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Field Notes.

THE Government offers a prize for the best conducted Indian day school in the North-West Territories, and it is with pleasure that we learn that the Rev. E. B. Glass, B.A., missionary at Battle River, has been awarded the prize for the past year, which was received in the form of a cheque for \$50.

THROUGH lack of space we have been forced to hold over an article written for the Woman's Department, entitled "District Organizer's Work."

THE REV. JAMES WOODSWORTH will be available for Missionary Services in the Central Conferences during January and February. For dates write to the Mission Rooms.

A SUPPLY of missionary boxes have been sent to the Book Room at Montreal, and another supply to the Chairman of Winnipeg District. Parties in those Conferences requiring boxes will please apply as above.

THERE are no returned missionaries this year to assist at the Anniversary Meetings, and pastors will be obliged, as a rule, to depend upon home resources. But if pastors will take the matter vigorously in hand, we have no fears of the result. Let there be a united effort to reach that Quarter of a Million.

THE Minutes of the first Japan Conference have been received. As we looked them over we thought of what God has done for Japan, and of the honor He has conferred on Canadian Methodism in permitting her to be a co-laborer with Him, and allowing her to see of the fruit of the labor bestowed. The Methodist Book Room has a few copies for sale at fifteen cents per copy.

MR. M. R. TUTTLE, of the "self-supporting" staff in Japan, writes: "Thanks for having my note inserted in the OUTLOOK. I have received a lot of papers, which I will have distributed. This is a new place (Matsuye), but it is a place of large influence. It is on the west coast, with a population of 33,000, and the capital of the ken. The Episcopal Church has a work here. I teach in the normal and middle schools."

THE *Gospel in all Lands* for October has been received, full of information that every Christian should be conversant with. The following are the leading articles: Monthly Missionary Concert; Korea; The Koreans at Home; Characteristics of Koreans; A Week at Singapore; The Shadow of a Great Rock; Vernacular Sunday-school in India; Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Persecution at Zong Ping; Miss Mary L. Whately; Dr. Baldwin's Reply to Lieut. Wood; International Missionary Union; U. S. Grant University; Dialogue on Our English Bible.

The Missionary Review of the World for November is to hand, fully up to the standard which the editors of this magazine aim at. "The American Missionary in the Orient," from the masterly pen of an unknown writer, is an article that ought to be scattered broadcast. There are several other notable papers in the number, such as "The Great Crisis in Japan," "The Ministry of Money," and "The Crisis in Cities;" "The Historic Churches of the East," "The Student Missionary Uprising," "A Christian College in Brazil." The influence of such a Review is a mighty power for good in the universal church. Published by Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. \$2.50 per year; 25 cents per single number.

THE English Presbyterian missionaries in China, after seventeen years' persistent effort, have secured an entrance into the important city of Chiang-pu, and arrangements have been made for building a church there, the cost of which (about \$3,000) is to be met by Rev. A. Gregory, one of the missionaries to occupy the new station.

IN Java the native Christians have increased since 1873 from 5,673 to 11,229, and in the whole of Dutch India from 148,672 to about 250,000. In Java nearly all the converts have been won from Mohammedanism. In Sumatra the number of Christians has increased since 1878 from 2,500 to 12,000, and there are hundreds of Mohammedans who have been baptized by our missionaries or are at present under instruction. On the southernmost islands of the Sangir and Talant groups north-east of Celebes, the number of Christians has increased from 15 in 1870 to about 6,500 in 1887, and now includes a fifth of the population. The New Testament, Psalms, Catechism and Bible History have been translated. The Sangir Mission Committee has undertaken the building of a training school for native helpers.

Editorial and Contributed.

NOTES FROM JAPAN.

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

A PLEASANT episode was a visit to the home of a wealthy Japanese gentleman in a southern suburb of Tokyo. Mr. Masuda has a lovely place; spacious grounds, laid out with Japanese taste; a beautiful house, built in the native style, but with foreign furniture in some of the rooms. Mr. Masuda has travelled a good deal, speaks English fluently, and is a very intelligent, gentlemanly man. His wife is a charming lady, but does not speak English much. The house in which luncheon was served is distinct from the dwelling, and has a history. The material is 140 years old. The house was presented many years ago by the Emperor to a physician who had rendered valuable professional service. Recently Mr. Masuda bought the building, and removed it to its present site. But a little trouble has arisen. The tiles and some other things have the Emperor's crest impressed upon them, and Mr. Masuda has been notified that his possession of these is objected to in high quarters; so they will have to be removed. Mr. Masuda has a small colony of silk worms, and speaks hopefully of this branch of industry. Silk is now the chief export of Japan, next to which comes tea. The country has great resources in metals, etc., but the lack of anthracite coal may prove a hindrance to development.

On the 12th of June I went with Mr. Hiraiwa to visit the Normal and Model schools in Tokyo. These institutions seem to be well equipped for their purpose. The students in the Normal school are admitted on examination, and are limited in number. Last year, thirty girls pre-ented themselves for examination; eight were admitted, and of these five were from our Woman's School at Azabu. The Government is in some respects a paternal one. It provides the students with everything, down to pocket money, and only stipulates in return for three years' service as teachers. Out of doors, classes were being drilled in calisthenics by a teacher employed for the purpose. In some classes the girls wore the native dress, but in others the foreign garb was universal. Among the boys and young men there was a kind of uniform of foreign fashion. In a class in the Model School a teacher was giving instruction in morals—a hint that might well be taken in Ontario. Between the Model and Kindergarten schools there is a space of perhaps one hundred feet square, covered with a trellis, and that in turn with the spreading, vine-like branches and abundant foliage of twenty-five or thirty wisterias. When these

are in bloom the sight must be beautiful beyond description. In the Kindergarten school the scene was pleasant. Thirty or forty children were there. A lady teacher (native) sat at a piano playing march music, to which the children, under the care of another teacher, kept time with feet and voice. Here the transition in dress showed itself. The little girls nearly all wore the native dress, but among the boys there was every degree of innovation from a pair of boots to full foreign costume.

Our next visit was to the University buildings. The enormous strides made by the Japanese in educational matters during the last twenty-five years is truly astonishing. Included in the University are five Colleges—Law, Literature, Science, Medicine, and Civil Engineering—besides a University Hall. Law and Literature are in one building, Medicine in a second, Science in a third, while Civil Engineering has the largest building on the grounds—a two-story brick structure of good design, surrounding a quadrangle, with a frontage on each of the four sides of at least 150 feet, perhaps more. The equipment seems to be admirable, and the best professors obtainable, foreign and native, are employed. The course in any one of the five colleges is three years, followed by two years in University Hall, which are employed chiefly in original research. It is a somewhat curious circumstance that instruction in the Medical College is given in German, while in all the others it is given in English. Text-books do not seem to be used except in reference libraries, instruction being given by means of lectures. Professor Dixon, of the College of Literature, showed me kind attention, and introduced me to the University Librarian, a Japanese gentleman, who kindly promised to furnish me with available documents relating to educational matters. The apparatus in the various schools and colleges seems to be excellent, and considerable extension is yet in contemplation

Thursday, June 13th, will henceforth be a red letter day in our branch of Methodism in Japan, as it witnessed the organization of our first Annual Conference in that country. Some twenty-three brethren, lay and clerical, assembled, and entered heartily into all the proceedings. After devotional services the Rev. D. Macdonald, M.D., was elected President, and the Revs. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., and M. Kobayashi, were elected joint Secretaries. When organization was completed, I addressed the Conference, sketching the origin of the Japan Mission, its growth, the movement toward independence, and ultimate autonomy, and urged the development of self-support among the native churches, a prudent extension of the work, and a careful consid-

eration of the union question. At a subsequent stage a committee of native brethren was appointed to draw up a letter to the General Missionary Board, which they did in the following terms:

To the General Mission Board and the Church in Canada.

BELOVED BRETHREN,—Although we cannot understand fully your circumstances and surroundings in a land so far away and so different from our own, we still do pray that grace, mercy, and peace may abound upon you all. We thank you for your constant sympathy, shown to us so practically by the sending of missionaries for years, and by their constant work of love in preaching Jesus to us who were afar off. Through their earnest work, more than a thousand have become children of God, who were formerly stiff-necked and rebellious against the truth as it is in Jesus. We are like boys and girls who have not yet learned geography, but we have learned most thoroughly that there is such a place as Canada, and that the people there are rich in love and great in good works.

We thank you that at this special juncture, you sent to visit us our beloved brother, Dr. Sutherland, clothed with authority to erect our Church in Japan into an Annual Conference. Under his kind management, and with the co-operation of the other brethren, this has become an accomplished fact, and the first session has been held with tokens of the Divine blessing. This will be an epoch in the history of Japan Methodism worthy of special record and grateful remembrance. Besides this, Dr. Sutherland delivered lectures and sermons, both in the capital and during an extended visit through Yamanashi and Shidzuoka prefectures. These addresses, characterized by earnestness and eloquence, leave behind them an incalculable benefit, for which we thank both him and you. Permit us also to express our gratitude for another signal mark of your favor. In 1887, you extended an invitation to our brother Hiraiwa to visit you, and while he was with you made him forget the fact that he was among strangers, by the fulness of your hospitality. The benefits of his visit were not a few, and were not confined to himself, but extended to us also.

We esteem it an honor to place this short expression of our gratitude in Dr. Sutherland's hands, as he now leaves our shores, to be conveyed to you. We pray continually that upon you all may rest the richest benediction of God in temporal and spiritual matters.

We remain,

Honored and beloved brethren,

On behalf of the Japan Conference,

TOYAMA KOHEI,
YAMANAKA EMU,
EBARA SOROKU.

The above is a free but true translation of Japanese letter.

C. S. EBY.

On Friday evening, the usual reception service was held. There was but one candidate—Brother Harano—who had fulfilled his probation, and was eligible for ordination. This service took place in the Conference church at Tsukiji, and was full of interest. Mr. Harano's relation of his Christian experience and call to the ministry, was said by those who understood the language, to be very impressive. His reception into full connexion, and to ordination, was moved by Dr. Cochran, in a few well chosen remarks; Mr. Hiraiwa seconded, in an earnest address; and I followed with an address to the candidate, which was interpreted

in three or four sections by Mr. Sato. On the following Sunday, service was held in the school buildings at Azabu, beginning at nine o'clock and continuing till a quarter past twelve. First came devotional services and the ordination sermon, which I had the honor of preaching. Mr. Hiraiwa interpreted; and the brethren say he did splendidly. Then followed the ordination, conducted by the President; then the baptism of Brother Large's infant daughter, and after that the Lord's Supper, in which some 200 persons participated. The entire congregation aggregated, I should say, fully 400 persons. The day closed with a service in the Tsukiji church, where I preached, Brother Hiraiwa interpreting. Stopping at frequent intervals made tedious work, and half the sermon was omitted. On Tuesday afternoon the Conference closed, after a very harmonious and profitable session. Among the resolutions submitted was one by a Japanese layman, requesting that all my sermons and addresses delivered in Japan be published in Japanese! We finally compromised on the ordination sermon and Friday evening address.

An evening flower-show is one of the "institutions" of Japan, and is a novel and interesting sight. The one I attended was held at night in one of the principal streets of Tokyo. The street for a considerable distance was lined on both sides with flowers and shrubs of all sorts and sizes, and was lit up with numerous torches burning fish-oil. Here, as elsewhere, the courtesy of the Japanese was apparent. There was no rudeness, no jostling, no obtrusive pushing of sales. Every voice seemed to be pitched in a gentle key, and everywhere the utmost good humor prevailed. One vendor had a stand something like a chest of drawers, full of little wicker cages, containing locusts and similar insects, who kept up a perpetual chirping like so many "crickets on the hearth." I was offered a very fine "bug," cage and all, for ten *sen*, but declined on the ground that by the time I reached home it would be called a *hum*-bug, supposing any hum was left.

An hour or two was spent in a visit to the Meji Gakuin, the educational institution of the Presbyterians. They have a beautiful site of about eight acres, with a number of good, substantial buildings. Pupils graduating from the academy can pursue a post-graduate course in an advanced school lately established. The dwellings of the professors are large and look well. One was the gift of the venerable Dr. Hepburn, who has done much for this mission. The same afternoon a couple of hours were spent in Shiba Park. Here we saw the temple or shrine of the second Shogun. It is a wonderfully beautiful structure internally, and its rich adornments must have cost a vast amount of

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

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

THE SOCIETY'S ANNIVERSARY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

appropriated for the current year a total of \$210,482, distributed as follows:—

Indian Work.....	\$45,958
Chinese Work	3,673
French and Scandinavian	10,444
Foreign Work—Japan	24,425
Home Work	75,643
Miscellaneous	41,615
Removals	5,649
To recoup advances to mission parsonages.....	3,075

\$210,482

Nearly all the above items carry their own explanation. Grants under the head of Miscellaneous include travelling and incidentals and school books on Indian missions; Conference Missionary Committees' and District Chairmen's expenses; affliction and supply; Superintendent of Missions in North-West; Superannuation and Supernumerary Funds; Mount Elgin Institution; McDougall Orphanage; annuities; interest and discounts; publication charges; office and contingent charges; Circuit expenses for missionary anniversaries; travelling expenses of General Board, Committee of Finance, and General Secretary; salaries at Mission Rooms.

The Board closed its work on Thursday afternoon October 10th, after a pleasant and harmonious session

OPENING OF THE NEW FRENCH INSTITUTE.

THE new and commodious building for educational work in connection with our French missions, which has been in course of erection during the past year, was formally opened on Monday evening, October 21st, in presence of an interested audience that filled the spacious chapel. The structure, which is of red brick with stone foundation and trimmings, consists of a main building fronting on Green Avenue, Côte St. Antoine, a western suburb of Montreal, and two extensive wings, each three storeys high, furnishing ample accommodation for one hundred resident pupils. The main building contains the Principal's residence, board room, rooms for the teachers, and dormitories for the girls. The north wing has class-rooms on the ground floor, with commodious chapel above; while the south wing contains the boys' dormitories. The situation is superb, commanding extensive views of the city and surrounding country. The building is admirably adapted for its purpose, and the general conviction is that the Society has received good value for its outlay.

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 20, a religious service was held in the chapel, conducted by the Principal, Rev. Wm. Hall, M.A. On Monday evening, the chair was occupied, as was meet, by the Rev. Dr. Douglas, who was warmly welcomed by the large audience. An orchestra from the Mountain Street Church supplied delightful music, and led the con-

gregation in the service of song. After a brief statement of the cost, etc., of the property, admirable addresses were delivered by the Chairman, Rev. Mr. Lafleur, of the Sabrevois Mission, and Principal McVicar, of the Presbyterian College, after which the Missionary Secretary had the privilege of congratulating the Directors on the success of the undertaking, and making some observations on the significance of such an institution in view of the somewhat strained relations between the two races in this country at the present time.

On Tuesday evening a reception was given at the Institute to the members of the Woman's Board of Missions, which began its annual session on that day. Again the chair was occupied by Rev. Dr. Douglas, to the great delight of all. An address of welcome was given by Mrs. (Rev.) T. G. Williams, and by Rev. C. Hanson and Geo. Bishop, Esq., on behalf of the Directors. Mrs. James Gooderham responded in appropriate terms, and was followed by Miss Palmer, of St. John, N.B., in a brief address that captured the audience. The Missionary Secretary also spoke briefly. After the meeting in the chapel, a very pleasant hour was spent in inspecting the building and in social converse, and the company separated about ten o'clock.

Limited space forbids more extended remarks, further than to say that all who were present at the opening services seemed to feel that a new and wise departure had been taken in our French mission work and that the future is bright with promise. We hope to have a good cut of the Institute building in time for the next OUTLOOK, when some further facts as to cost, etc., may be given.

It is feared that a bad habit is more readily imitated than a good one, if not among boys and girls, at least among animals and birds. A Philadelphia family had a parrot that had been taught to use profane words. Wishing to cure the bird of this habit they got a mate for it that would repeat lines of religious poetry. To the grief of the family, however, the good parrot soon forgot his hymns and itself became profane. Watch against bad companions.

THE FREEDMEN.—The Negroes of the South are making material gains. Late statistics of the States of Georgia, South Carolina, and Louisiana indicate that since the war they pay taxes on \$48 000,000. Since the colored people have become citizens, a decided force in the politics of the country, it is of the utmost importance that they have a property interest in the communities where they are; and to good citizenship, thrift and economy and saving are needful; as they acquire land and houses, they will be able to support schools and churches. Intelligence and religion with homes and real estate will elevate and fit them for advancing duties and responsibilities.—*Missionary Review.*

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"As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and forever."—Isaiah lix. 21.

IN the Reports of the Western and Central Branch Annual Meetings, herewith presented, there is every reason for encouragement and deep gratitude to God.

This woman's work, if we are only all faithful to God and His claims upon our service, is to be a mighty lever in lifting the world to Christ. As in every case where women are enlisted, the work touches the home; and when the home is reached and influenced, we are touching and influencing the very foundations of the state. Oh, that every woman in our land would fully take in what this means! What it means not only to ourselves, and to this life or the next, but what it means to the great generations of unborn who are to people this land which we so love, and which we covet to make the best in all the earth. We of to-day are the seed-sowers for the great future. What shall we sow? The weakest, humblest follower of our Lord may have the privilege of scattering seeds, whose harvest of good may endure for all time. May God quicken us!

A CATHOLIC paper in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati differed from the Archbishop. His grace immediately required the publisher to print an apology, and to promise that such an offence should not occur again. The publisher replied that he was ill, and begged the Archbishop to deal with him gently, as the paper was his family's only means of livelihood. Archbishop Elder replied that sickness was no reason for delaying repentance; that if his family suffered, it was not the Archbishop's fault, but the publisher's; and then he dictated a form of most humble apology which he required the publisher to print the very next week on penalty of an edict forbidding the people to take the paper. The apology appeared, the poor publisher

promising in the dictated terms that he never again would allow his paper to criticise any of the acts of the bishops, whether right or wrong. Thus liberty of thought is vindicated. An example of press censorship practised nearer home is presented at Niagara Falls. There was a Catholic church picnic at the Falls. As is usual prizes were offered for running, jumping, and so forth. Among the prizes were bottles of liquor and boxes of cigars. A correspondent of the local paper criticised the gifts, declaring them out of place. On the following Sunday Father Dominique, the parish priest, publicly denounced the newspaper, and ordered that the subscribers belonging to the church should cancel their subscriptions.

As we read the above we thought where would be the "liberty of thought" we rejoice in, if Rome held sway of us? But what of our children's children? Unless we, with a free Bible, a free press, and the precious "spiritual liberty, wherewith Christ maketh His people free," unless we arouse to our duty in the Church and in the State as Protestants and as citizens, to redeem our land from the insidious grip of Romanism, may we not well fear that our descendants shall suffer the tyranny and oppression of the Pope of Rome and his legions?

AUXILIARIES are requested to send in their orders for the series of books—Treasurer's, Secretary's, and Corresponding Secretary's—published by General Board, in order that the business of our Woman's Missionary Society may be transacted throughout the work in a uniform manner. Price \$1.75.

Treasurer's Report for Quarter ending September 15th, 1889.

Western Branch	\$2,581 01
Central "	3,240 00
Eastern "	1,502 10
Nova Scotia "	1,291 64
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Branch.....	1,126 68
St. John's East, Newfoundland, "	12 10
St. John's West, " "	41 00
Victoria, B.C., Branch	8 00
Fourth Quarter	\$9,802 53
Third Quarter	4,117 51
Increase	<u>\$5,685 22</u>

BRANCH MEETINGS.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. BRANCH.

THE Woman's Missionary Society held their annual meeting at Fredericton, on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th October, with about forty-five officers and delegates present, besides visiting members and outside friends. The President, Mrs. Macmichael, presided. Reports from the several Auxiliaries were presented, showing much cause for thankfulness and encouragement in the general increase of numbers, funds, interest, and effort in the work of the youngest Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society of Canada.

The Corresponding Secretary reports thirteen new Auxiliaries formed during the year, making the present number forty-one, with a membership of 1012, and 27 life members, besides 318 enrolled in eight Mission Bands. The success in P. E. Island was especially noted by the Corresponding

Secretary, who compared it to the rapid growth that characterizes the products of its fertile soil.

The Treasurer's report shows an increase of \$1,701.83, the total amount raised being \$2,911.92.

Very affectionate reference was made from the chair, and in the reports, to the death of three Presidents—Mrs. Steel, of Pownal; Mrs. Peters, Hampton; and Mrs. D. D. Moore, of Cornwall, whose influence and active labors have been a power in their Auxiliaries.

Between the sessions the committees met for their special work, namely, the consideration of Modes of Work, Literature, By-Laws, Memorials, Criticism, Nominations, and Votes of Thanks. The resolutions framed will, doubtless, in their result, materially effect the better working of the Society. The free and very practical remarks given in the general meetings cannot fail to benefit the workers by their suggestive helpfulness.

The books prepared for the officers of Auxiliaries will greatly facilitate their work in the periodical preparation of returns.

Amongst the subjects discussed were, the Constitution, the status of members transferred to other localities, the working of the Mission Bands, and the distribution of mite boxes.

A part of one of the sessions was devoted to a model Auxiliary monthly meeting, which was conducted by Mrs. Howard, and in which a black-board lesson by Miss Smith, and an original paper by Miss Jordan, were given. Mrs. Chipman's paper on Mission Bands, and one by Mrs. Shenton, given at the public meeting, were highly appreciated.

The public meeting needed but fairer weather, that larger numbers might have benefited by what those present found an intellectual, musical, and spiritual enjoyment.

In order to relieve the Corresponding Secretary, a local organizer for each Conference district was appointed, and it was recommended that a special Secretary for the Mission Bands be elected.

Kindly greetings were received by telegram from the Nova Scotia Branch, then in session, and a response forwarded; and also from the Maritime Women's Christian Temperance Union, per Mrs. Chipman, who also presented the "Women's World Petition" for signature.

Many testimonies to the great good resulting from Miss Cartmell's recent visit to the Auxiliaries were given, and a vote of appreciation was passed. It was also resolved that greater effort should be made to increase the circulation of the *OUTLOOK* and the *Wesleyan*.

The devotional exercises throughout the sessions, and the consecration service of Thursday evening, will not be forgotten. Frequent expression of a consciousness of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit showed that the gathering together was very profitable. The general spirit of fraternal interest, willingness to work, and continued confidence in God, promises well for the future of the Society.

The Executive Committee for the new year is: President, Mrs. Macmichael; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Johnson, Chipman, and Howard; Cor. Secretary, Miss Palmer; Rec. Secretary, Miss Thorne; Treasurer, Miss Stewart; Auditor, Mrs. Heard. Several representatives to the coming meeting of the Board at Montreal were elected, and votes of thanks were accorded, especially to the Fredericton friends for their characteristic hospitality, and for the reception given on Tuesday evening. An invitation from Charlottetown for the next annual meeting was accepted, and the sessions closed with the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the tie," etc., and the benediction.

E. I. H.

WESTERN BRANCH.

THE Seventh Annual Meeting of the Western Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was held October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, in the pleasant Methodist Church, in the picturesque little town of Dundas, and was the central point of interest during the dates mentioned. At 2.30 p.m. the meeting was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Fowler, of London; Mesdames Sharpe, of Brantford, and Langford, London South, also taking part.

The number of delegates and visitors was the largest yet known in the history of this Branch, eighty-four delegates answering to their names, and during the various sessions ladies from the surrounding country, and also from Hamilton, were in attendance, evincing a lively and intelligent interest in the proceedings.

After routine business, the following Nominating Committee was appointed:—Mesdames Fowler, Detlor, Langford, Jackson and Russ.

The motions and memorials were then read and passed into the hands of the various committees.

Reports from Auxiliaries occupied the remainder of Tuesday afternoon. The general tenor was one of encouraging progress, and even where a note of discouragement was heard it did not indicate lack of interest, but rather difficulties arising from force of circumstances.

A reception tea was tendered the delegates and visitors early in the evening, followed by the evening session, which was opened at eight o'clock. The President, Mrs. Burns, in her address, showed very plainly by quoting from the reports that, although a great work had been accomplished in the past, a very large field is yet open for work to be done by the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Treasurer's report gave an increase of \$900.70 over last year, making the total receipts \$6,762.30.

The Corresponding Secretary announced that twenty-three Auxiliaries and ten new Mission Bands had been formed during the year, making the total Auxiliaries eighty-three, and Mission Bands twenty-seven; number of annual members, 1,978; life members, 142; increase of members, 402; total number of members, 2,120; Mission Band members, 677, an increase of 273.

The address of welcome was presented by Mrs. J. J. Grafton, and replied to by Mrs. A. Wood, of St. Thomas. Mrs. J. J. Steele, representing the Dundas Auxiliary Society of the Presbyterian Church, and Miss M. W. Bayne, from the Knox Church Christian Endeavor Society, were here introduced to the Convention, and also presented fraternal addresses of welcome, which were replied to by the President. Mrs. Hallam was unable, owing to illness, to represent the Baptist Mission Circle, as expected, but her husband, the Rev. E. C. B. Hallam, returned missionary from India, appeared for her, and made a few appropriate remarks.

A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. Strachan, of Hamilton, General Secretary of the Society, giving reports from the fields of work in Quebec Province, the North-West Territories, the Pacific coast and Japan.

Singing during the evening was furnished by the church choir, assisted by Mrs. Horning and Mr. Moss, of Hamilton, and Mr. Hall, of Burlington.

The Wednesday morning session was chiefly occupied with reports from Auxiliaries. The following resolution was carried:

That we change the order of business to consider a notice of motion as follows:

The Belleville Bridge Street Auxiliary gives notice to the General Board,

That Sec. 1, Art. V. of the Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society be amended to read thus: "The man-

agement and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Managers consisting of the officers of the Board, the President and Corresponding Secretary of each Branch, and delegates from each Branch in the proportion of one to every two hundred," etc. Carried.

Also from the Goderich Auxiliary: That the General Board be composed of a definite number of members, not to exceed thirty. Lost.

Moved by Mrs. Detlor, seconded by Mrs. Histon: That we waive our right to one-half our delegates to Montreal if the Central Branch will do the same. Carried. The Secretary to communicate at once with the Central Board in session at Toronto.

The Nominating Committee having allotted the names of the whole Convention into the three committees, an adjournment was made at 10.30, for their respective duties.

At 2 o'clock the meeting was called to order for the afternoon, when, after devotional exercises and routine, the reports from committees were called for. The following are the memorials and resolutions:—

1. From Goderich Auxiliary: That the place of General Board meeting be more central.

2. From Rattenbury Street Auxiliary, Clinton: To constitute the Editress of *OUTLOOK* a member of General Board.

3. From Rattenbury Street, Clinton: To amend Sec. 1, Art. V. of the Constitution, so as to read the same as the Belleville motion above, except the latter clause, viz., That for the Western and Central Branches the delegation shall be one to every 200 members. Covered by the Belleville motion, therefore not entertained.

4. That the letters from missionaries be printed all the year round, to meet the necessities of the country Auxiliaries.

5. That, as we understand the buildings of the Crosby Girls' Home are in a most dilapidated condition, we would recommend that the question of new buildings be considered by the Board of Managers.

6. From Woodstock, *re* enlargement of *OUTLOOK*, to give more space for the Woman's Missionary Society work.

7. From Belleville: Notice of motion to divide Central Branch into two. Not entertained.

8. From St. Thomas First Auxiliary: To amend Constitution, so that at the election of delegates from the annual branch meeting to the General Board not more than one delegate be sent from any Auxiliary, and in cities not more than one be sent for every two Auxiliaries.

9. From St. Thomas First: Notice of motion to so amend the Constitution, that certificates of transfer may be granted to annual members changing their place of residence.

10. From Queen's Avenue, London: *Re* increase of appropriation to French work, \$500 being recommended, with a promise of increased liberality on their part, should such appropriation be made.

11. London South: To so change the annual report that special donations be published. Not entertained.

12. From Rev. P. A. Jourdan: *Re* establishment of preparatory school for both sexes at Roxton Pond, with estimates, etc., under control of Woman's Missionary Society.

All these memorials, with the exception of those "not entertained," were passed on as recommendations to the General Board.

A telegram of greeting from the Central Board in session at Toronto was read, and reply sent. Reports from Auxiliaries resumed, twenty-five being heard from.

The reports from organizers represented an amount of faithful work, from which encouraging results may be expected. Fifteen districts had been visited personally or corresponded with by the ladies in charge. In one case resulting in the organization of four new Auxiliaries, in others two; and even where no entrance had yet been made,

the ladies were willing to continue their efforts to introduce the work.

After singing, three admirable papers, full of interest, encouragement and information, were read in order by the following ladies: "Organizers' Work," Mrs. Jackson; "Auxiliary Work," Mrs. Hamilton; "Mission Band Work," Mrs. Cunningham. A cordial vote of thanks was presented to these ladies, and the request for their publication in the *OUTLOOK*.

A telegram of sympathy having been sent to Mrs. Dr. Williams, Toronto, an affectionate reply was received, and read.

The Wednesday evening meeting was one of the most crowded and enthusiastic that this Branch has held, the church being full to overflowing. The Chairman, Rev. S. Cleaver, B.A., introduced Mrs. S. E. Johnson, M.D., missionary from India, who was announced to deliver her justly celebrated lecture, "The Shady Side of Missionary Work," illustrating the heathen woman's present condition in India, from babyhood to old age. Mrs. Johnson is a native of India, and has been in this country for five years; but as a medical missionary for fourteen years, she had an entrance to many homes which would otherwise have been impossible, and can therefore speak from personal experience. She has a remarkably strong, clear voice, and held the close attention of the large audience for two hours.

The choir brightened the meeting with several selections, and an exceedingly liberal collection concluded a most enjoyable and profitable evening.

Thursday morning found the delegates in their places at 9.30. After opening exercises, the reports of Secretary and Treasurer were adopted.

A message from the Central Branch, on the reduction of the delegation to the General Board read as follows: Nays, 31; Yeas, 28.

The Rev. P. A. Jourdan, of Roxton Pond, Quebec, was here introduced to the meeting, and gave an interesting address, sketching the history of the progress of Methodism in Roxton Pond, urging upon the Convention the employment of lady evangelists among the French, thus obtaining access to the women, and explaining also how a good magic lantern would assist him in his work. His great fear is that Quebec Province may become infidel if not Protestant.

The report of the Committee on Modes of Work was submitted. The following recommendations were accepted: (1) That public annual anniversaries of Auxiliaries be held; (2) that district conventions be held; (3) that special efforts be made to carry out section 7, page 11, of the report, referring to the establishment of missionary prayer-meetings.

That the subjects of prayer be published in the *Guardian* each month, by which others beside members of Auxiliaries may be reached. That Auxiliary work, except that of the officers, be a duty of the Standing Committee. That the duties of the Standing Committee be more clearly defined. An interesting report was received from the Editor of the *OUTLOOK*, and the following resolution was carried by a standing vote: "That this Branch wishes to express its high appreciation of the able manner in which Mrs. Parker has conducted that part of the *OUTLOOK* allotted to our Society, and attribute to her able management the increased interest and circulation of that paper."

A memorial service was held, Mrs. Fowler, of London, in the chair. The following names were mentioned as those of members who have passed away during the year:—Mrs. J. R. Ellis, of Carlisle; Mrs. Freeborn, of Burlington; Mrs. Nelles and Mrs. Clark, of Simcoe; Mrs. (Rev.) Nugent, of Mitchell; Mrs. Dickenson and Mrs. Williston, of Strathroy; Mrs. J. W. Gerrie, of Hamilton; Mrs. Hobbs, of Tilsonburg; Mrs. Stump, of Rockwood. Tender and touch-

ing tributes were paid to their Christian lives and faithful work.

The first item on Thursday afternoon's programme after opening, was the Mission Band reports. Twelve of these records of cheerful and self-denying labor on the part of our young friends were read and received with marked appreciation.

The question drawer was opened, and a number of questions answered by Mrs. Langford and Mrs. Phelps.

Mrs. Burns, President, gave some valuable suggestions as to a plan of work for Auxiliaries.

The consecration meeting held by Mrs. Hugill, of Hamilton, was a season of grace and power, many ladies taking part.

The evening session was a long one, all the elections having been placed on that part of the programme.

After the invitation from Chatham to hold the next annual meeting had been read and accepted, the central organizers were appointed for the three Conferences covered by the Western Branch. For Niagara Conference, Mrs. Jackson, Beamsville; for Guelph Conference, Mrs. Detlor, Clinton; for London Conference, Mrs. Dickson, London. These ladies to appoint district organizers.

The delegates to the Conference to present the work of the Woman's Missionary Society were as follows: Niagara Conference, Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Guelph Conference, Mrs. Scarff, Guelph; London Conference, Mrs. McMechan, London.

The following was the result of the ballot for officers: President, Mrs. Dr. Burns, St. Thomas; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Fowler, London; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Langford, London South; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Recording Secretary, Mrs. McMechan, London; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cunningham, Galt; Treasurer, Mrs. Detlor, Clinton.

Also the following delegates to the General Board Meeting in Montreal on the 22nd October: Mesdames Jackson, Phelps, Wood, Langford, Detlor, Sharp, Davidson, Russ, Williams, Hamilton, Fowler, Cullen, Hurlburt, Saunby, Scarff, McMechan, Beattie, Kay, Laird, Brown, Brethour; alternates, Mrs. Crawford, and Miss McClean. Mesdames Burns and Cunningham go by virtue of office.

The usual votes of thanks to the trustees, choir and friends who had so kindly assisted in making this the most enjoyable and successful meeting of the Western Branch were carried by a rising vote, and the Rev. S. Cleaver pronounced the benediction at a late hour.

A. G. MCMECHAN, *Rec. Sec.*

CENTRAL BRANCH.

FIRST DAY.

THE Seventh Annual Meeting of the Central Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church opened on Tuesday afternoon, October 1st, at 2.30, in Sherbourne Street Church. There was a fair attendance, between seventy and eighty delegates being present. Mrs. James Gooderham, 1st Vice-President, occupied the chair. Mrs. W. S. Finch opened the meeting with devotional exercises in the place of Mrs. Carman, who was absent through illness. Mrs. D. V. Lucas delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. Hughes, of Schomberg. Mrs. Gooderham explained the absence of the President, Mrs. Dr. Williams, who was detained through illness in her family. She then delivered the annual address, which was listened to with marked attention by all present. She contrasted the position of the society to-day with that of seven years ago, and showed how, under the Divine blessing, it had increased numerically and financially. It was doing a

noble work, with every prospect of a rich harvest. Hon. John Macdonald, who had returned from the Pacific slope, said to the speaker that if the Society did nothing but carry on the Chinese Rescue Home, they were engaged in a work that would well repay all their labors. She then gave a synopsis of the work, going into matters of interesting detail.

Greetings were presented from the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society through Mrs. John Lille, who gave a brief but interesting sketch of the work they were engaged in, and expressing regret at the loss, through the removal from the city, of Mrs. Dr. Castle. Greetings were also presented from the Congregational Woman's Missionary Society by Mrs. Robertson, who also gave a short address.

Reports were received from a number of the Auxiliaries, nearly all of which showed an increase in membership, as well as in receipts.

Memorials were presented from Newmarket and Carlton Street Auxiliaries, asking that a preparatory school for both sexes be established at Roxton Pond, Quebec, also from Queen Street Auxiliary, asking for the enlargement of the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK, or that steps be taken to provide a paper of their own. Also, that as the editresses respectively of *Guardian* and *OUTLOOK*, had by election of General Board become officers of the Society, they be placed on Executive in harmony with Sec. 3, Art. V., of the Constitution.

A memorial was presented from Belleville, suggesting certain changes in the Constitution.

Mrs. Massey, who represented the Society at the Bay of Quinte Conference, gave a short account of her experience there, and of the hearty support accorded the work of the Society.

The Nominating Committee being appointed, then withdrew, when Committees on Modes of Work, Memorials, and Courtesies were appointed.

The meeting then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

On resuming at 7.30 p.m., there was a large attendance, principally of ladies. Rev. Dr. Stafford presided, and with him on the platform were Rev. Dr. Sutherland and Rev. P. A. Jourdan, of Roxton Pond, P.Q. After devotional exercises the chairman made a few remarks *apropos* of the occasion, and then introduced Mr. Jourdan. This gentleman, who is laboring amongst the French, gave some interesting facts connected with his work. He vividly portrayed the condition of the poor *habitant*, who, ground beneath the heel of the Church of Rome, has every copper squeezed out of him over and above what is necessary to his existence. Then he went on to speak of the system of persecution adopted by the representatives of the Church wherever they dare practise it. He related several incidents to illustrate the plan sometimes adopted, and to show the terrible power of the Church of Rome. Rev. Dr. Sutherland, who returned from Japan recently, gave an interesting account of the work in that empire, which is so rapidly following in the footsteps of the western nations. The addresses were particularly interesting and full of valuable information.

SECOND DAY.

On resuming at 9.30 a.m., Mrs. Gooderham presided. Mrs. Massey, of Wallbridge, conducted the devotional exercises.

Reports were presented from a number of the Auxiliaries, which were extremely gratifying.

A telegram of greeting was received from the Western Branch, now in session at Dundas, which was duly acknowledged. The following ladies, who have been acting as organizers, then gave a short account of their work: Mrs.

Massey, Wallbridge; Mrs. Platt, Picton; Mrs. Johnson, Belleville; Mrs. Maybee, Foxboro'; Mrs. Hughes, Schomberg; Mrs. McKay, Toronto; Mrs. Morrow, Barrie; Mrs. Sherin, Lakefield, and Mrs. Willmott, Toronto.

An hour was then spent in giving testimony, and at noon the delegates, at the invitation of the ladies of the church, remained for luncheon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On resuming at 2 p.m., the opening services were conducted by Mrs. W. S. Blackstock.

A number of questions that had been put in the previous day were then discussed and answered.

Mrs. William Briggs, the Corresponding Secretary, presented her report. It stated that more interest was being manifested by the women of Methodism in this grand movement than ever before. The reports from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands all speak of greater zeal and interest. The appointment of district organizers at the last annual meeting was a move in the right direction, as more women are now actively engaged in spreading a knowledge of the work. All the organizers have spared neither time nor trouble in advocating the claims of the Society. The result of these labors is to be seen in the organization of forty-two new Societies during the year, twenty-three Auxiliaries, and nineteen Mission Bands.

Mrs. Massey, of Wallbridge, organized in Trenton, Campbellford, Norham, Warkworth, Norwood, Hastings, Lonsdale, Frankford, Shannonville, and Thomasburg. Mrs. G. D. Platt, of Picton, in Wellington. Mrs. McKay, of Toronto, in Willowdale. Mrs. Maybee, of Foxboro', Auxiliaries in Mount Zion, Queensboro', West Huntingdon, and Mission Bands in Mount Zion, Queensboro', and Philipsville. Mrs. Sherin, of Lakefield, in Baillieboro' and Bensford. Mrs. Willmott, of Toronto, in Eglinton, Stouffville, and a Mission Band in Wesley Church, Toronto. Miss Cartmell organized an Auxiliary in Oshawa and Mission Bands in Oshawa and Newcastle. Mrs. C. Watson organized a Mission Band in Bloor Street Church, Toronto; Mrs. G. Brown a Mission Band at Parry Sound. Mesdames Walker and Hughes, of Schomberg organized an Auxiliary in Aurora. Mission Bands have also been organized in Port Perry, Brighton, Schomberg, Northport, Lindsay, and two in Brampton. Bobcaygeon, Madoc, Stirling, Newburg and Norwood Auxiliaries have been dropped from the list, but a Mission Band in Norwood promises to be very successful. Early in the year Sherbourne Street Auxiliary separated from Berkeley Street, and Berkeley and Parliament Street churches are now known as the Eastern Auxiliary.

There are at present seventy-one Auxiliaries and forty-seven Mission Bands in active operation, with a total Auxiliary membership of 2,214, and Mission Band members 1,085, giving a grand total of 3,298.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Thomas Thompson. It showed total receipts from all sources \$6,720.19, being an increase of \$1,118.19 over the preceding year.

A message was received from the Western Branch, at present in session at Dundas. It contained the following resolution:—

That, in consideration of the expense of sending delegates to Montreal to attend the meeting of the General Board, and the impossibility of obtaining lower railway rates, we as a Branch will waive our right to send a full delegation, as entitled to, provided the Central Branch will do the same.

This was discussed at some length, and on a vote being taken it was decided to send the full number of delegates, as the greater the number of ladies attending, the greater and more spirited would be the interest manifested in the work.

The report of the Memorial Committee was presented by Mrs. Hooker, of Toronto, and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Modes of Work was next presented by Mrs. McKay. It suggested some changes in the Constitution, and improved methods of working in the Auxiliaries.

Report from mission fields came next. Mrs. H. A. Crosby of Uxbridge, gave a brief and comprehensive report of the establishment and work of the Crosby Home for Indian girls at Port Simpson, B.C. Mrs. Baskerville, of Brampton, read an interesting sketch of the history of the Church Rescue Home, in Victoria, B.C.

Mrs. Morrow, of Barrie, told of the good work done in the girls' school in Tokyo, Japan, and the great spiritual progress made by the pupils. Mrs. W. Briggs told about the home and school recently established by the Society at Chilliwack, B.C., where eighteen Indian children are cared for and educated.

An invitation was received from the pastor and trustees of Broadway Tabernacle, inviting the Society to hold its next meeting there.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE CLOSING DAY.

On resuming at 9.30: Mrs. James Gooderham in the chair, at the suggestion of Mrs. LeRoy Hooker, the resolution passed yesterday, declining to reduce the delegation to the General Board, was reconsidered. After considerable discussion, during which one delegate pointed out that this reduction could not be legally made, the Branch re-affirmed the decision of yesterday.

The Belleville memorial, proposing to reduce the delegation permanently from one in every one hundred members to one in every two hundred members, was also reconsidered, and was finally rejected.

Mrs. Johnston, of Belleville, read an interesting report of the work done at the McDougall Orphanage, and Mrs. Fraser of Picton presented many encouraging facts in relation to the new girls' school at Shidzuoka, Japan, which has been lately founded by the Society.

Mrs. Bascom introduced a resolution, proposing that the monthly letters from the mission field be printed and sent to each member of the Auxiliary for one cent per month. On recommendation of the Committee on Modes of Work, this was not entertained; and another proposal, that the Dominion Government be petitioned to pass the leaflets through the mails without postage, was referred to the General Board. This Committee also recommended that these monthly letters be read regularly at the Auxiliary meetings; that Juvenile Mission Boards be formed for the training of boys and girls, and that a press superintendent be appointed in each Auxiliary.

Letters of condolence were ordered to be sent to Mrs. Dr. Carman, of Belleville; Mrs. Dr. Williams, of Toronto; and Mrs. Ross, of Montreal.

Mr. Sherrin, of Lakefield, was appointed to represent the Branch at the Bay of Quinte Conference, and Mrs. W. S. Blackstock, of Toronto, at the Toronto Conference.

Mrs. Dr. Briggs read the report of the Supply Committee, which sent clothing to the various mission stations.

The following district organizers were appointed:

Peterboro'—Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Sherrin.

Lindsay—Mrs. Weldon and Mrs. Broderick.

Tamworth and Napanee—Mrs. Casey and Miss Hawley.

Uxbridge and Cannington—Mrs. Bascom and Mrs. Crosby.

Cobourg—Mrs. Maybee.

Belleville—Mrs. Massey.

Bradford—Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Walker.

Barrie—Mrs. German.

Collingwood—Mrs. Lockie.

Mr. John N. Lake was appointed Auditor.

A letter was read from Miss Leake, of Victoria, B.C., in which mention was made of a handsome donation to the Chinese Girls' Rescue Home by Senator Macdonald.

Mrs. Dr. Parker read a report of work done for the Woman's Missionary Society Department of the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK, covering the three years it had been under her management, after which a most cordial resolution of appreciative thanks was moved by Mrs. Dr. Willmott, and carried by a rising vote and presented to the Editress.

Mrs. Kendry read an interesting paper on French work.

The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Dr. Williams.

First Vice-President—Mrs. James Gooderham.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Willmott.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. Dr. Carman.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Dr. Briggs.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. Tyner.

Treasurer—Mrs. Thomas Thompson.

Delegates to the General Board Meeting at Montreal:—

Mesdames Dr. Williams, James Gooderham, Dr. Carman, Dr. Willmott, Dr. Briggs, D. G. Sutherland, Dr. Parker, LeRoy Hooker, McKay, E. Tyner, McCallum, Kendry, G. D. Platt, J. H. Locke, Wilson, Weldon, W. Johnson Browne, Bosanko, Sherrin, G. L. Hughes, McMaster, Bascom, Massey, Maybee, Blackstock, and Brown, Misses Alexander and Hawley.

FROM THE MISSION BANDS.

MONTREAL.—The annual meeting of the St. James' Mission Circle was held on the 23rd ult. A gloom was cast over our usually cheerful circle by the very severe illness of our beloved President, Mrs. Ross, who, we are thankful to say, is now speedily recovering. A very satisfactory report was read by the Secretary, showing an increase in membership, and a deepening interest in missionary work and workers. One very pleasing feature was the report of the Treasurer, to whose untiring energy much of our financial success is due, the funds from all sources amounting to \$213.79, of which sum \$84.69 was realized from the mite boxes, into which many a coin found its way "for His sake." During the past year we have held ten regular monthly meetings, at nearly every one of which the attendance has been large. The programme at these gatherings has been strictly of the missionary character, consisting of missionary readings, discussion of business, music, and the reading of letters received monthly from the different mission fields, in which much has been found to excite our sympathy and interest, and to encourage us to do all in our power to help those in distant lands. The success which has attended our labours in the past bids us hope that the coming year will be one of increased usefulness.

M. M. FROST, *Cor. Sec.*

MADOC, Sept. 30th, 1889.—Lacoregoma Mission Band was organized on the 7th of August, 1889, at our annual Sunday-school picnic, the peculiar name of our Society being that of the grove in which our picnic was held. Our executive officers are: Miss Reed, President; Miss Maud Lambly, Treasurer; W. Tucker, Secretary. The Band is divided into two classes, viz: Active members and associate members. The fee as usual, for membership, was fixed at 25c. per year. Our membership at present is thirty-five, of which number eighteen belong to the active branch. Those who join the active division pledge themselves to aid the Band in whatever way they can. The

associate division does not do this, but may have their names changed to the active list by giving notice to the Secretary. The Band in session arranged for meetings to be held the third Sunday in each month, taking part of the Sunday-school hour. Yesterday being Review Sunday, our worthy Sunday-school Superintendent placed the Sunday-school hour at our disposal, which was occupied to its fullest extent by the Band. The subject for the day was "China." Three essays were read, viz.: "Missions, its Needs and Claims;" "China, its Native Religions;" "China vs. the Gospel." The last two essays were full of needed information. The Rev. Mr. Roy, who has been laboring among the French in the Lower Province, dropped in with us and gave us some cheering statements regarding mission work there. After singing "All Hail," the school was again placed in the hands of the Superintendent, who closed the school in the usual way. The Committee of Management has planned out the work up to January thus: October, India; November, Home Missions; December, Palestine; January, Japan. Our object is the spread through the Church of a more thorough knowledge of missions. Much credit is due our worthy President, whose unwearied energy in the work is proving an incentive to the others. With consecrated talent we are fearless for the work here. Many thanks for leaflets. Yours in the work,

WALTER TUCKER, *Sec.*

WOODHOUSE.—The Lights Along the Shore Mission held a public meeting on Monday evening, the 23rd, conducted by Rev. Mr. Saunders. The Japanese programme was used. Mr. Saunders gave an interesting description of the progress of the missionary work. A collection was taken up, amounting to \$3.38. The mite boxes were opened, and found to contain \$9.50. They were again distributed. This is the first public meeting that has been held, and it has encouraged us greatly in our work. Will some of the Mission Bands please tell us, through the OUTLOOK, how they conduct their meetings.

ANNIE BOWLBY, *Cor. Sec.*

ATHENS.—The Myrtle Mission Band was organized October 24th, 1887, by the young people of the Methodist Church, and we have at present a membership of thirty-five, and sent a box of clothing to Parry Sound. During the year we raised \$30.35 altogether. Mrs. Monk, one of our members, is now teaching in a Chinese Mission School in British Columbia; and another active member, Miss Nellie Blanchard, has just been married to Dr. A. Bolton, and they too are going as missionaries. We held an annual tea in September, and invited all the young people who attended the Methodist Church, and hope it will be the means of increasing our numbers.

ETTA WILTSIE, *Sec.*

MYRTLE MISSION BAND.—We reorganized our Mission Band. The new officers are: President, Miss Mary Stowe; Secretary, Miss Annie Stevens; Assistant Secretary, Miss Etta Wiltsie; Treasurer, Miss Mary Vanorman.

E. W.

FROM THE AUXILIARIES.

MONTREAL (St. James' Auxiliary).—The annual meeting of the St. James' Auxiliary Woman's Missionary Society was held in the ladies' parlors, St. James' Church, Tuesday, Sept. 24th. After the usual devotional exercises, the Secretary's annual report was read and adopted. The programmes of the monthly meetings during the year were full of items both interesting and profitable. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Mrs. D. Nichol; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Fairman; Recording Secretary, Miss Allie Douglas; Corresponding Secretary,

Mrs. George Vipond ; Treasurer, Mrs. James Henderson. Mrs. Nichol and Miss Allie Douglas were appointed to attend the annual general meeting in Ottawa, to be held October 3rd. The Society has a membership of fifty-nine, and the Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$167.

LILLIE L. VIPOND, *Cor. Sec.*

POINT ST. CHARLES.—The Woman's Missionary Society held their closing meeting for the year in the vestry of the Methodist Church, having a very pleasant time, and being entertained by a visit from Mrs. Doran, of the St. James' Church. Considering the contingents incident upon the prospects of our building a new church, the financial results, though small, were very gratifying for a membership of only thirteen, being twenty dollars, covering period since reorganization in January. Our meetings were seasons of great blessings, the Lord being with us, even if only few in number. We trust, however, the coming year to increase in number and usefulness. The officers elected for ensuing year are : Mrs. Rev. J. Scanlon, President ; Mrs. J. Allen, Vice-President ; Miss A. Ronaldson, Recording Secretary ; Mrs. S. C. Matthews, Corresponding Secretary ; Mrs. R. Hopper, Treasurer.

MRS. S. C. MATTHEWS, *Cor. Sec.*

WINSLOE, P.E.I.—The first annual meeting of the Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in the Winsloe Church, on Wednesday, August 4th. The chair was taken by the President, Mrs. W. J. Kirby. We had a very interesting meeting, opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. E. Slackford, of Mount Stewart ; music and singing at intervals ; speech by the Rev. W. H. Spargo, of York ; a very interesting dialogue by six young ladies ; solo by Miss Lily Bryenton ; also a very encouraging speech by Mrs. E. Slackford. A short address by Rev. W. J. Kirby, showing the growth of the Woman's Missionary Society from its inception to the present time. Collection, \$6.25. The monthly meetings are regularly attended, and the members are increasing gradually. Officers elected : Mrs. W. J. Kirby, President ; Mrs. J. Carter and Mrs. G. Pearden, Vice-Presidents ; Miss Sarah Holman, Recording Secretary ; Mrs. C. Bryenton, Treasurer ; Mrs. J. Essery, Corresponding Secretary.

M. J. ESSERY.

BEAMSVILLE—On the 25th September, Mrs. T. W. Jackson met the ladies of the Beamsville congregation and organized an Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society, with a membership of eighteen. The following officers were elected :—President, Mrs. T. W. Jackson ; First Vice-President, Mrs. McPherson ; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. Tufford ; Recording Secretary, Miss McGregor ; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. Normandy ; Treasurer, Mrs. Hoshell.

ROCKWOOD.—This Auxiliary has cause for thankfulness to God for His presence and aid during the past year. Our Auxiliary was organized four years last April. At our first meeting there were not as many met as filled the offices. Our membership has not increased as rapidly as we would like, yet we have much to encourage us at the beginning of another year. The names of nine new members have been enrolled. More zeal and earnestness are manifest in the cause of missions, and a regular attendance at the monthly meetings, which the members have all realized to be a blessing to them. The last meeting of the year was held at the parsonage, when we had visitors from two other Auxiliaries and the ministers of the circuit. After the meeting was

closed, tea was prepared ; it was a very pleasant and profitable time. During the past year one of our members, after a long illness, which she was enabled to bear with much patience, was taken home, her work being done. We are looking for greater blessings and the presence of the Master with us, and that we may be enabled to do all to His glory.

M. CLARKSON, *Cor. Sec.*

GREENWOOD—COBDEN CIRCUIT.—This Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society was organized in October, 1885, by Mrs. Rev. T. G. Williams ; has a membership of twenty-one, and meets on the second Monday of each month. As an Auxiliary we have great reason for thankfulness to our Father in heaven, for the success with which He has crowned our efforts. Our meetings have been seasons of refreshing, always realizing the presence of the Master in our midst. A true missionary spirit is manifested amongst our members, and not only amongst ourselves is this spirit shown, but an influence is going out that we trust will roll on till all the nations of the earth shall know our God and His Christ. At the beginning of the year, it was decided that an autograph quilt be the means used as extra effort to increase the funds of the Society. We will just say that we met with much sympathy in this part of our work. We had but to ask and receive. One hundred and fifteen dollars was raised in this way. In September we held our annual social, from which we realized the sum of \$41.25 ; the total amount for the year, \$170. As the outcome of the work going on here, an Auxiliary has been organized at the Bethel appointment on this circuit. Already a line of work for the coming year has been marked out, and our members have decided to knit and sell socks, stockings, or mittens, the proceeds of which will be for the good of Society. Also that each member solicit donations from any who may be disposed to give. As we enter upon a new year, we feel encouraged and aroused to greater zeal in this great work, and as we look out upon the fields that are already white to harvest, the cry comes from the depths of our souls, Lord help us to do with our might what our hand findeth to do.

CLARA NELSON, *Rec. Sec.*

P.S.—Nine of our members are subscribers to the OUTLOOK.

ST. THOMAS FIRST.—A retrospect of the past year causes thankfulness in every way, especially along the line of voluntary giving. Of the whole amount raised, \$248.40, about \$130 are the result of members' fees, donations, birthday-box, and one mite box. Enrolled are fifty-seven annual members, and seven life members, one for the past year. At the Annual Meeting the following officers were elected : President, Mrs. Wood ; Vice-President, Mrs. T. Stacey ; Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. W. Crothers ; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Morgan ; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. McKay. A public meeting was held in the evening, Mrs. Wood presiding. Mrs. Burns gave an outline of our different lines of work, dealing specially with the Indians. Mrs. Wood reviewed the Woman's Missionary Society from its inauguration. Interspersed were solos by Miss Hawley, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Mr. Geo. Norsworthy. Perhaps the most interesting part of the programme was the rendering of the "Japanese Exercise" by ten young girls, who entered into the matter with such vim, and spoke so distinctly that every word was heard. Doubtless, some listened to more than they had ever heard before about Japan, its history, people, and customs. We would like to suggest the adopting of these "Exercises," as given in the OUTLOOK, to Auxiliaries, as a means of educating our people in missionary work.

Cor. Sec.

MILLTOWN, N.B.—Miss Fannie Palmer, visited us on July 31st, and addressed a somewhat thinly attended meeting in our vestry. Her address was calculated to inspire every true woman with desire to help forward the cause of Christian missions. An Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society was organized, with Mrs. Berrie, President; Miss Lois Leeman, Secretary; Miss Maggie Logan, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Annie Perkins, Treasurer. On Thursday, August 22nd, Miss Cartmell gave a most interesting address to a goodly gathering in our church. Miss Palmer's visit helped much to this result, so many being disappointed when they learned of the loss they had sustained. We hope before the year closes to report an interesting society here, of which you shall hear more at some future time.

Missionary Readings.

THE BLOODY MARY OF MADAGASCAR.

ON the 27th of July, 1828, Radama I. died at the age of thirty-six. His successor should have been, according to Oriental custom, his nephew, the son of his sister, a very worthy young man, but Radama's second wife (he had twelve), a bigoted idol worshipper, and a woman who rivalled in her crimes Catharine II. of Russia, though she did not possess her intellectual or political ability, aided by some of the idol-keepers, intrigued for, and obtained the throne. No sooner was she fairly established, than she put to death every near relative of the late king, and every prominent noble who had favored Rakoto, the legitimate heir to the throne. She was crowned in 1829 as Ranavalona I. She soon issued a decree forbidding any foreigners, especially Europeans, from coming into her dominions; and soon after another, prohibiting the missionaries from teaching religion to the Malagasy, or holding any meetings or societies which should be attended by them; they might teach sciences, or the mechanic arts, but not religion, and all churches must be closed. Most of the missionaries left the island in 1833. In 1834 another decree was promulgated forbidding any meeting, public or private, of the people to talk of religion, under penalty of arrest, and if found guilty, of punishment by death. Under this decree many Christians were banished and a few put to death.

In 1835 a fanatic, who had mingled some Christian doctrine with his prayers to his idols, and had approached the Queen's palace to address her in regard to his creed, was seized and put to death, and the rage of the Queen being roused by this incident, she issued a decree that all persons suspected of being Christians should be arrested and examined, and if they did not disavow their belief in Christ and offer worship to the idols, they should be put to death. Nobly did the Christians stand this test. Some fled, but very few would deny Christ. Some were beheaded, others beaten to death, others still, and a large number, were hurled from the lofty rock on which the city of Antananarivo, the capital, is built, and fell mangled corpses at its base.

The present Prime Minister of Madagascar relates an incident in connection with this slaughter, of which his father, one of the judges, was a witness: A mother and daughter were brought for examination; the

mother confessed her faith in Christ, refused to worship the idols, and was summarily thrown over the rock; then the daughter, a beautiful girl of fifteen, came forward and said: "I, too, am a Christian; throw me over." The judge said, "She is only a child, and does not know what she is saying; take her away." But the young girl was firm. "I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ," she said, "and I will not worship idols. Throw me over!" Once more the judge tried to save her. "My child," he said, "life is sweet to you. Only bow your head ever so slightly toward the idol, and you shall be free. I will take you to my own home." "No!" said the young maiden, "I will bow to no God but Jesus Christ. He is my Saviour. Throw me over." And throw her over they did. More than two thousand were put to death at this time (1849) by this cruel Queen, because they would not deny Christ, and several thousand more in the course of her reign; others were subjected to torture, and many more to the ordeal by drinking the *tangena*, a poison prepared to try the guilt or innocence of suspected persons. But it was not alone against the Christian subjects of this bloody queen that her malignant and murderous temper was manifested. On various pretences, the most common one being that they were conspiring against her, she put to death most of the principal men in her realm; and when her son, whom she claimed as the son of Radama, though born about a year after his death, had arrived at his eighteenth or nineteenth year, and had shown a disposition to be more merciful than his mother, and to pity the Christians whom she persisted in slaughtering, she tried to put him to death for conspiring against her. She was, during most of her reign, constantly engaged in wars with the other tribes on the island; and as her armies were badly handled, and her treacherous management was notorious, she almost depopulated whole provinces of Imerina and the adjacent country. It was estimated that more than a million men, women, and children perished in her wars. The French made repeated attempts to establish settlements on the coast, but were repulsed either by her ambushes or by the deadly fevers of the coast. At length her own people grew tired of her oppression, and would have dethroned her had not sickness attacked her hitherto robust frame, and weakened her imperious will. She lingered for some months, and finally died on the 16th of August, 1861, one of her last acts—July 3rd, 1861—being the ordering of a new and more terrible persecution against the Christians, of whom she had obtained a list. Many perished under this edict, but the new king, her son, proclaimed universal amnesty and the restoration of property to all Christians. Thus died, after thirty-three years' reign, Ranavalona I., "unwept, unhonored and unsung." Her whole administration was unmarked by a single good or noble act.—*Missionary Review of the World*.

"If this Book is right," said an Old Roman Catholic to his wife, on reading the New Testament, "we are wrong." Three weeks after he said: "If this Book is right we are lost." Three weeks after he said, as he continued reading: "Wife, if this Book is right, we are saved."

Our Young Folk.

THE TONGUE.

"THE boneless tongue, so small and weak,
Can crush and kill," declare the Greek.

"The tongue destroys a greater horde,"
The Turk asserts, "than does the sword."

The Persian proverb wisely saith,
"A lengthy tongue—an early death."

Or sometimes takes this form instead,
"Don't let your tongue cut off your head."

"The tongue can speak a word whose speed,"
Says the Chinese, "outstrips the steed."

While Arab sages this impart,
"The tongue's great storehouse is the heart."

From Hebrew wit the maxim sprung,
"Though feet should slip, ne'er let the tongue."

The sacred writer crowns the whole,
"Who keeps his tongue doth keep his soul."

—Selected.

A YOUNG SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST IN JAPAN.

IN the Province of Bingo lives a very pretty and gentle girl named Masuda Yu, who is a member of the church at Takehashi. She is a very earnest Christian, and not at all ashamed to make known to others her love to Christ. Her father died when she was quite young, and for some time she has been a great sufferer from dropsy. Many physicians were consulted in regard to her case, but all agreed that it was very doubtful if she could ever be cured. It was finally decided that the only possibility of her recovery depended upon a very difficult and painful surgical operation, but it was thought that she was so young and weak that it was more than probable that she would not survive the operation.

When she heard the decision of the doctors, she said she had entrusted her body and soul wholly to God's keeping, and whatever was the result she had no fears, and was quite sure that all would be for the best. She did not fear to die if that was the Lord's will, and so requested the physician to do what he thought was best. She was then removed to the hospital at Okayama for the purpose of having the operation performed; but when the surgeon in charge saw her condition, he said it was too late, and any such treatment would only shorten her life and increase her suffering. But she requested that the operation might be performed, as she must die any way, earlier or later, and it was possible that the Lord might spare her life. She said to her friends, "I have put my whole trust in Him, and He will surely do what is best."

It was decided to comply with her wish, and a day was fixed for the operation.

When the members of Takehashi Church heard of this, they held a prayer-meeting every evening to pray for the help and blessing of God to be given to this girl. On the day of the operation, a special meeting was held at the church in Okayama, to pray for the same object.

When the appointed hour drew near she sent love to the pastor and the members of the church, with the assurance that she would meet them all in the kingdom of heaven, and requested if she should die her body might be taken to Takehashi, and buried along with her kindred and friends. To her weeping mother, who sat by her bedside, she said, "Do not be troubled about me; I am trusting in God." A few of her friends then united in prayer by her bedside, and also sang one of the familiar and favorite hymns. After they had finished, she read in the first chapter of Hebrews from the fifth verse, in regard to the excellency and glory of Christ and the ministry of angels to believers. Then she added, "I do want to hear from my Christian teacher once more before I leave this world"; and as she finished speaking, the postman handed in the very letter she so much desired. She read it with great joy, and then looked at the photographs of her schoolmates and friends.

Then turning to the doctor, she said, "I am all ready." She showed no semblance of fear, but was as calm and cheerful as usual.

The surgeon said, "Are you ready to die?" and repeated the question three times. She replied, "I am the servant of Jesus Christ, and I believe I shall go to heaven, and obtain a crown of glory. I have no fears of death."

When the surgeon heard this he said, "I have never seen such a brave person before." When he administered the chloroform she was sound asleep in twenty seconds. He was surprised at this, and remarked if she was not a Christian she would not fall asleep so readily, but would be excited and full of terror. The same day another patient was given the opiate nearly an hour before becoming insensible.

The operation lasted upward of four hours. During that time she recovered consciousness, and not being under the influence of chloroform, suffered most intensely. Then she prayed, "O Lord, help me to see what Christ suffered on the cross for my sins, and assist me to bear this pain. Thus in perfect peace and quietness she endured the most excruciating pain. Not a single murmur escaped her lips, and the physician had not the least trouble. When it was proposed to stop in the midst of the operation, she requested them to go on. All the witnesses agreed that if she had not been a Christian, she could not have borne so great suffering in such a manner. Some were thus convinced that Christianity must be the best religion, as it gave such strength and courage in the hours of severest trial.

She remained in the hospital four weeks, and was entirely restored. In four months she resumed her studies at school, and is now happy and busy once more with her former companions and friends.

This event has given great encouragement and strength to the Christians of Takehashi and Okayama.

KATHIE'S THANK OFFERING.

IN *Children's Work for Children*, M. L. Wilder tells of a little girl who said she did not wish to go to the Missionary Society meeting, for she did not care for what she called "the dirty, little, yellow and brown and black things" about whom she had heard. She thought the heathen children were very well off.

It was not long after this that she fell asleep, and dreamed that she was a heathen child, and in her dream she lived just as the little heathen children in Africa and India and China live.

She awoke screaming and sobbing, but soon became quiet when she found she had only been dreaming, and she said to her mother:

"I do believe God sent me that dream because I was so wicked and selfish. I'll never call them dirty little yellow and black things again. I wish to go to the missionary meeting, and give my money to send the Gospel to the heathen."

She went upstairs to her treasure-box and brought down a shining fifty-cent piece that she had intended to spend for candy, and said,

"I'm going to give that for a thankoffering, because I've got my own dear papa and mamma, and because my brothers do love me and are proud of me, and because I am not a little widow, or married to a dreadful man older than grandpa, but not a quarter as nice, or a Chinese girl, or a little slave-girl, or anything but just my own self."

"And because you have Jesus, dearie," added her mamma. "It is because you have Jesus that you are so different from the little girls I told you about and you dreamed about."

And Kathie replied: "A 'sperience of any thing make you a great deal more *feeliner* for other people."

Along the Line.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Letter from REV. A. E. GREEN, *dated* PORT SIMPSON, B.C., *Sept. 20th, 1889.*

WHEN we came here, many of the people were from home working, but returned sooner than usual, as the salmon ran but a short time this season, and the people have had a hard time to keep clear of debt. It is a pity that they have to leave home so much to find work; many of them are gone to Washington State now to pick hops. This is a great drawback, for many return cold and careless. At the Skeena River a good interest prevailed all through the season; quite a revival spirit was abroad, and the up-river Indians were interested and blest, and many came to me to buy hymn-books and Bibles before they started home.

The Lord still blesses his word. A poor man was brought from Skeena very ill, and he soon knew he must die. He listened gladly to the word of God, and prayed fervently for forgiveness. Jesus revealed Himself to him as the pardoner of his sins, and he said to me: "I want to be baptized now, for I am saved, and I am soon going to Jesus." He was baptized

Alexander Musgrave, and the same day died in peace, trusting in Christ. Then a little girl swallowed a nail, and in a few hours passed away. Her friends were in great sorrow, but yet so different from the poor heathens I have seen in heathen villages, who raved and cut their own bodies, not knowing their children were safe with Jesus. But here they all know that He gathers the lambs in His arms. May they follow and meet them in the better land.

Last week I was called, after midnight, to see a young man who had been brought home to die,—Alfred Wood, one of the most intelligent young men in the village, a great student, read a great deal, could write a good hand. When he first began to study the English language it was with a view to become a teacher, but he did not carry this out, and worked for other Indians, trading for them. He expressed great sorrow that he had not done more work for God, and to help spread His work; he was very penitent, prayed much, and enjoyed the presence of Christ as he entered the dark valley. He died just after saying: "Lord Jesus, take my spirit."

We have been improving the church by shingling and painting the spire, and painting the front of the building, at a total cost of about \$300. It had long needed doing, and will greatly protect the building where we have so much rain. We hope to reseal the church, fix up the inside, etc., etc., but the people are poorer than usual this season, and it may delay us in raising the funds.

The building for our Boys' Orphanage and Industrial School is up ready for the roof, and will soon be finished. We are in great need of this. Our boys from Naas we have in the mission house at present, and Miss Knight has four smaller boys in the Girls' Home others are waiting and friends plead for us to take them, but we must take no more till the building is finished. This building is 24 x 36—with a wing 24 x 30—two stories high, and with the intention of putting on the other wing by-and-by. Will some of our Christian friends help us to furnish this, and to take care of those boys and train them up for God and home. Would not the Woman's Missionary Society make a grant to provide for a few boys in this institution. The Indians are greatly pleased in seeing this building going up for such a purpose. We shall only take in needy children, and trust God will greatly bless it to the training of them to be useful men.

Miss Hargrave faithfully taught our day school the past quarter. Mr. Walker arrived by the last boat, and at once entered upon his duties. We pray he may be a great blessing to many. Pray for us.

Letter from REV. G. F. HOPKINS, *dated*, PORT ESSINGTON, *Sept. 10th, 1889.*

IN the early part of February, the people of the surrounding villages began to arrive to get work at the canneries on the river. The men were employed cutting wood and making other necessary preparations for the season's canning, while, at the same time, the women were engaged in making nets. Many of these people, as well as those of our own village, had been greatly blessed spiritually during the winter. This work was mostly among the young people. They formed

themselves into a band of Christian Workers, and held open-air prayer and testimony meetings. The regular weekly meetings were often very blessed occasions. At every meeting, for months, one or more professed conversion.

One Sabbath evening a young man arose and quoted a text in English, and then gave a rich testimony to the power of Christ to save. Another said: "I do not know much; I cannot read nor write; but I know Jesus, He saves me." They would often continue their open-air meetings till late in the evening; then go to some private house and have a prayer-meeting. A man from another village said, "That he had often come to Port Essington before, and had always found it a place where there was much sin; but this year I find it so different." Many have gone away carrying home with them more of Christianity than they brought here; while, on the other hand, we have grieved over the weakness and inconsistency of others.

Our own hands have been very full. Often, on Saturday, it was midnight before we could finish dispensing medicine, giving advice, and aiding the people in other ways. We were ably seconded in our appointments and in visiting at the various canneries by Brothers Pierce and Spencer. We are erecting a church building at Inverness; size, 23 x 32 feet. It will be a very cosy, respectable building, and we expect it to be of great service to those who may be employed at that cannery from season to season.

Facts and Illustrations.

SIN is like a river, which begins in a quiet spring but ends in a tumultuous sea.

HE who seeks only for applause from without has all his happiness in another's keeping.

THERE are 1,000 Christian Chinamen connected with the Congregational missions in California and Oregon. *Spirit of Missions.*

THERE are 47 organizations engaged in the evangelization of the Jews, with 377 workers and 195 stations. At least 150 of the missionaries are converted Jews.

DR. VERBECK thinks the island of Kiusiu is several years behind the rest of Japan in all departments of life, but it offers a favorable field for new missionary operations.

ONE of the missionaries of the China Inland Mission a Scotch gentleman worth a million, is living in China on twenty-five cents a day, using all his fortune in the work.

A FEW years ago the offerings at the temple at Monghyur, India, amounted to \$50,000 during the two days of the annual festival; now they are only \$20,000. The priests say to the missionaries, "You are the reason. Your preaching and your books have taken the fear of us and of our gods from the hearts of our people."

OF one of the greatest men of the missionary history we have no written record. A converted Chinaman on the Pacific coast sold himself to work as a coolie in New Guinea for the sake of working among his own countrymen; and before he died he personally led to

Christ two hundred of his companions. How many of such heroic lives have no written annals save in God's "book of remembrance."

MR. SPURGEON saw on a weather-cock what he thought was a strange motto, "God is Love!" and asked his friend if he meant to imply that the Divine love could be as fickle as the wind. "No," said he, "this is what I mean: whichever way the wind blows, God is love; through the cold north wind, the biting east wind, still God is love, as much as when the warm, genial breezes refresh our fields and flocks."—*The Messenger.*

A JAPANESE Christian Church in Seto recently had occasion to build a house of worship. The building was completed in May; then it became necessary to report it to the government for registration. Hitherto every church-building in Japan has been registered as private property in which Christian service would be held. No recognition being given to Christianity, its churches could not be registered as such. But as the Constitution makes all religions equally lawful, the pastor, Mr. Kato, and the local official, agreed that there was no reason for not registering this as a Christian church, exempt from taxation, with all the rights and privileges of a Buddhist temple. Such a request had never gone up to the Government before, but they decided to try it. It was granted immediately. So this little country chapel is the first building ever registered in Japan as a Christian church.—*Independent.*

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