimity. And whatever the men at the top who see into the inwardness of the causes of this war may think, the nation at large is convinced that it is a righteous war. The hosts of Joshua and Gideon were not surer of the righteousness of their warfare than are these Japanese.

A nation thus roused, thus actuated, and thus united must win. They cannot lose. Even in defeat they would be victors; they would gain a national prestige in higher aims and broader, nobler views of national destiny.

How does it affect Christian work? I cannot answer better than by an illustration. A fellow-missionary here went a few nights ago to preach in an inland town. On getting to the theatre, he found that his subject had been chosen for him by the preacher and Christians of the place (without any notice to himself), and was "Christianity and the war." Happily, he had an hour behind the scenes in which to get his thoughts in order. When his turn came and he stepped out and announced his subject, the people called back, "Never mind Christianity; give us the war."

But though preaching just now is at a discount, this war will, in the end, prove an immense blessing and help in our work here. Japan's side of this dispute will yet be fully stated and understood in the West. Better still, the people of England and America will learn of the enlightened and humane way in which Japan is prosecuting the war—with her hospitals and Red Cross Society and kind treatment of prisoners; most amazing to the poor wretches of Chinese prisoners themselves, who, on capture, expect nothing short of mutilation and death. Clear understanding on these subjects means an immense increase of sympathy on the part of Christian nations for this nobly-inspired island power of the far East. Treaties will be revised; Great Britain made a new treaty with Japan in August, and there are rumours that revision with the United States also has been effected, and Japan will be given a place among the more enlightened nations of the world.

Barriers broken down, hearts warming to one another, and then comes our opportunity. May God prepare the Church for it!

Niigata, Japan, Oct. 26th, 1894.

Christmas.

WELCOME, once more, Christmas morning!
Welcome with thy Christmas cheer!
Happy voices hail thy dawning,
Brightest day of all the year!

O'er the mountains high and hoary,
O'er the forest dark and wide,
Let the bells ring out the story
Of Christ who lived and died!

In the country, in the city,
Hearts respond to Christmas claim,
And each gift of love and pity
Bears the stamp of Christ's dear name.

Let these gifts reach o'er the waters!
Send the blessed news afar,
Till earth's suffering sons and daughters
Hail the "glory-beaming star."

—*Heathen Children's Friend.*

SNAKE worship takes precedence of all other forms of Dahomeyan religion, and its priests and followers are the most numerous. The python is regarded as an emblem of bliss and prosperity, and the killing of one of these sacred reptiles is sometimes punished by death.

Along the Line.

Manitoba Conference.

IN a letter received from the Rev. James Woodsworth, he says: I have just received the enclosed letter from Brother Chegwin, which, I have no doubt, will be of interest to the readers of the *OUTLOOK* as illustrative of the devotion and heroism of missionaries who, in the face of grave difficulties, are cheerfully and loyally working for Methodism and building up the cause of Christ on our Domestic Missions.

Lacombe is a new mission in the Calgary District, on the C. & E. Railway, not far from the old Woodville Indian Mission. Brother Chegwin, a last year's graduate in Arts of Wesley College and lately married, was appointed to Lacombe by our last Conference. He has no idea that I am forwarding this for publication:

*Letter from REV. E. J. CHEGWIN, dated LACOMBE,
Sept. 19th, 1894.*

We reached our field in August and have become settled in our work. I was somewhat frightened when I came and found everything so new and so much disorganized, and especially when we could hardly get a place to stay over night in; but we managed to get board for a couple of weeks at \$8 per week, and by that time rented a house. The ladies bought a stove, and now, with everything home-made except a table and a few chairs which different ones have brought, we are running what we call the parsonage. I have also bought a rig and a span of ponies.

When I came, none of the work was done on the inside of the church and there was a great deal to do outside. As you know, the people were building it themselves, and as this is a busy time and, I judge, most of them were tired of the contract, the work was at a standstill, the only thing to do was to pull off my coat and go to work, which I did, and most of the time since I came has been spent in carpentering. I got the trustees to hire a carpenter, and he and I have been working steadily, and on Sunday next we hope to open the first church built in Lacombe. Rev. L. Gaetz will preach for us at one service, and as we have failed to supply the other service I can see no other plan than that one of the carpenters take it. I have never had a mission where there was so much to do, but we are looking to God for strength to carry this mission through to success. But this year will be a very hard one financially, for two-thirds of the people have come in within the last year, and, having to build houses, stables, etc.; buy machinery, stock, etc., there is hardly a dollar among them; but it seems to me there is no more promising field in the whole of Methodism, and if we can get over the first year or two this will be one of the best points on the line.

I may say that the ladies are counting on getting us a few pieces of furniture soon, and by the time you can manage to spend a Sunday with us we will be able to entertain.

Amidst all our work and modest surrounding we were beginning to be very happy, and were looking out with high hopes of doing so much when my freight got here from Manitoba. I went over to the train regularly for five weeks but it did not come. Hearing of the fire at Moose Jaw, I became suspicious, and as I could get no word any other way, wrote to Mr. Stacey; he inquired and wrote me, telling me that all my freight had reached there on the 15th August, and the sheds were burned the next day and all was a total loss.

You can imagine how we feel in our home with its little stock—all my books, papers, sermons, pictures, and also my furs and winter clothing, in fact, everything but what I had in my valise. We felt almost discouraged, but, by the grace of God, with my Bible and "Bunyan's Characters," by Whyte, I will try and preach the Gospel, and will trust in God both for sermons and clothes. But it seems so hard just in starting, and especially as there are so many things to buy and everything is so high.

Pray for us that our faith fail not.

The Indian Work.

*Letter from Mr. J. W. GALLOWAY, dated POPCUM, B.C.,
Sept. 28th, 1894.*

TOWARD the latter end of June the Indians began to gather at the mouth of the Fraser River for the annual salmon fishing. Many of these had had disagreeable experiences during the high water, and they were no doubt anxious to get away from their desolate farms.

The fish were unusually late in making an appearance this year, and in consequence there were abundant opportunities for the Indians indulging in all kinds of vice. Gambling and drinking was the order of the day when we reached the camps. Thousands of Indians were gathered at Steveston. Illicit whiskey-selling was rampant. As soon as Bro. Baker and myself landed there, one Saturday evening, we were met by several Indians, complaining bitterly of these whiskey dives. They implored us to urge the authorities to stop it, so many of the women having commenced drinking. In one den, where I endeavored to get some of the young women out, I was grossly insulted, and this by men who called themselves white men. In an adjoining room I could hear the filthy language of others, mixed with the low laughter and chinook of some young Indian women more or less under the influence of liquor. I believe the municipality of Richmond is to blame for all the vice and immorality at Steveston. The constable endeavored to do his duty, but what was one constable for a population of perhaps four or five thousand—Indians, whites, Chinese, Japanese, and negroes—and it was very discouraging to him to have case after case dismissed through some technicality.

This year the Indians were not so much scattered as in former years, so we were able to reach a larger number in the few hours of the Sabbath at our disposal. I made Ladner's my headquarters, being midway between Westminster and Steveston, and within easy reach of one large camp of Cowichans at Canoe Pass.

Bro. Green, with his assistants, managed the work at Steveston and the North Arm, leaving Bro. Tate and myself to take the work on the river—far too great a distance to be travelled to do effective work. There should be at least six men for this work. It only lasts a month or six weeks, and as most of the villages are deserted at that time, the men on adjacent missions should be brought down, and then go in twos. We come into contact with many Indians at these times which otherwise we could not reach, and many who have never heard the Gospel are drawn out of curiosity, and so the good seed is sown broadcast.

Nearly all the Indians from the upper part of the mission were at Spuzzum, on the canyon of the Fraser. As I could not be in more places than one at the same time, they were neglected. Mr. Robson went up once, but failed to find any of our own people.

We had some very interesting services. Very often our congregations would be small, but there was the spirit of reverence and devotion manifested, and in some cases a seeking after Christ and a desire to enquire about holy things. Although we cannot measure success by visible results, yet we are assured that the seed faithfully sown will bring forth fruit to the praise and glory of His name.

With regard to the mission itself I am somewhat discouraged. Owing to the removal of Bro. Tate, and the terrible floods from which so many of our Indians have suffered, there has been a spirit of murmuring. I pray that when they are all gathered home again and become settled, that this spirit of discontent may disappear and our prospects brighten. A winter of hardship and suffering is before us; many will be the claims.

"I know not what awaits me,
God kindly veils mine eyes;
Yet o'er each step of my onward way
He makes new scenes to rise.

"So on I go, not knowing,
I would not if I might;
I'd rather walk in the dark with God
Than walk alone in the light."

Our Young Folk.

The Glad Tidings of Bethlehem.

BY HETTA LORD HAYES WARD, IN "INDEPENDENT."

THE night was still, the hillside cold,
Men slept; the year was waxing old.

The woolly sheep lay still and white,
The purple sky with stars shone bright.

The shepherds lay upon the ground,
About their heads their mantles wound.

All fast asleep beside their sheep,
It was a blessed night for sleep:

For hosts of angels watched and kept
Their vigils while the shepherds slept.

At midnight came a wondrous light,
The shepherds started in affright,

Rose up with haste, tho' sore afraid:
"Fear not," the holy angel said,

"Behold I bring you tidings good,"
(Down knelt the shepherds where they stood.)

"Great joy this day to all I bring,
For unto you is born a King;

"In David's city, Bethlehem,
Is born, this night, of David's stem

"A Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord,
As was foretold in Holy Word.

"And this to you a sign shall be:
The heavenly babe you there shall see

"In homely swaddling clothes arrayed,
And rudely in a manger laid."

Then suddenly a multitude,
A heavenly host about them stood,

And praising God with joy they cry,
"All glory be to God Most High!

"Good-will to men, and peace on earth,"
'Twas thus they sang our Saviour's birth.

"Good-will to all good willing men!"
Till Christ, our Lord, shall come again.

We, too, with all the heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

—Newark, N.J.

Santa Claus in the Cabin of the Jolly.

"YOU coming back by Christmas, grandpa?"
"Don't know, boy—don't know! Folks that work for a livin' can't 'spect to think of Christmas and all them things!" said Skipper Billy Anderson, of the herring-boat, The Jolly, hustling about the wharf and attending to the very last duties prior to sailing.

Stanley looked puzzled and disappointed. He bit his lip, and his large dark eyes were shaded still darker with a cloud of regret. His fingers, clutching a slip of folded paper, kept working nervously.

"Wish—you—would—c—come to Christmas, grandpa!" he said hesitatingly.

"Well, well, I don't know!" and Skipper Billy, as he spoke proceeded to coil a rope, roll a water-cask, lift a kit, and grab an oar, all at the same time.

The boy appreciated the fact that his grandfather was very busy, and timidly saying: "P'raps you'll take this! Good-by!" he thrust the slip of paper into Skipper Billy's jacket pocket.

"Good-by!" growled the bustling Skipper Billy, fluttering over water-cask and rope, kit and oar.

Skipper Billy went down into the cabin of the herring-boat to take what he called "a breath." It was a small coop where skipper and crew bunked at night and ate by day. It had a stove, and over its grate of glowing coals bent Tim Lawler, who was frying fish in a big frying-pan.

"Well," thought the skipper, "I b'lieve everything is attended to, and I can take a breath. Hold! What's this in my pocket?"

He pulled out Stanley's crumpled paper, and, opening it, began to read in a suppressed tone:

"May—God—keep—you,—grandpa,—and bring—you home—in time for Christmas. Oh! I left out one word afore grandpa. It is 'd-dear.' Oh, yes! it is 'dear grandpa.'"

"What say, Skipper?" asked Tim Lawler.

"Oh,—nothin', Tim, nothin'! That fish smells good."

"Wall, yes!" replied Tim wrapped in a cloud of smoke.

"You—you b'lieve in Santa Claus, Tim?"

"Wall, it—it's a pleasant fancy. Of course, 'taint real."

"Heathen, Tim, heathen! I don't know 'bout so much Christmasin."

Tim went on frying, the skipper went on thinking.

That crushed slip of paper! Somehow it affected wonderfully Skipper Billy. He thought about his grandchild, Stanley.

"Why, I giv the—the—child that name," he reflected. And Stanley's mother, my darter Jane,—she was a good gal. She loved Christmas. Why, she has been dead ten years! Yes, she loved Christmas. She did love to trim up the old church and make it look pearty. She—she sang, too. Voice like a bobberlink! And she loved to give things away, Christmas time.

The tears gathered in his eyes.

"Sick, Skipper?" asked Tim, who saw his agitation.

"Let this smoke out!" growled the skipper.

"Got in yer eyes? Too bad!"

"Humph!" grunted the skipper, and went on thinking.

"Santa Claus a heathen?" reflected the skipper. "The heathen's me! Didn't give that boy decent attention. Dear me! I git real hard. 'God bless dear grandpa!' I ain't wuth blessin', so wrapped up in this 'ere fishin'! I don't keep half decent. I'm gitting old, too. Ought to be ashamed of myself! Don't care about Christmas!"

His eyes grew very kindly. His face flushed with generous excitement. A genial smile spread over his features, rimmed by his bushy grey hair and thick grey beard. He patted his fat knee fondly, as if he fancied he was caressing Stanley's round chubby head.

"Yes, I must give all I can," he murmured. "Hunt up some poor folks, too!"

He became the picture of a most genial, fatherly, princely benefactor. Why, looking at him, one might have asked:

"Has magic come into the cabin of the herring-boat, and changed its rugged-faced skipper into a Santa Claus?"

It was the night before Christmas. It was snowing hard. The deck of the Jolly was white with flakes. The skipper was at the helm anxiously wondering where home might be. A lantern in the rigging tried to look cheerful, but it was a grim effort.

Suddenly Skipper Billy turned to Tim Lawler, who, cook by day, was mariner by night.

"Tim!"

"What, Skipper Billy?"

"I see a suthin'!"

"Whar?"

"A sort of light place over thar!"

"Why, skipper, that is a suthin'! Steer for it!"

The light place grew bigger, brighter.

The water was not so rough.

"Why, Tim, we are gettin' into some kind of port. And if that black thing to wind'ard don't look like 'Marm Cheesley's Rock' a-comin' 'tween us and the light!"

"She does, Bill!" shouted Tim, joyfully.

"Hoorah! We're gittin' into port!"

And in a few minutes a boy came running down a wharf, exclaiming:

"Oh, grandpa! That you? So glad! You see my fire I built?"

"Yes, that fetched us in. Yes, thank God, Stanley's Santa Claus has got home in season!"

It was a famous Christmas.

Among those at church, sitting near a bower of fir-trees, looking like a Santa Claus just arrived, sat the round-faced, ruddy-cheeked, grey-haired skipper, with his grandson, Stanley, his heart full of thanks to God.—*Rev. E. A. Rand.*

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" THIS IS THE VICTORY, EVEN OUR FAITH."

N.B.—Communications for this Department post-marked after the 18th of the month will appear in following month.

N.B.—All subscriptions for the OUTLOOK must be sent to the Methodist Mission Rooms, Toronto.

N.B.—Certificates of Life Membership may be obtained by addressing Miss Ogen, Room 20, Wesley Buildings.

Editorial Notes.

THE closing month of the old year marks the commencement of a new year in our Woman's Department of the OUTLOOK. With sincere regret we miss from the editorial chair of this Department one whose vigorous pen, and clear, forcible utterances "gave forth no uncertain sound" in the cause of down-trodden humanity. The cry of the oppressed millions of women and children of heathendom had reached her in more than echo tones, and over and over again, like clarion calls to firmer, braver duty on the battlefield, rang out her editorial notes

for better, higher, more consecrated service on the part of every member of the Woman's Missionary Society.

We are glad to be able to tell you that she will still speak—at least occasionally—to us through these columns. And who knows but what from this one year of self-imposed exemption from editorial cares and responsibilities may develop in the after years fullest fruitage of consecrated literary efforts.

The new editor will not soon forget her cordial greeting—immediately following the appointment—the warm hand-clasp, and the reassuring words that echoed a "God bless you" in every tone. They helped to smooth out some of the rough places on the new, untried road stretching before her.

BUT, what of the new editor? Methinks heart and flesh would well-nigh have failed her ere this, so heavily pressed the burden of the responsibility involved; but just at the point when the load seemed heaviest there came to her such a distinct realization of the promise, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness," that she dare not do other than take it as her Lord's direct message to her, and in the strength of that promise she has taken up the new duties.

WHEN this number reaches your home we will have almost entered upon the glad Christmas season, with its ringing chorus of "Peace on earth, good will toward men." There will be the pleasant bustle of Christmas preparation, the looking forward to the return of the absent loved ones, the joyous family reunions, the Christmas gifts; but what of our heathen sisters who never heard the word "Christmas," or knew for whose sake the day is commemorated? Are we going to forget them, or just remember them at our Auxiliary meetings, unmindful even of the Sabbath twilight hour, specially set aside for prayer on the part of every member of the Woman's Missionary Society?

You have noticed the special appeal that has gone forth from the parent board for increased missionary contributions this year. We hope our beloved Canadian Methodism will cheerfully rally to the extent of meeting to the full the amount asked. The pity of it is we have not gone beyond that point long ago—a little over an average of eighty-one cents per member, or a total of \$250,000, is all that is requested. We hope our Woman's Missionary Society women will, in proportion to their means, be among the foremost contributors. At the same time, we want to make an urgent appeal for our mite-boxes. Will you not this Christmas-time turn them into Thank-offering boxes, and freely bring your gifts to Him, as when, on that first Christmas-day they presented the infant child Jesus "with gifts—gold and frankincense and myrrh." Have you not received "great things at His hand" this year? Has it not been one "crowned with loving kindness and tender mercies?" Is your

family circle still unbroken? Has health and a reasonable degree of temporal prosperity been vouchsafed? Will you not voice out your thankfulness by substantial offerings to be used for those less highly favored?

"Ah!" but we hear some sad heart exclaiming, "this has been to me one of the saddest of years. This Christmas will find in our home a vacant chair, a voice forever stilled, and for us who are left there will be throughout the holiday time

"A minor in the carol,
And a shadow in the light."

Yes, dear bereaved sisters, and yet though all the anguish of your desolation and loneliness, if you laid your loved ones away "in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection," is there not reason for deepest gratitude? We believe we have just as profound cause for thankfulness for the children forever safely folded by the Divine Shepherd as for those still left under our care.

Shall we not, one and all, this Christmas, if need be, give less costly gifts to our dear ones, so that we may not forget those in the regions beyond, "for whom Christ died," certain that one day His gracious "inasmuch" will more than reward us for our self-denial?

"MEDICAL mission and dispensary work, that through the healing of the body the soul may be touched. Our work in China, and the work of Dr. Bolton on the Pacific coast," are the subjects for prayer for December. We believe that medical mission work is the key that, with God's blessing, is to unlock many of the closed doors of heathendom. In China, in particular, there seems a vast and, as yet, almost untouched field, in proportion to the need, for medical mission and dispensary work. A peculiar interest centres around our infant colony of missions in China's interior. At first we feared much from this war, but we believe "He who can make the wrath of man to praise Him" will over-rule even this for His glory and for the extension of His kingdom among the people of the "Great Walled Empire."

Those of us who were privileged to hear Mrs. Bolton speak at the Board meeting of their work among the Tscimpshean Indians on the Pacific Coast are conscious of aroused interest in that work and its immediate needs which were so plainly portrayed.

From almost every mission point is sent back to the home-workers the cry for more helpers and means to carry on the work projected or already in hand. Let our prayers continuously ascend that God will not only send laborers into the foreign fields, but more particularly that He will lay the burden of this work upon the hearts of His professed followers, until they will be compelled to give, as never before, of their substance. For already—because of lack of means to send those who have offered themselves to this work—there is called a "halt" in the onward march of the missionary army, and it rests solely with the Church at home when the command to "Go forward" shall be issued.

OWING to the number of Branch reports to be inserted in this issue, some of the most readable contributions will have to be held over. Those who so kindly sent will please "wait a wee', an' dinna' weary." The papers and other articles will all appear in due time.

WE live in a busy age; so busy that we have only time to read condensed matter. In view of this and our lack of space we are compelled to remind Auxiliaries of the order of the General Board, "That no Auxiliary report for insertion in OUTLOOK should be longer than fifteen lines. Compress! Compress! Condense! Condense!"

Do not forget that in future all matter for publication in Woman's Department of the OUTLOOK should be forwarded to Mrs. Gordon Wright, 133 Elmwood Avenue, South London.

A Fireside Chat with Discouraged Workers.

UNFORTUNATELY there are so many of us who at times become faint-hearted and discouraged "because of the way" that we will need to widen the circle around our fireside, for we want every discouraged worker present. This is to be in future *your own special corner*, and we want every member of the Woman's Missionary Society, who feels like "giving up" or "letting go," not to do so just yet. We need you so much, and we want you to voice out your discouragements through this column; they may become a very tower of strength to some other discouraged one who thought no one had the difficulties to encounter she had. Bring your discouragements, if possible, in the form of questions, perhaps light and help can be given more readily in this form than in any other.

You are President of a Country Auxiliary—your members scattered, and your heart almost turns sick at the thought of sustaining the interest through the winter months. "It is so hard to get the members out, some of them having to come a mile or more through snow, or slush, or mud ankle deep; difficulties," you add, "which the more favored ones in cities and towns have not to encounter."

Yes, it is all too true; yet, is it not worth your highest effort, this sustaining interest on the part of your Auxiliary throughout the year in the great cause of missions? Could you not call your Executive together some afternoon and have a prayer-meeting—perhaps invite them to your own home, where a social cup of tea with an accompanying piece of bread and butter or a wafer, would dispel all formality. Then lay this matter before the Lord, and ask Him to guide you—and guided you will be, for "the Lord is not slack concerning His promises," and there is that special promise in regard to the "twos and threes gathered together in His name," which you have a right to claim.

I am sure, then, so many ways of working will

suggest themselves—perhaps the holding of the regular monthly meetings at the different homes of the members—we have tried this plan in our own auxiliary when interest appeared to be slightly waning, and can certify to its successful working. Above and beyond everything else, let the Spiritual element predominate. Give as much thought and preparation to the first half-hour of devotional exercises as to any other part of the programme. Have several of the members take part in the prayer-service. Many a timid one could be induced to offer a prayer of one petition only, who could not be persuaded to take part in any other way in the religious exercises. Let another select the hymns; another lead in the responsive Bible reading—in short, get everybody interested by providing something for all to do.

But there, our bundle of faggots has burned low. It is time to separate, and we have only got fairly commenced.

We want, in particular, to hear from the Corresponding Secretary of Auxiliaries next month. What are some of your special difficulties?

Remember, discouraged one, this is your special corner, and we want every atom of space utilized.

WE regret that we are unable through want of space to publish the continuation of "Systematic Giving."

Helps for Christmas Entertainments.

Programme Committees of Bands, Leagues or Sunday Schools will find in the "Christmas Treasury" (31 pages), and "Christmas Selections" (64 pages), a variety of recitations and dialogues suitable for both the wee ones and their older brothers and sisters. Price, "Christmas Treasury," 20 cents; "Christmas Selections," 25 cents.

The Literature and Publication Committee has pleasure in announcing that it will be prepared to fill orders for the Calendar for 1895 by the 1st of December. The Calendar will contain photo-engravings of our missionaries, together with the subjects for prayer and texts for each month of the year. Price, 25 cents each; posting and wrapping, 10 cents per dozen additional.

Subscriptions for the following missionary periodicals will be received and forwarded by Miss Ogden: *Missionary Review of The World*, per year, \$2.25; *African News*, per year, 75 cents; *Message and Deaconess World*, per year, 50 cents; *Heathen Woman's Friend*, per year, 50 cents; *Gospel In All Lands*, per year, 80 cents (subscriptions to this periodical may begin at any time during the year, but must continue till December and then end); *Palm Branch*, in clubs of ten subscriptions, 10 cents per copy; single subscriptions, 15 cents.

Book Notices.

Have you read *Murdered Millions* by G. D. Dowkott, M.D., with introduction by Rev. Theo. L. Cuyler, D.D.? If not, you cannot afford to be longer without it. Space forbids our enlarging upon, or even quoting from this valuable little book, which is ably designed to arouse us all from our apathy and indifference to the cause of missions. Its aim is threefold:

First—"To make known 'things as they are' in heathen lands, from a medical standpoint.

Second—To cause the Christian Church to realise its responsibility in regard to these things.

Third—To arouse Christians to right the wrongs of the one thousand millions in these countries."

We handed this little volume to a friend to peruse one afternoon. She said she could not think of anything else the entire evening, so surprised and saddened was she over its contents. A great deal of missionary information is certainly compressed in its pages. We do wish every member of the W.M.S. would secure a copy immediately. Would you not take a number to send or give your friends instead of booklets or cards this coming Christmas season? To be obtained from Miss Ogden, room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto; price, 15 cents.

Promoted.

We, as an Auxiliary, have sustained a great loss in the removal by death, after a short illness, of our sister, Mrs. Jas. Fleming. On October 12th she passed peacefully away. She was a faithful earnest worker, and though only in mid-life, had accomplished what God assigned her to do, and has gone home to be "forever with the Lord." Again we are reminded of the command, "Prepare to meet thy God."

Mrs. B. F. DOXSEE, *Rec. Sec.*

Hastings, Nov. 13th.

As an Auxiliary we have again been called upon to part with one of our members by death. Mrs. Isabella Hayward died suddenly at her home in August. She has been identified with our Auxiliary ever since its organization. A faithful member, a generous helper, ever ready to aid in every good work, she will be greatly missed among us. We know she has entered into rest. Yours in the work,

Mrs. ELLEN MANN, *Cor. Sec.*

Burlington, N.S.

Annual Branch Meetings.

WESTERN BRANCH—Continued from p. 171.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

After routine, the balloting for delegates to the General Board took place, resulting as follows: Mrs. Daly, London; Mrs. T. W. Jackson, Caledonia; Mrs. Wright, London; Mrs. Williams, Galt; Mrs. Dickson, London; Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Fowler, London; Mrs. Hardy, Hamilton; Mrs. McMechan, London; Mrs. Scarff, Guelph; Mrs. Sharpe, Brantford. Alternates: Mrs. Gayfer, Hamilton; Mrs. Mason, Muncey.

The election of officers for the two branches resulted as follows:

London Branch—President, Mrs. (Dr.) Burns, St. Thomas; First Vice-President, Mrs. Fowler, London; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Dickson, London; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Hadley, Chatham; Recording Secretary, Mrs. McMechan, London; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cunningham, St. Mary's; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Gardner, Chatham; Mission Band Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. W. Daly, London; Conference Organizer, Mrs. Bond, Petrolia.

An invitation from St. Thomas to hold the next Branch Meeting was accepted.

Representative to the Annual Conference—Mrs. McMechan, London.

The Hamilton Branch elected the following officers: President, Mrs. T. W. Jackson, Caledonia; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Hardy, Hamilton; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Sharpe, Brantford; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Smith, Guelph; Treasurer, Mrs. Williams, Galt; Mission Band Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. N. Jackson, Hamilton; Auditor, Mr. Cober, Galt; Conference Organizer, Mrs. Scarff, Guelph. District Organizers—Hamilton District, Mrs. Crawford, Hamilton; St. Catharines, Mrs. E. P. Lewis, Niagara Falls South; Milton, Mrs. Deacon, Milton; Brantford, Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Woodstock, Mrs. Fletcher, Woodstock; Guelph, Mrs. Barker, Guelph; Galt, Mrs. Chrysler, Galt; Palmerston, Mrs. Hamilton, Palmerston; Mount Forest, Mrs. Carraway, Mount Forest; Walkerton, Mrs. Charlton, Walkerton; Norwich, Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Welland, Mrs. Kitchen, Cayuga; Simcoe, Mrs. Kitchen, Cayuga; Warton, Mrs. Walker, Warton; Conference Representative, Mrs. Ryan, Guelph.

Invitations for the next Annual Meeting were received from St. Catharines and Mount Forest. The former was accepted.

The usual votes of thanks were tendered to those who had contributed to the success of the Convention.

Thanks were also tendered to Judge Chesley, of Nova Scotia, for his able and liberal advocacy of the cause of woman in moving at the late General Conference that lay delegates should be understood to include women as well as men.

A memorial for a change of time of the Annual Meeting of the branches was not entertained.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The session opened with a consecration meeting lasting for an hour, being led by Mrs. Ryan, of Guelph.

The following are the District Organizers: London Branch—London District, Mrs. McMechan, London; St. Thomas, Mrs. Resdon, St. Thomas; Aylmer, Mrs. Trelevan, Aylmer; Chatham, Mrs. McIntyre, Chatham; Ridgetown, Mrs. Scatcherd, Newbury; Exeter, Mrs. Paisley, Ilderton; St. Mary's Mrs. Chown, Lucan; Stratford, Mrs. Flagg, Mitchell; Goderich, Mrs. Leech, Goderich; Kincardine, Mrs. Cuyler, Whitechurch; Wingham, Mrs. (Dr.) Fowler, Wingham; Listowel, Mrs. Hampton, Listowel; Strathroy, Mrs. Jasper Wilson, Strathroy; Sarnia, Mrs. Edwards, Sarnia.

The Hamilton Branch in withdrawing passed a most affectionate vote of thanks to the officers of the Western Branch with whom they had been associated for eleven years. All felt the separation most keenly, and the knowledge that this was the last Annual Convention of the "Western Branch" sent us to our homes with sad hearts.

A. G. McM., *Rec. Sec.*

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH—Continued from p. 173.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. (Rev.) S. Sing. Minutes of yesterday read and confirmed.

Moved by Mrs. H. A. Crosby, seconded by Mrs. Maybee, "That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Mrs. Briggs for her full report of Supply Committee, also for her help in securing Dr. Bolton's services for our public meeting, and all her kindness in connection with the arrangement of programme. Carried by standing vote.

Report of Cobourg District was given by Mrs. Platt, Corresponding Secretary. Greetings were received from Toronto Branch. Read 2 Thess. i. 11, 12. A closing sentence from Miss Lambly's diary, kept by her during her voyage over to Japan, was read by Mrs. Platt: "Oh, dear people, I am more and more glad and thankful I am here, and have the privilege of helping on this grand work."

A resolution, asking that the Board be memorialized to grant us a paper of our own, was lost.

A resolution, asking that life-members of the Woman's Missionary Society, be considered members of Branch meeting, but be not eligible for the office or representation at Board, was lost, and the amendment, "That we leave the matter over for a year, in order to bring it before the auxiliaries," prevailed.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Crothers, also the trustees, the Auxiliary of Woman's Missionary Society, our hostesses, Mr. Wilson, of Port Hope *Guide*, and Mr. Morden Picton, who printed our programmes free.

A very hearty expression of appreciation was given to the Literature Committee for their arduous work for our Woman's Missionary Society during the year, as also the full and complete report sent to the Branch.

Moved by Miss Hart, and seconded by Mrs. Copeland, "That the General Board be memorialized to comply with the request of Dr. Bolton, and send an assistant nurse to Miss Spence, Port Simpson."

The recommendation of the British Columbia Branch, *re* the new Home at Kit-a-maat, was recommended to the favorable consideration of the General Board.

Invitations were received from Peterboro' and Oshawa for next annual meeting. The invitation from Oshawa was accepted, and a vote of thanks given Peterboro'.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Currie, the retiring Treasurer, for her faithful and efficient year's work.

Organizers for next year were appointed, viz.: Belleville District, Mrs. Massey, Wallbridge; Brighton District, Miss Taggart Brighton; Bowmanville District, Mrs. Tourgee, Orono; Cannington District, Mrs. (Rev.) Hazard, Manilla; Cobourg District, Mrs. (Rev.) M. E. Wilson, Baltimore; Campbellford District, Mrs. (Rev.) A. R. Campbell, Hastings; Lindsay District, Mrs. (Rev.) Totten, Lindsay; Napanee District, Mrs. Gibson, Napanee; Madoc District, Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, Tweed; Tamworth District, none appointed; Uxbridge District, Mrs. H. A. Crosby, Uxbridge; Picton District, Mrs. Platt, Picton; Peterboro' District, Mrs. J. C. Sherin, Lakefield.

Delegates elected to General Board were: Mrs. James Kendrey, Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Copeland, Mrs. Crothers, Miss Hawley; alternates, Miss Murney and Mrs. Currie.

Officers for year: President, Mrs. (Dr.) Carman, Belleville; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, Tweed; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Massey, Wallbridge; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev.) A. R. Campbell, Hastings; Recording Secretary, Mrs. James Kendrey, Peterboro'; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. D. Platt, Picton; Treasurer, Mrs. (Rev.) G. H. Copeland, Newcastle; auditor to be appointed by Executive.

The public meeting on Wednesday was well attended, and the programme was a most interesting and instructive one. Mrs. Platt gave the Supply Committee's Report for the year. This always interesting report was even more full than usual, and was well received. Dr. Bolton's address was a good one, and his work on the Pacific coast is better understood by our ladies since we have had the privilege of listening to him. The singing of the choir is worthy of special mention, as also the splendid playing of the leader and organist, Mr. Singleton. The services of the choir during our meetings were much appreciated, and the hearty vote of thanks they received was felt to be a small return for their kindness. Altogether the first annual meeting of Bay of Quinte Branch will be one long remembered for its pleasure and profit.

ELIZ. KENDREY, *Rec. Sec.*

NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH.

THE ninth annual meeting of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch was held at Summerside on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th October. A full attendance of the Executive and the goodly number of delegates and visitors present made it the largest branch meeting yet held.

In the first hour, given as usual to devotional exercises, the thought of Christian unity was made prominent, and the spirit and influence of that hour helped to make the convention one of great harmony and earnestness. The President's address was chiefly a review of the foreign work for the year. Leaving to the secretaries the summaries of home work, she brought before the minds of those listening the practical work which our missionaries are now doing for us in their effort to Christianize and uplift our heathen sisters. The work of each Auxiliary gained new importance and interest when considered as a means to this result. Many fears were allayed when the reports of secretaries and Treasurer were given, and the satisfactory result of the year's work was first known. It was, in total membership 2,756, and in income \$5,200. Of this the Mission Bands contributed \$1,332.

The evenings were occupied by public meetings. On the first a "welcome meeting," when kindly greetings from the many Christian workers of Summerside, were given and responded to. At the anniversary meeting one of our returned missionaries, Miss Blackmore was present, and deeply interested all her audience by her description of her work in Japan. Mrs. Hart, representing her two missionary daughters, and Mrs. Whitman, bearing greetings from the Nova Scotia Branch, also took part. The Mission Band meeting was largely in the hands of the children, their sweet voices telling the story in song and prose. Miss Blackmore delighted young and old, by telling of her work among the

Japanese children. The beautiful banner, sent some years ago by Mrs. Owrey, was given this year for the best answers to questions concerning the work, and won by Miss Durant, for the Margate Mission Band.

Many interesting and suggestive papers were read and discussed, on such subjects as "Parlor Meetings," "Discouraged Workers," "How to treat our Returned Missionaries." The Mission Band paper, *Palm Branch*, has gained friends and made progress during the year. The editor was assured of continued sympathy and support.

Two of the most useful and valued of the officers declined re-election, the Corresponding Secretaries for Branch and Bands. The following list of officers elected shows the Branch's appreciation of their services.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Palmer; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. D. Chipman; Second Vice-President, Mrs. (Dr.) Johnson; Third Vice-President, Mrs. S. Howard; Corresponding-Secretary, Miss H. Stewart; Treasurer, Mrs. Strong; Recording-Secretary, Mrs. C. A. MacMichael; Auditor, Mrs. F. Stewart.

An invitation from Sussex for the next Branch meeting, was accepted.

EASTERN BRANCH.

THE eleventh annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held in the Methodist church, Vankleek Hill, October 3rd and 4th, 1894.

The President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, occupied the chair, and fifty-nine delegates answered to the roll call. At the memorial service, special mention was made of our late, much loved and devoted missionary, Miss Hannah Lund.

The reports from most of the Auxiliaries were very cheering, as they spoke hopefully of the future. The President's address, which was full of information, was listened to with interest by all present. Three very excellent papers were read, on "How to Make Auxiliary Meetings Successful;" First, as to programme, by Mrs. Knox; second, as to attendance, by Mrs. Conklin; third, as to finances, by Miss Nellie Service. All of them were replete with information on the points referred to. The Organizer's conference, led by Mrs. Bigelow, was one of the most interesting parts of the meeting, as all seemed to realize the great amount of work that may yet be accomplished by faithful persistent work.

A very instructive paper, by Mrs. (Dr.) Shaw, on "Scattered Helpers' Scheme," was read; also an "Appeal from the Palm Branch." A report of the French Work was given by Mrs. Morton, of Montreal, and reports from the Supply and Literature Committee were read. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried by a standing vote, that a most hearty vote of thanks be tendered Miss Ogden and the Literature Committee, for the prompt, courteous, painstaking way in which they have performed their duties during the past year. One missionary, Miss Alice Belton, has been sent out from this Branch this year. Greetings from sister societies in the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches were presented.

At the public meeting the attendance was large, and all listened with rapt attention until the close. The President occupied the chair, and gave a short, interesting account of the work, and was followed by the Treasurer, Mrs. McRossie, who had held that office ever since the Branch was formed, and has been able to report an increase in the funds each year. The Corresponding Secretary gave a short, pointed address, emphasizing the value of "little things." Most cordial words of welcome were given by Miss Cross, of Vankleek Hill, and Mrs. J. S. Atkinson replied on behalf of the delegates. Mrs. Bigelow gave a very effective address, showing how women in the Bible were honored in their time; and Mrs. Sawyer gave one of her carefully prepared, eloquent addresses, which was much appreciated. The choir of the church enlivened the proceedings by singing very sweetly several choice selections, the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Tredrea, offered the opening prayer, and a Baptist minister pronounced the benediction. A good collection was taken up. The invitation to meet next year in Iroquois was accepted.

At the testimony meeting, led by Mrs. Hughes, nearly all the delegates felt it a privilege to tell of the blessing the

W. M. S. had been to them, and the Master's presence was felt in our midst.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, Montreal; First Vice-President, Mrs. Bigelow, Aultsville; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Sawyer, Montreal; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Morton, Montreal; Recording-Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Atkinson, Gananoque; Corresponding-Secretary, Mrs. T. G. Williams, Pembroke; Treasurer, Mrs. McRossie, Kingston; Corresponding-Secretary, Mission Bands, Miss Effie Bailey, Iroquois.

J. ATKINSON, *Rec. Sec.*

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH—AFTERMATH.

DEAR MRS. WRIGHT,—The report of our annual meeting given in November OUTLOOK was prepared by our Recording Secretary under great disadvantage—she, at that time, being *en route* for Board Meeting. For the encouragement of the dear sisters who so nobly helped to make our meeting the success it was, I ask a little corner of your valuable space in which to add a few gleanings.

We were all greatly cheered by the marked improvement in Auxiliary and Band reports, nearly all giving evidence of quiet, unwearied work—reminding us of the enthroned ruler over many things." The reports of District Superintendents were full of interest, being not only records of work done, but suggestive in methods of increasing the efficiency of the work to be done. Through the exertions of the Superintendents for the Annapolis and Liverpool Districts, two very interesting conventions were held during the year.

Not being prepared with statistics, I can only say that our Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer reported an onward march "all along the line." Owing to the persistent efforts on the part of Auxiliaries and Bands to pay the expenses of their representatives irrespective of the Auxiliary treasuries, we were enabled to remit a larger amount to the General Treasurer than ever before, notwithstanding the fact that our figures show but a small advance over the previous year's income.

In accordance with the decision of the Board Meeting held in Ottawa, that the question of omitting names of annual members from the printed Annual Report be left to the Auxiliaries, this action was literally carried out in Nova Scotia—every Auxiliary being requested several times through the year to give this vexed question careful thought, and report, through their representatives, to Branch meeting, or by correspondence. The result was an almost unanimous vote in favor of omitting the names, excepting names of presidents, corresponding secretaries, treasurers and life members. (Will it be irrelevant just here to ask if this question was considered and voted upon at all the Annual Auxiliary Meetings throughout the Society? Was the matter brought before the Auxiliaries in any other way than through printed notices in our periodicals?)

A special feature of our meeting was a paper prepared by Mrs. Deinstadt, of Shelburne, entitled "General Features of Missionary Work." Intense earnestness and more self-denial for Christ's sake were strongly urged, thus making the possibility of accomplishing greater things in the future seem more practicable. We had also a helpful and suggestive paper by Miss Oakes, of Nictaux—"How Our Country Bands can Help." The reading of these papers was followed by spirited discussions, in which many took part.

One morning was largely devoted to an open conference on "Methods of Work," from which many valuable hints and suggestions were gathered which may, at some future time, fill a "Suggestion Corner" in our OUTLOOK Department.

A strict adherence to our motto, "Let everything be done decently and in order," enabled us to carry out our programme, from the beginning to the close, within the prescribed time—the work of one meeting never, in a single instance, overlapping that of another.

The devotional services were marked by promptness and fervor and the manifest influences of the Holy Spirit. Time and space fail in the attempt to make mention of many interesting incidents of this anniversary occasion.

Standing in the morning sunlight of a new year, with happy memories of our association, with consecrated workers at home and abroad, we can truly say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Yours in the work,
Halifax, Nov. 16th, 1894. M. WHISTON.

Woman's Missionary Society.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

THE thirteenth annual meeting of the Board of Managers assembled in the Division Street Church, Cobourg, on Tuesday, October 16th. After the opening exercises, which were conducted by the President, Mrs. James Gooderham, the roll call was responded to by forty-five delegates.

Four ladies were also present who have recently returned on furlough from missionary work in Japan—Misses Nellie Hart, Hargrave, Blackmore and Lizzie Hart.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Strachan, read a most encouraging report, showing that steady progress has been made all along the line. The Auxiliaries now number 571, with a membership of 13,634; Mission Bands, 271, with 6,434 members. So that the total membership of the Society is over 20,000. Steady progress is being made in Japan, the three boarding-schools reporting an increase in attendance. Two-thirds of the students are Christians, and many of them are developing into earnest, efficient workers in Sunday Schools and mothers' meetings. The King's Daughters in the Tokyo school support a school for poor children, and one-tenth of their scanty earnings is contributed toward sending the Gospel to west China. Industrial classes have been formed in Tokyo and Kanazawa, in which embroidery and other branches of work are taught, and many children in this way have been saved from evil lives. Touching reference was made to the death of Miss Hannah Lund, the first missionary of this Society, who has been called to her reward. At the French Institute, Montreal, several conversions have taken place during the year. One-third of the children are from Roman Catholic families. About thirty Indian girls are in the home at Port Simpson, and good work is being done by our agent, Miss Spence, in Dr. Bolton's hospital. The event of the year at Chilliwack was the moving into the commodious new building, erected and maintained jointly by the General Missionary Society and the Woman's Missionary Society. A grant of \$500 was made to the Methodist Orphanage in St. John's, Newfoundland, and \$3,000 worth of goods have been sent by the Supply Committee to the needy missions in the North-West.

The Treasurer's report, presented by Mrs. Thomas Thompson, showed a gratifying increase notwithstanding the financial depression, the receipts being \$39,808.33.

The President's address was full of encouragement and inspiration, and was listened to with much appreciation, a number of delegates afterwards testifying to the great help received year after year from her earnest words.

A reception and tea were given the delegates by the hospitable ladies of the Cobourg Auxiliaries, all the rooms being made beautiful with flowers.

The pastor, Rev. W. T. Jolliffe, B.C.L., presided at the public meeting in the evening. An address of welcome was given by Miss Brooking, of Cobourg, and responded to by Mrs. A. E. Bolton, of Port Simpson, B.C. Appropriate music was furnished by the choir, and interesting addresses on the work in Japan were given by Misses Blackmore, Hargrave and Nellie Hart.

SECOND DAY.

The Wednesday sessions were occupied with business, receiving memorials from the different branches and reports from the various mission fields. An animated discussion took place over the Chinese report, Dr. Retta Gifford, the medical missionary sent out by the Society, having married soon after her arrival in Chentu.

The Executive Committee recommended that Dr. Gifford be allowed to continue her work among the women for this year as far as her time would allow, and that she be paid part salary.

The Board, while not approving of the hasty action of Dr. Gifford, decided to sustain the action of the Executive.

THIRD DAY.

The proceedings opened in the Division Street Church, Cobourg, on Thursday morning, with devotional exercises led by Miss Palmer, President of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch.

Miss Smith, of St. John, N.B., gave a short Bible reading on "Leadership."

A discussion took place on the Society's work in Japan, and it was decided to appoint a committee of seven ladies to confer with a committee from the Board of the General Missionary Society in reference to the work of the two societies there.

The devotional exercises of the afternoon session were conducted by Mrs. Ross, President of the Eastern Branch.

Detailed reports were presented from the Chilliwack and Port Simpson Indian Homes, British Columbia, which are in a satisfactory condition and doing good work. Mrs. Burns, of St. Thomas, presented the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, which was adopted. It recommended "that children with contagious diseases and imbeciles be not admitted to the Indian Homes;" also, "that where Indian parents are able to pay for the instruction of their children, such fees shall be paid as the managers see fit to impose." Complaint having been received by the committee of the treatment of Indian girls by white men, they recommended that facts be procured and the proper authorities petitioned to put a stop to this evil; also, that steps be taken towards the opening of an Indian Home on the Upper Skeena.

The report of the Literature and Publication Committee was read by Mrs. McKay, of Toronto, and the financial statement was presented by Miss Ogden, secretary-treasurer of this department. From the Society's Office, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, a constant stream of missionary literature is being sent out to all parts of the country, thus diffusing missionary knowledge and enthusiasm. Of the *Monthly Letter* 11,200 copies were printed, and 6,000 copies of the Annual Report. Of a "Calendar," prepared by Mrs. Walker, of Glencoe, 1,000 copies were readily disposed of. These, with the *Leaflets* printed, bring the publications for the year up to 37,100. Of parcels, 2,567 have been mailed from Room 20 during the year, besides letters and postal cards innumerable.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the members of the committee, and especially to Miss Ogden, who has devoted nearly all her time to promoting the interests of the Society in this department, and to whom its success is very largely due. It was decided to grant an appropriation to the Literature and Publication Committee, so that they may be at liberty to make the best use possible of the funds at their disposal; also, that their request for an auditor be granted. Hitherto their accounts have all passed through the books of the General Treasurer.

Mrs. Strachan read the report of Mrs. W. R. Parker, editor of the *W.M.S. Department* of the *OUTLOOK*, the official organ of the Society. The delegation heard with regret that Mrs. Parker would not be able to continue in office, and a resolution was carried by a standing vote, thanking Mrs. Parker for her years of most efficient work in this department.

Miss Smith, of St. John, N.B., was introduced to the convention as the editor of the *Palm Branch*. This is a new publication, especially for the Mission Bands. The circulation has as yet only reached 1,407. Many delegates spoke in the highest terms of the paper, and the probabilities are that the subscription list will soon be doubled. It was decided that the price should be ten cents for clubs of ten, and fifteen cents singly.

The report of the Supply Committee was presented by Mrs. Briggs, of Toronto, and proved of such interest that it was proposed that in future it should be read at the evening public meeting.

Mrs. Cunningham presented memorials from the Western Branch. It was decided that names of auxiliary members continue to be printed in the Annual Report, and the price be raised to ten cents.

A memorial asking that the financial year of the Society

close in the spring, instead of the fall as at present, was defeated.

Notice of motion was given by Mrs. Whiston, of Halifax, N.S., that Article V., section 1, of the constitution be amended so that delegates to the Board of Managers be elected in the proportion of one to every six hundred members, instead of four hundred as at present.

In the evening the pastors of the Division Street and King Street churches kindly withdrew their prayer-meetings and joined with the Woman's Missionary Society in a thanksgiving and memorial service, which was conducted by Mrs. Whiston. The latter service was in memory of Miss Hannah Lund, of Woodstock, one of the Society's missionaries to Japan, who died during the year while home on furlough. A beautiful tribute to Miss Lund's character was read by Mrs. Jackson, of Caledonia, and a number of others testified to their knowledge of the Christ-like character of her work. In addition to the four lady missionaries, Rev. Messrs. Odum and Beal, formerly of Tokyo, were present, and all spoke of her as a noble, good woman, loved by the Japanese, and eminently successful in her work among them.

FOURTH DAY.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Burns, President of the Western Branch.

The following appropriations were made: Japan, \$16,116; French Work, \$5,014; China, \$2,550; Chinese Rescue Home, Victoria, \$1,580; New Worker for China, \$800; New building in China, \$2,000; New building in China (from Thank-offering) \$500; New building in Shizuoka, Japan, \$2,500; Addition to building in Kanazawa, Japan, \$200; Methodist Orphanage, Newfoundland, \$500; Literature Committee, \$500.

Some of the estimates for Indian work were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, to report to the Executive Committee, who will complete the appropriations for that work.

The Executive was empowered to send another medical lady, a teacher and a nurse to China as soon as they thought it advisable; also, with Dr. Bolton's assistance, to secure an additional nurse for Port Simpson Hospital.

A committee was appointed to meet with a committee of the Methodist Young People's Association, to confer on matters relating to Mission Bands and Epworth Leagues. It consists of Mrs. Daly and Mrs. Wright, of London; Mrs. George Jackson, of Hamilton; Mrs. Bascom and Miss Sutcliffe, of Toronto.

The committee to prepare the Annual Report is as follows: Mesdames Strachan, Willmott, Briggs and Thompson.

The following ladies form the Literature and Publication Committee: Mesdames Bascom, McKay, Willmott, Croft, Hamilton and Langford; Misses Ogden, McCallum and Firstbrook.

A committee was appointed to take charge of industrial work sent from Japan, consisting of Mrs. U. Ogden, Mrs. J. J. Maclaren and Mrs. Kerr.

It was proposed by Mrs. McKay, of Toronto, "That the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society affiliate with the National Council of Women of Canada, and grant permission to the branches to affiliate with local councils." This was opposed in a strong speech by Mrs. Dickson, of London, and after an animated discussion the resolution was defeated.

The following resolution was proposed by Mrs. Whiston, of Halifax, and carried: "While it is not deemed expedient for the Woman's Missionary Society to affiliate with the National Council of the Women of Canada, yet, as a part of the Christian womanhood of our Dominion, we express our appreciation of Lady Aberdeen's true womanly influence, and that the wife of our Governor-General so beautifully exemplifies Tennyson's words, 'Kind hearts are more than coronets.'"

The action of the Western Branch in dividing into the London and Hamilton Branches was confirmed. The president of the Eastern Branch announced the change of name of that branch to Montreal Conference Branch.

The election of officers then took place and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. James Gooderham, Toronto; Vice-President, Mrs. Carman, Belleville; Recording Secre-

tary, Mrs. J. B. Willmott, Toronto; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Hamilton; Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Thompson, Toronto; Editor of department in OUTLOOK, Mrs. S. R. Wright, London; *Guardian*, Miss Firstbrook, Toronto; Correspondent for *Onward*, Miss Wiswall, Farmington, N.S.; *Wesleyan*, Mrs. Whiston, Halifax; of the *Palm Branch*, Miss Smith, St. John, N.B.

The Committee on Japanese Affairs was elected by ballot as follows: Mrs. Gooderham, Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Carman, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Dickson.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the pastor of the church, Rev. W. J. Jolliffe, B.C.L., for his kind attention and hearty co-operation; to the trustees; to the choir; to the ladies of the two auxiliaries, for the magnificent reception tendered by them; and to the hostesses, for their kind and lavish hospitality—all of which were carried by a standing vote.

The Committee on Courtesies also submitted the following letter of greeting to the missionaries of the Society, which was very heartily adopted:

To the Thirty-two Missionaries of the W.M.S., which are Scattered Abroad, greeting:

We, the members of the Board of Managers, desire to express our high appreciation of your "labors more abundant" on the mission field.

We have watched with intense interest every step of your way—noting the nobility of action displayed, the self-denying devotion manifested, and the heroic courage shown by you in overcoming difficulties to human eye insurmountable. But thanks be unto God, which hath given you the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We extend to you our hearty sympathy in the severing of every home tie, and in the complete isolation from the old life in the dear home land, which was so replete with sanctuary privileges and early friendships; and in entering upon this new life, with its many privations, its arduous toil and its intense longings. But we call to your remembrance that,

"He who hath never a conflict
Hath never a victor's palm,
And only the toilers know
The sweetness of rest and calm."

As we sympathize with you in your daily conflicts and trials, so we rejoice with you in every triumph and success, and we assure you that our earnest prayers will continue to ascend to our Father, and your Father, that His benediction and richest blessing may follow you in your work of faith and labor of love.

Finally, beloved workers, we greet you with this salutation and prayer:

The Lord bless thee and keep thee:

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

The closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Whiston, of Halifax.

Mrs. Hampton's Christmas Gift.

THE little Auxiliary at Bartonville had held a wonderful December meeting. Perhaps, why it was called "wonderful" might have been difficult for some to have defined; it was not so in point of attendance, for only twelve were present; neither was it such a success financially, for only two dollars was given in their Christmas Thank-offering-collection; but there was no mistaking the fact that an intense feeling of interest in missions had been aroused among at least those present.

The President had been a duly elected representative to the Branch meeting held the previous October, and had returned brimful of missionary enthusiasm, recognizing as never before the need for immediate practical help on the part of those desirous of hastening the coming of Christ's Kingdom to every benighted heart. She had hoped much from her report which had been given at the November meeting, but evidently it had not aroused the members. Day after day she laid the mat-

ter before the Lord, asking Him to guide her and show her plainly what she should do. She was one of the backward, timid kind, who only spoke or prayed, or did anything else in public under a strong, impelling sense of duty. Over and over again the thought presented itself to her mind that she must bring this matter up once more before the Auxiliary, but as often she dismissed it. But when the day of meeting rolled round there was not a question in her own mind in regard to what she must do. She had plainly heard the voice of her Lord, saying: "This is the way, walk ye therein;" and in His strength she girded herself for the effort.

After the usual routine of business had been disposed she arose, and, with a faltering voice, told how she had hoped and planned that much interest would have been aroused through her laying before them the urgent needs of the work, as presented to her at the convention, and how disappointed she had been in point of result. Then she pleaded for the sake of Him who had not withheld *His best* for each one to make some special Thank-offering for this work. With an eloquence born of a trust in One who said, "Open thou thy mouth and I will fill it," coupled with a knowledge of the need, she presented the claims of the French Catholics in the Lower Provinces, our own Indians, the Japanese, the Chinese Rescue Home in British Columbia, and lastly, the Infant Mission commenced in China's interior. When she had concluded, there was not a single face which did not betray evident signs of emotion. Then followed the Thank-offering, and with a secret heart-moan the President heard the Treasurer announce the amount—two dollars. For one moment she thought, has it all been again for naught? Then Faith came to the rescue, and she said, "No, I will trust Him, that in His own good time the seed sown will germinate."

It was just one week from day of meeting. A glad December sunshine was pouring its cheering rays direct upon little Bartonville. A heavy snowfall the previous night had clad the earth in the spotless livery of winter. How it glistened and sparkled! How ray flashed back ray, as if the entire earth were diamond bestrewn? But the brightness of that December sunshine seemed lost on a pale, sweet-faced woman—Mrs. Hampton, by name—who, in the quietude of her room, was fighting one of life's stern conflicts on the battleground of her own heart. She was one of the twelve present at that last Auxiliary meeting, and none more touched than she with the story of those perishing without one morsel of the Bread of Life, for to her it came with all the force of a revelation.

Four years previously Mrs. Hampton had been called suddenly to pass through a heavy trial, in the loss of a tender husband, whose love had endeavored to shield her from every possible care. Through a series of events, that would take too long to relate, she, who had been accustomed to every comfort, found herself almost penniless, with a little daughter—Eloise—depending wholly upon her for support. Her superior education stood her in good stead, and through the timely assistance of some of her friends, she procured a responsible position in the Bartonville High School. How she toiled and labored, and saved, and did without—all for Eloise.

Her husband had ever been a liberal giver, but in her now reversed position it had not occurred to her that she had any special duty to perform in this particular. Now, like a barbed arrow the prayed-over words of the President of the Auxiliary, lacerated her heart. The years which she had spent in toil and saving, now appeared to her so freighted with selfishness—so marked by the utter absence of thought for those in heathen lands who knew naught of the "Friend beyond all others," who had been her stay and portion in her hour of bereavement; that the memory of them almost crushed her. She solemnly resolved, that if spared, the incoming years would be so different, for she *did love* the Lord Jesus, and did want to glorify Him through her life; but her almost idolatrous love for Eloise had blinded her, and in her extreme anxiety to make the upward path to womanhood of her daughter smooth and bright, she had almost lost sight of the claims God has financially upon each of His followers. Day after day, since that meeting the prayer had gone up from her now awakened heart, that God would

show her what to give—for give she felt she must. After careful thought, and a long talk with her pastor, she decided to set aside, at least one-tenth of her income for God's special cause, but this did not even satisfy her; she longed to carry out the President's suggestion of a Christmas Thank-offering and this bright December morning found her battling between self and what she felt was the call of duty; for quick as lightning's flash had come to her that morning the thought of her husband's wedding gift. Had the snow-diamonds suggested it? For his gift had been a delicately chased gold pin set with a solitary diamond of exceeding brilliancy and richness. She crossed her bedroom floor and opening the bureau drawer, took from the furthest corner a case which, with a sigh, she unfastened, and looked longingly at the pin nestling in its bed of delicately-tinted coral satin—how *he* had loved all dainty things!

She had not worn it since she had been left alone, but she was looking forward to the day when Eloise, grown to woman's estate, would wear a gift so inseparably associated with her father and mother; added to this, she longed to have for this only daughter all beautiful things, and she knew full well her purchasing such now was out of the question. And yet—and yet—dare she retain that which could only serve the purpose of the ornamental, when souls "for whom Christ died were perishing." Down on her knees she sank, and there for one full hour the battle waged. When she arose her face wore the glad look of a conqueror. Again she unclasped the case, again she gazed upon the pin, but this time with such different feelings. "Oh, Father, forgive my selfishness," she murmured. "Could I not make this sacrifice for thee, when thou didst freely yield up thine own son that through his death I might have eternal life." Then, looking at the little case, which had been the cause of such an intense conflict, she slowly, solemnly said, "Freely, gladly—yes, *joyfully*, I give this as a Thank-offering for all the blessings of Christianity, for home and sanctuary privileges, for friends tried and true, and for Eloise."

She glanced at the little timepiece, "almost school time," she thought, "but I must first explain to Eloise." She sought her daughter, and briefly told the story, dwelling longest upon the condition of those whose lives were unlit by one single ray of Gospel light. Eloise listened with slowly gathering tears, which welled over as she said, "Oh, mother, dear, I am sure it will be all right, for I don't see how I could wear that pin now, for all the time I would be thinking of the good it might have done; besides," she added, with the brave air of one making light of difficulties, "I don't care much for diamonds, anyhow."

Mrs. Hampton had not expected Eloise to give up that which, she had been taught to consider, would one day be her own, without a struggle. "Surely, God must have prepared her heart," she murmured. Stooping down, she lightly kissed the upturned face of her little daughter, and said, in low tender tones, "Thank you, Eloise, I am sure if your father could speak to us to-day, he would say we were carrying out his wishes, for the cause of missions, I remember, always laid near his heart."

Then Mrs. Hampton, with a glad heart, left her home to take up the day's duties, happy in the consciousness of doing that of which her God approved.

In the evening she wrote a jeweller, an old friend of her husband's, and from whom he had purchased the pin, stating her wish to dispose of it, and why, and asking that he would be the purchaser.

A week later the answer came, and proved to be more than satisfactory. He would pay her one hundred and fifty dollars on receipt of pin, and whatever more it brought on sale, should likewise be hers. The pin was sent; a cheque came back on return mail, which in turn was forwarded the Auxiliary, in a most unostentatious manner. An envelope bearing neither name nor date, enclosed a cheque for one hundred and fifty dollars, but upon it was written this simple inscription, "A Christmas gift to my sisters in heathendom. The love of Christ constraineth me."

Reader, have *you* not the same cause to "go and do likewise."

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