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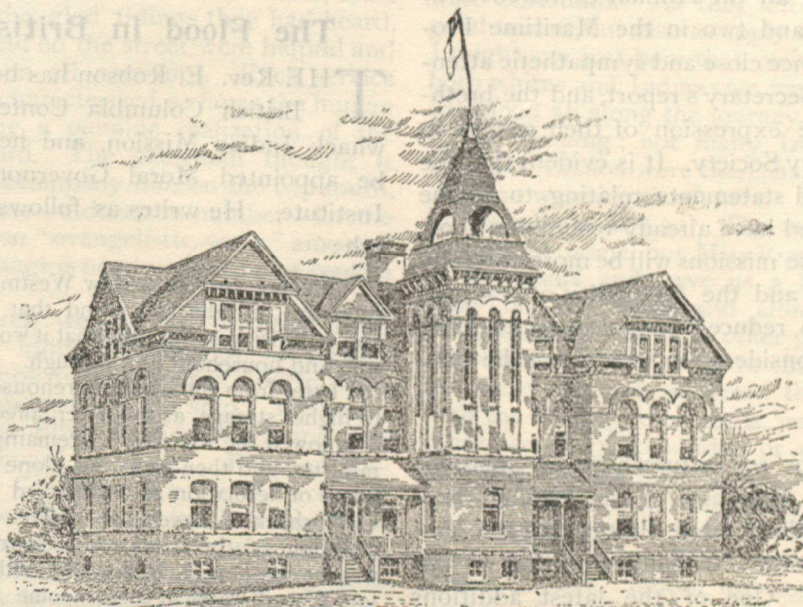
[NEW SERIES.]

## Field Notes.

THE present number of the OUTLOOK has been kept back a few days to enable us to complete changes in the mailing sheet rendered necessary by the removal of many ministers to new circuits. We trust no one will be inconvenienced by the delay.

A GREAT many Home Missionaries have failed to send in their religious reports. Please send at once.

*A Harmony of the Gospels*, from the Revised Version. By W. H. Withrow, D.D., F.R.S.C. Cloth, 194 pp. Price, 50 cents, net. Toronto: William Briggs. As stated in the preface, "the purpose of the compiler of this 'Harmony of the Gospels' has been so to interweave the narratives of the four Evangelists as to give as full and flowing an account as possible of the life of our Lord," and he has fulfilled his task with rare judgment and skill. Of the value of this unpretentious little volume, the following remarks of Prof. Amos R. Wells, in the *Sunday*



COQUELETZA HOME FOR INDIAN BOYS AND GIRLS  
ERECTED BY THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA  
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By keeping back these documents you delay the issue of the annual report.

ON the 7th of May the Rev. J. G. Dunlop, B.A., of the Japan Mission, was married in Tokyo, by the Rev. Dr. Macdonald, to Miss Ely, formerly of Kingston, Ont. We wish our dear young friends all happiness and great success in their chosen life-work.

WILL our friends on Domestic Missions read the letter from Rev. Robert E. Spence, of Swan Lake, Man., on page 101. It is most encouraging, and we hope that it will inspire many others to go and do likewise.

*School Times*, will give some idea: "Far above Concordance, Bible Index, Bible Dictionary, I count the Monotessaron (Harmony) the very best help to Bible study. Speaking for one, I may say that through recent first acquaintance with a Monotessaron, that Matchless Life has shone upon me with an entire splendor of beauty and majesty before unimagined. It has given the life and person of Christ marvellous vividness, setting facts in their due order, location, relations and proportions, while the facility it affords is a constant inspiration to fresh delightful study. Not only every Sunday-school teacher, but every Bible scholar should own one."



## Editorial and Contributed.

### Editorial Notes.

SOME time ago a difficult and dangerous surgical operation was successfully performed by a lady medical missionary on the person of a Hindu lady at Lucknow. Whereupon a heathen journal remarked: "Miracles still occur. Even to-day Jesus Christ is performing them through the female physicians whom he sends into our zenanas." This explanation is truer to fact than many a so-called Christian journal would have given.

A pathetic comment on the treatment received by the Jews in Russia is afforded by the following incident: A Jewish woman had need of clothing for her little child; the doctor brought her some. "Did Jewish ladies send these," she asked. "No, Christian ladies," said the doctor. "Christian!" said the poor woman, "I did not know that Christians could be kind."

During the past month the Missionary Secretary has been able to visit all the Annual Conferences in Ontario and Quebec, and two in the Maritime Provinces. In every instance close and sympathetic attention was given to the Secretary's report, and the brethren were hearty in the expression of their resolve to stand by the Missionary Society. It is evident that the circulars and tabulated statements relating to Home Missions recently issued have already resulted in good. The real needs of these missions will be more carefully scanned in the future, and the possibility of readjusting the work so as to reduce missionary expenditure will receive careful consideration in some of the Conferences at least.

Within a decade or so, lectureships on missions have been established in several of the leading theological seminaries of the United States, and the published reports constitute a valuable addition to our missionary literature. One of the latest additions consists of six lectures by the Rev. James S. Dennis, D.D., delivered before the faculty and students of Princeton Theological Seminary, and published by the F. H. Revell Company, of New York. The volume is entitled *Foreign Missions after a Century*, and comprises some 368 pages, with index and a bibliography of the most recent missionary literature. This book will be of permanent value to all who are interested in the cause of missions.

A Christian home in the midst of a heathen people is a powerful factor in the work of conversion and civilization. It is, in fact, a perpetual object lesson which even a barbarous people can understand. This fact is recognized by a recent Roman Catholic writer, who speaks of it as one of the "advantages which the Protestant missionaries enjoy in virtue of their mode

of life, of the influence which they create for themselves in remote countries by means of their families," and the writer admits that the Sisters of Charity "find themselves isolated, without direct support, without the maternal authority which the family procures, especially among the Oriental peoples." We have long been of opinion that, other things being equal, married missionaries are the best.

This incident is suggestive: A young English clergyman, prevented from going to the foreign field by a plain Providential call to train men for the ministry, felt that he must "send" if he could not "go." Accordingly he devotes a sufficient portion of his income to maintain a substitute on heathen soil. This is practical Christianity, and we believe a day will come when this man will have many imitators. We do not regret the costly gifts which men of wealth bestow upon colleges and institutes of various kinds, but we sincerely wish that a part of the wealth of such men was utilized in supporting substitutes in the great mission field. Even churches might take a hint from the above example, and resolve that for every dollar spent at home another dollar should go to speed the Gospel abroad.

### The Flood in British Columbia.

THE Rev. E. Robson has been appointed by the British Columbia Conference to the Chilliwack Indian Mission, and he, it is expected, will be appointed Moral Governor of the Coqualeetza Institute. He writes as follows under date of June 9th:

"When I arrived in New Westminster on May 31st, en route to Chilliwack, I found that the river was so high, and still rising so rapidly, that it would be difficult to get my wife and household stuff through. Indeed, I had to remove the latter from the wharf warehouse in New Westminster to higher storage, as the river, affected by the spring tides, overflowed the wharves. I remained a week in New Westminster, and then came on alone to 'prospect.' Such a scene of desolation as I witnessed from the Royal City to Chilliwack I never saw before. Almost all the houses abandoned; the farms and orchards under several feet of water; the houses, barns, etc., with an average of three or four feet of water in them—some ten or twelve feet; the people camped on higher locations, or finding shelter with those settlers more fortunately situated. From Chilliwack landing (?) to Coqualeetza the only obstruction to navigation in a canoe was a sidewalk in the village over which we hauled our 'dug out.' Over streets, turnpike roads, wire fences, and swing gates we paddled away until within a few hundred feet of Mr. Tate's house. The farms of Kipp, Reece, and a host of the old well-to-do men are under water. The stern-wheel steamers run right into their barnyards, and up to their front doors to remove people and cattle to higher altitudes. Coqualeetza is the centre of comfort in these times of disaster. Here all is sweet sunshine and joy. The farms all around us are safe and far, and we high and dry above all probabilities of flood.

"Bro. Ladner with his family are sheltered with Bro. Wells, Mr. Reece and family with Bro. Tate, four or five families in the camp ground shacks, etc. It has become a trite saying that affliction should make people religious. The flood has certainly driven quite a number to the camp ground and the Mission-house.

"Mr. Tate and I visited some of the Indians yesterday, and found them industrious, contented and thankful."



**Evangelistic Trip of the "Glad Tidings."**

ON the afternoon of Good Friday, the 23rd day of March, the *Glad Tidings* made her appearance at the Kit-a-Maat Indian Mission. Although we had been looking for her for some time, she came as a delightful surprise. We had not seen a "white man" since November, with the exception of two miners, who, in their turn, had not seen civilization for eight months; so, you can imagine, it was with a thrill of pleasure we saw the smiling face and felt the sympathetic grasp of the hand of Rev. T. Crosby, the veteran missionary and chairman of the District, who was on his semi-annual visit to the various missions south. The crew of the boat consisted of some warm-hearted "Christian Indians" from Port Simpson. There was also on board the native teacher and wife, with two others from Hartley Bay. A prayer-meeting was held shortly after the arrival of the steamer, followed by the ordinary service at seven o'clock. We had six services on Saturday and eight on Sunday—some on the street, some in the church. The open-air services, which were so effective in the days of Wesley, and also at the present time in many countries, have been a blessing to the Indian tribes of the north Pacific coast. We choose Indians, who are most reliable, and whose hearts are all on fire with love to speak to their fellow men of Jesus. These Indians have the gift of talk very largely developed; some are most eloquent, and when they receive the good news of salvation, which brings so much happiness and peace to their own hearts and homes, must tell somebody else the glad tidings they had heard, etc. The services held on the street were helpful and the church crowded on all occasions. Each service was interesting, and characterized, so far as the human mind could judge, by a genuine realization of the presence of the Lord. The chairman thought it advisable for me to accompany him on the trip south, with a band of Indians—a dozen in number—for the purpose of carrying on "evangelistic work" amongst the tribes whose language is nearly akin to that spoken by the Kit-a-Maats.

On the 26th March we got off in good time, had a pleasant trip, filling in the day with Bible study, in which all took part, except of course those engaged in the management of the ship. We had a good chance in these Bible studies to ground and train the Indians on board the vessel. Reached Kit-lope, at the head of Gardner's Inlet, in the evening. The snow lay nine feet deep on the level at this place. Some of the Indian houses have been crushed beneath its weight. The Indians live on ground belonging to the Cannery company, in cabins built by themselves; but are not satisfied, and, as the cannery is now closed, are going to move to the old village, twelve miles down the inlet. Many of these natives are demoralized by the vices of evil white men, whiskey, etc. However, they were heartily glad to see us. It is pleasing to be able to note that we found some faithful who had received the Gospel from a band of Kit-a-Maats, who visited them about a year and a half ago. The fact of finding these still faithful at a place surrounded by every evil and no missionary or teacher, is a proof to me of the genuineness of the work now going on. Had a meeting which will never be forgotten by all who were there. Fifteen sought and found the Saviour.

At 5 a.m., Tuesday, we were at it again. At the close of this service Mr. Crosby and I were called to attend a Council of the Chiefs of the tribe, at which they begged for a "white teacher." Our Society has had a "native teacher" at this place, off and on for the last few years, until recently. At Kit-lope our band

of Christians was increased by five. We left the place at 8 o'clock, with two canoes in tow. As we were passing Ke-man-ach, a deserted Indian village, our boat was struck by a squall; the wind gained force as we steamed along, sweeping over the barren mountains with a fury elsewhere unknown on the coast. Mr. Crosby gave a strong rope to an Indian with which to attach his canoe; but the man, to his sorrow, thought a weaker one would do. After towing in the storm for some time the rope snapped, and the poor fellow was adrift on a wild sea. The engines were stopped. He battled with the waves, and paddled at least one and a half hours before he succeeded in bringing his canoe alongside, and only just in time, as it was half full of water and split from stern to stern, and in a few moments more went to pieces. The other canoe we got at Kit-a-Maat, as a convenience for getting ashore, was swept away by the violence of the gale and lost; fortunately there was no occupant in her. We ran into a little bay for shelter, found some Indians in a fishing camp, drying halibut, who were glad to hear the Gospel. When we reached good anchorage for the night we had a "thanksgiving service." In every heart there was devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father, whose presence had cheered us in a mighty storm, and who had brought us all safely to a desired haven.

Next day, Wednesday, early morning, weighed anchor. Had the usual services. A canoe ran alongside with two Indians; we took them aboard into the cabin, had prayer with them, found that they were Christians. As they left they gave us not only good wishes, but also a supply of venison and halibut. I might say just here that owing to the kindness of both whites and Indians we were bountifully supplied with food all along the journey. Reached China Hat in the evening; not many Indians at home. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson were there, happy in the work. Two children were baptized here. On Thursday we got to Bella Bella at 2.30. The missionary, Bro. Beavis, was not at home, but Miss Ross, the teacher, met us at the wharf and gave us a hearty welcome. We sang on the wharf and along the street stirring "sacred melodies," as at other places. The aged and sick who are unable to go to church are much cheered by these open-air services; they were quite taken with the singing, etc. It is wonderful how quickly these people grasp an idea or doctrine of Scripture from the singing of a hymn, and in less than five minutes will turn it over in their mind, translate it, and sing it again in their own language. At this place several backsliders expressed their desire to return to God. Before leaving we took in a good supply of wood—six cords from the Indian store. On Friday noon at one o'clock, left Bella Bella with an addition of five to the party, making in all thirty Christians aboard. Reached Namoo at 5 p.m., where we had services for both whites and Indians. On Saturday we intended to reach and set out for the head of the inlet, but Providence intervened, and we were prevented by a very strong south-east wind, so we turned into Wannuck cannery, where we found the Indians had gathered from several villages to do preparatory work and be in readiness for the fishing season. Amongst them we found the Bella Cooles and many from Kimisquet; some, who were dressed in highly-colored blankets, with painted faces, looked hideous. There were many heathen at the place, but when we began to sing our happy hymns of love and salvation in the languages they understood, they flocked in crowds to hear, and followed us to the church, where they joined in the singing, then listened to the Word of God, and were faithfully and impressively taught the exceeding sinfulness of sin and the



blessedness of salvation. We had ten services on Sunday, beginning at 5 a.m. and closing at 11 p.m. The meeting in the evening, conducted by Mr. Crosby, was especially powerful, and many promised with the help of God to forsake their heathen customs and live and work for Jesus. Two services were held during the day with the whites. We left on Monday, 2nd April, and ran to the head of the inlet, where two canneries and a saw-mill employ hundreds of Indians, Chinese and Japanese. Bro. W. H. Gibson and his wife are doing a good work here; the people think highly of their teacher; the services are regularly held with the Indians, with the whites as often as possible, and a Sabbath-school is sustained amongst the Japanese, which gives evidence that the Japanese, though in darkness, are anxious for the light. The Oweekunay tribe was just recovering from the effects of a great feast and potlatch—closed two weeks ago—at which hundreds of dollars worth of food, blankets, etc., were given away.

A great Indian lodge, which holds 1,000 people, had been built, and an immense Totem pole raised in honor to a chief, the pole was elaborately carved, but decorated with unsightly images of men, women and animals. The two leading chiefs of this tribe opened their lodges for us in which to preach, so on the afternoon of Tuesday we gathered the people into Chief Wakum's house. What a transformation, nearly all the abominations conceived by the heathen mind ran riot two weeks ago, now they were quietly listening to the Gospel. The evening service was held in Chief Poutlaes' house; a large, anxious congregation assembled round the great log fire. At this service, Charles Abbott, the mate on the *Glad Tidings* told his experience simply and briefly, but with great effect under the circumstances. He said: "Many years ago I was a very bad man, I held my feast and pot-latch and raised my Totem pole, my heart said it was wrong, the missionary told me of my sins, of a Great Chief who died for us on the cross, of a place called heaven, and of a big fire which burns all the time and is not very far away, I was afraid, and did not want to burn in that fire, so I chopped down my pole and burned it, then asked the Chief of Heaven to forget my sins and give me a good heart, which He did. Now, I am a child of God, and live to work for Jesus." These words convinced the heart of the chief of sin, who, with ten of his followers, sought the Saviour and testified to the forgiving love of God. Thirty more the same night expressed a desire to lead a new life and asked for prayer, all wished us to remain longer. Bro. Gibson was encouraged by the outlook. Next day, Wednesday, we started on the return journey, called at Bella Bella, and held our usual meetings. The next morning, crossing Millbank Sound, we had a stiff breeze and a heavy swell. I was attending to my Bible class in the cabin, twenty present, but when we got into shelter near China Hat, only four were left with me owing to the effects of sea-sickness. We held service and took on wood at China Hat. When we reached Kit-a-Maat, Friday afternoon, we were all thoroughly tired out but happy. It being so near Sunday, we remained until Monday morning, when we started for Port Simpson to be in readiness for District Meeting. The result of the trip is hard to sum up in figures, we held fifty-five services from one to three hours in length, an average of five a day, forty-five men and women gave evidence that they had taken a decided stand for Christ, and over one hundred more made confession of sin and expressed desire to lead a new life; the round trip was 900 miles, the Gospel was preached to hundreds, who otherwise would not have heard it. It seems to me

the *Glad Tidings* is in her proper place, and in taking such trips as the one I have described, is fulfilling the purpose for which she was originally designed, and accomplishing a noble work for God, which could not otherwise be done without great hardship and danger, only her trips should be more extended, she should have a missionary aboard all the time so that the Gospel could be taken to every heathen tribe on this wild coast.

GEO. H. RALEY.

### Opening of the Coqualeetza Institute, Chilliwack, B.C.

THE formal opening of the Coqualeetza Industrial Institute took place on the 26th of April last, in the presence of a large number of visitors, the staff of the establishment and the pupils.

The building, which is situated at Sardis, about two and a half miles from the town of Chilliwack, on a good graded road, presents a handsome appearance, standing boldly out from a broad expanse of meadow and cultivated land with a background of verdure covered mountains. It is the largest and most complete establishment of the kind in the Province, and reflects much credit upon both architect and builder. It is located in twenty acres of land, the whole of which is under cultivation, and is surrounded by beautiful scenery. The structure is of brick, with three storeys and basement, being one hundred and ten feet long by sixty-two feet in width. It has accommodation for one hundred pupils, with a staff of eight or ten instructors. The basement contains dairy, laundry, play-rooms, bath-rooms and furnace-rooms. The ground floor has the kitchen, pantry, dining-room for pupils and staff; sitting-room, bed-room and office for principal; also sitting-room for lady teachers, bed-room for matron, sewing-room for girls, and reading-rooms for boys. On the second floor are school-rooms, dormitories, bed-rooms and store-rooms. The establishment is heated and ventilated throughout by the "Smead-Dowd" system, which also provides good sanitary arrangements. The dormitories are lined with rows of iron cots of handsome appearance and strongly made, with woven wire mattress, the upper end being elevated to form a pillow. On this is laid a thick felt mattress, very soft and yielding, and for covering there are good blankets and patchwork quilts of pretty design. The cots were made in the Central Prison, Toronto, and the quilts for the most part have been supplied by ladies in the East. There is a hospital in the building, but this is isolated so as to avoid any danger.

The purpose of the Institute is for the care of Indian children, and no child of Indian blood is refused admission, whatever denomination it may belong to. There are at present sixty-three pupils (thirty-seven boys and twenty-six girls), varying from little more than infancy to fifteen or sixteen years of age, all clean and happy looking, and all evidently attached to their teachers.

The staff is composed of: Rev. C. M. Tate, Moral Governor; Miss Clarke, Matron; Miss Smith, Teacher; Miss Burpee, Sewing Teacher; and Mr. C. S. Pearson, Farm and Mechanical Instructor; each of whom appears to be specially adapted for the position.

The proceedings opened at half-past two o'clock in the large school-room, there being a large number of Indians, men, women and children gathered in from the surrounding settlements, all decently and comfortably dressed, and seemingly much pleased at being present. Mr. A. W. Vowell, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, from Victoria, and Mr. Frank Devlin, Indian Agent for the district, were present; but the Lieutenant-Governor, who had been expected, was not present. Rev. Mr. Robson offered a short prayer, which was followed by an address to the Indians in their own language by the Rev. Mr. Tate, after which, on behalf of the Indians, he read an address,

Mr. Vowell, Indian Superintendent, in replying, made a pleasant speech. He said it gave him much pleasure to be present on an occasion such as the present, the formal opening of this school for Indian children, an institution which had for its purpose the education of the present and



future generations of the original inhabitants of the country. He had heard much concerning the affection entertained by the Indians for their children, and could therefore understand with what feelings of joy those present must see the present preparations for the education of their sons and daughters; and the opportunities thereby given for their improvement and future well-being. And he wished to tell them that it was the wish of every one who had the interest of the Indians at heart, and also of the Government who had spent so much money towards erecting such a grand institution, that they would all send their children to the school, so that they may be able to derive the full benefit of such a good work. He was pleased to receive this address, as showing they appreciated the efforts of the missionaries and the Indian officers.

An examination of the pupils was then conducted by Miss Smith, their teacher. The questioning was made individually, by classes, and collectively, and after each service, questions were also asked by visitors by request; the answers being quick and correct in every case. The exercises were interspersed with hymns by the children, the singing, as well as their replies to the questions in grammar, geography, hygiene and various subjects, proving the great and patient care that had been bestowed upon them by their teacher, Miss Smith, whose whole energy is evidently thrown into the noble task she has undertaken, and who, as also the Rev. Mr. Tate, appears to have a thorough knowledge of the character and temperament of every pupil, and whose voice or sign is obeyed with a willing alacrity which proves the existence of that thorough reliance and sympathy between teacher and pupil so necessary to successful training.

At the conclusion of the examination short speeches, eulogising the institution and complimenting the staff and teachers, were made by Rev. Mr. Logan and Mr. Vowell.

The building was then formally inspected by the Government officials, accompanied by the staff of the institute, all being highly pleased at the commodious arrangement and cleanly, cheerful appearance of the various rooms and apartments; after which the guests were regaled with an excellent tea, on the completion of which the party broke up into small conversational knots, until called together to listen to the evening's entertainment, which, after prayer offered by the Rev. Mr. Logan, consisted of some excellent speeches from Mr. Devlin, Mr. Wells, Rev. Logan, Mr. Vowell, and Reeve Cawley. Very interesting speeches were also made by Rev. Mr. Ladner and Rev. Mr. Robson, the latter as chairman; these gentlemen, from their long residence and thorough knowledge of the country and people, being specially competent to pronounce on their advancement, and Mr. Robson, by his humorous anecdotes, giving much zest to the evening's entertainment. Rev. Mr. Tate also gave a concise account of the progress of the institute, together with its cost, which, up to the present, was \$25,000, assisted by an annual grant from the Government of \$1,300. After which the building was formally declared open by Mr. Vowell on behalf of the Government, and by Rev. Mr. Ladner on behalf of the Methodist Missionary Society.

The whole proceedings were conducted throughout in a pleasant and systematic manner, showing that the management was in competent hands. In fact, the conduct of the establishment, the appearance of the pupils, the energy and kindness of the staff, and the evident sympathy existing between pupils and teachers is convincing proof that the establishment is in good hands, and that whatever beneficial results are possible will be elicited by those in charge. And it is earnestly to be hoped that their efforts may bear fruits equal to the desires of those "lovers of mankind," who have erected this edifice and who devote themselves to its success.

The entertainment closed at 9.45 with prayer and a hearty rendering of the National Anthem.

WHEN the Queen of Madagascar, who is at war with the saloons in her kingdom, was approached by the saloon-keepers, whose business she had suppressed, and asked for compensation, she answered briefly: "Compensate those whom you have wronged and I will pay the balance."

## Along the Line.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Letter from REV. W. H. PIERCE, dated PORT ESSINGTON, B.C., June 6, 1894.

SINCE my last letter to you God has been speaking very loud to all who have not listened to His Holy Spirit. One of Mr. Cunningham's freight canoes got lost coming down through the Kit-Qjequcla canyon last week. All hands lost. All the men belong to Kishpyax mission. Oh! that the living may listen now, and be prepared to meet their God in peace.

William Paul Legure, one of the Kit-Qjequcla chiefs, was amongst the crew. Poor man! The last time I saw him was when we went up last fall by the steamer *Caledonia*, preaching the everlasting Gospel to all the interior Indians. He was a happy man among his people. During the winter he and a few others went up the river to tell the heathen of every village what Jesus, God's only son, had done for them. They stayed at Kishpyax a few weeks, till God poured out His Holy Spirit upon the people. William was well-liked as a young chief by whites and Indians. All the gold miners and traders who knew him on this river spoke very highly of him as an honest Indian. He has been a good help to our missionaries on this district. I will miss him a great deal. May God raise others to follow him. His poor wife and three children are still at the canyon alone. No one could go to help them. The water is very high. All the cords of wood for the steamer *Caledonia* floated away from the banks of the river. She cannot come through the canyon at present. It is five weeks since she left Simpson. The last report we heard is that she has not got up to Hazleton yet. We pray that God's Holy Spirit may come down upon us all, like the mighty flood on the Skeena river. So the sin of every kind may be washed away. I just came back yesterday from Inverness cannery. Preached four times on Sunday, both to our own people and to Mr. Duncan's. I understand by Bro. Crossby's letter that our Conference has appointed me on *Glad Tidings* as evangelist among the many tribes of Indians. I have nothing to fear but sin. God has promised to go with us. The Christian Band Workers here are ready to go anywhere and tell their heathen brethren of the great joy and peace that comes to them through faith in Christ. Asking all my warm-hearted white brothers and sisters to remember the *Glad Tidings* at the throne of grace, as she goes from village to village carrying the precious news to all those who are still in great darkness of sin. Our trust is in the name of God and in the power of His mighty Gospel.

### MANITOBA.

Letter from REV. R. E. SPENCE, dated SWAN LAKE, MAN., June 12, 1894.

I THOUGHT I would write you a few lines before leaving this Circuit.

When I came to this field a year ago I found that the former pastor had made it self-supporting. As the amounts raised for ministerial support that year were very small, I thought that his action was premature, but to-day I believe it was the best thing that could be done for it. Being independent, the people feel their responsibility more, and no doubt will see to it that their minister is well supported.

Though the times have been very hard this year, yet we have made a large advance in every respect on last year. There was \$44 raised on the field last year for Missions and this year we have advanced to \$75. On nearly all the other funds I think we have advanced at least fifty per cent. I believe if a Circuit wishes to prosper, they should give liberally for the propagation of the Gospel in the dark places of the earth. Not being able to go themselves, they should give of their means to send others.



I believe that there are other fields in Manitoba just as capable of being made self-supporting as this, and I hope that they may be stimulated to make the effort as soon as possible.

## West China.

Letter from REV. J. ENDICOTT, B.A., dated CHEN-TU, SZ-CHUAN, CHINA, April 10, 1894.

"The Boys," Wesley College, Winnipeg, Can.

DEAR FELLOW STUDENTS,—I am reminded that this is the season of specially hard work with most of you. We are at length settled in our home and have taken our bearings in some degree. We have a first-class home, taking into consideration that we are in China, and also that we belong to the missionary family. It is much better than we expected, and if you will promise to keep a secret, I will tell you that there is no more cosy and comfortable home among all the missionaries here than the one your representatives occupy and enjoy. And since we are so cut off from outside intercourse, this is of very great importance. Perhaps a few words concerning our mission premises, etc., may not be out of place here. Well, then, I am glad to be able to tell you that Dr. Hart has succeeded in purchasing a splendid property in this city, a task requiring great tact and patience, to a degree, indeed, that probably is little imagined at home. The property consists of two very large lots in a very good part of the city, quite close to the city wall, and also to one of the fine military parade grounds, so that we can get plenty of fresh, pure air. On the one lot the houses that were there when the property was purchased have been fixed over to a large extent, and made suitable for residences. Dr. Hart and family occupy one house, Dr. Stevenson and family occupy one-half of a double house, while we occupy the other half. Dr. Hare has had rooms fixed up for him also. The whole appearance of the place on the exterior is thoroughly Chinese. We have our big and imposing gate, also the open courts, surrounded by buildings so common in the East. In addition to the residences some of the other buildings have been converted into school-rooms. At present we have both a boys' and a girls' day school on the place. Last, though not least, we have the fine new chapel that has only recently been completed. I can assure you that it is a credit to our mission. I said last, but I forgot one other very important institution on our premises, the Book-room. It is situated just beside the big gate and here stands from morning till night a man selling Gospels and tracts at very low prices to the many hundreds of people who daily pass along the street. It serves also as a good place to do some informal preaching to the little groups that are constantly to be found there, curiously examining or asking questions concerning the books.

The other lot is for our big hospital that we are going to have here, and at which there is a large number of men at present employed. When this is built we shall have a splendid mission station, although Dr. Hart wants to have in addition a printing press and a High school established here.

Mr. Hartwell lives about half a mile away from us on rented premises. Here also at present the ladies of our Womans' Missionary Society reside. Mr. Hartwell has a good work in connection with his chapel and schools going on.

Perhaps had I written in the best form, I should first have given you some general idea of the city and surrounding country, before speaking of any particular spot within the city. I intend, however, some day in the near future to send you a map of Chen-tu and I shall take the opportunity of saying some things about this great provincial, and at one time in the history of China, Imperial capital.

You will perhaps be wondering about the study of the language and how I am getting along at it. Suppose I begin by saying something about the teacher. In the first place then the term Chinese *teacher* is a misnomer, for a teacher in any true sense he is not. In studying the Chinese language you have to be both student and teacher in one. Your teacher, if you permit the term, knows no solitary word of English, and so can explain no

difficulty, but in the language to which you are a perfect stranger. The term that would best describe him, I consider, is "a speaking dictionary." You point out the character and he pronounces it for you. It is only after you have secured, either from books or from catching expressions from the people (rather by both means), a little stock of words and expressions that you can get anything more out of your teacher. His great work with his pupil is to help him in using the correct idiom and in helping him to a clear and exact pronunciation and tone. All students of any foreign language know the difficulty usually found in reference to idiom and pronunciation, but China gives the student of her language the additional and difficult task of mastering her tones if he wishes to be understood in speech. Nearly all missionaries have rather amusing incidents to relate in reference to the use of a wrong tone. An example or two will show how easy it is to make mistakes. Thus, the pronunciation for the three characters signifying *soup*, *sugar*, and *to lie down*, are exactly alike, viz., "t'ang" (aspirated), so that if you should say you wanted "t'ang," the only thing that would enable a Chinaman to tell which of the three you really wanted would be the tone in which you spoke. "Le-tsi" is the pronunciation for *pears*, *plough* and *plums*, with different tones for each.

I think one with a fairly musical ear has the advantage in studying Chinese on this account, that they can make nicer discriminations in reference to tones, and can more easily acquire the habit of using them.

I have begun my reading of Chinese in the Gospel of John. There are over eleven hundred different characters in this Gospel, and five or six thousand are sufficient for all practical purposes in Chinese reading or speaking, so that the mastery of John will be quite a step at least to this end. I make it a point to try and catch from the people around me as many expressions as I can, as the expressions derived from the books are apt to be very stilted in character.

I had not been two weeks in Chen-tu before I was out on the streets purchasing articles alone. One can learn much by knocking around in this fashion that he would learn in no other way. The people are very generally respectful. I often try to say something to the people around us (workmen) in broken Chinese, and get them to say it to me as I ought to say it. I am still hopeful in respect of the language, although the hot weather is upon us now and it is hard to study many hours in a day.

Now, I will close this letter, and do so with the firm intention of sending another within a week. I have just received Mr. Cross' letter of February 2nd, and I cannot tell what great cheer and blessing it has brought to our hearts.

All praise and honor to our Heavenly Father for His goodness to us all!

The Lord of Hosts is with us.

IN the village of Senite in Burmah, the women wear thirty and often forty pounds of brass wire as ornaments, and the first result of Christian teaching is in their being willing to give up this weary load.

THE POWER OF CONSCIENCE.—The end of the Louisiana Lottery campaign ought to strengthen every man's faith in the power of conscience. When this campaign was commenced it was by a forlorn hope. The very voices which should have appealed to public conscience were seemingly paralyzed. The political leaders were frightened or bought; the churches were silent; the press would not even advertise an Anti-Lottery meeting, much less advocate the Anti-Lottery cause. Then it was that a few brave men, deliberately co-operating, began a call to arms. They had the courage of their convictions; and when convictions, conscience and courage combine, they make a foe dangerous to any iniquity. The Lottery forces captured the Democratic machine only to find themselves confronted with a bolt too considerable in size and too determined in spirit to be despised. They imported arms and found that their opponents dared to fight. They proposed a compromise which offered a promise of future surrender for a present vantage ground, and were met with a prompt refusal, and now the surrender is absolute.—*Christian Union*.



## Missionary Readings.

### An Impartial Testimony.

A FEW years ago, Col. Charles Denby, who was spending some time in China, wrote his friend, Gen. Shackleford, of Evansville, Indiana. This letter was published in full in the *Missionary Review*. We make a few extracts from it: "Believe nobody when he sneers at the missionaries. The man is simply not posted on the work. I saw a quiet, cheerful woman teaching forty or more Chinese girls. She teaches in Chinese the ordinary branches of common school education. Beneath the shadow of the 'forbidden city' I heard these girls sing the Psalms of David and 'Home, Sweet Home.' I saw a male teacher teaching forty or more boys. The men or women who put in from eight o'clock to four o'clock in teaching Chinese children, on a salary that barely enables one to live, are heroes or heroines as truly as Grant or Sheridan, Nelson or Farragut; and all this in a country where a handful of Americans are surrounded by 300,000,000 Asiatics, liable at any moment to break out into mobs and outrages, particularly in view of the tremendous crimes committed against their race at home. I visited the dispensaries, complete and perfect as any apothecary shop at home; then the consultation rooms, their wards for patients coming without money or without price, to be treated by the finest medical and surgical talent in the world. There are twenty-three of these hospitals in China. Think of it! Is there a more perfect charity in the world? The details of all the system were explained to me. There are two of these medical missionaries here who receive no pay whatever. The practice of the law is magnificent, but who can rival the devotedness of these men to humanity? I have seen missionaries go hence a hundred miles, into districts where there is not a white person of any nationality, and they do it as coolly as you went into battle at Shiloh. And these men have remarkable learning, intelligence and courage. It is perhaps a fault that they court nobody, make no effort to attract attention, fight no selfish battle. It is idle for any man to decry the missionaries or their work. I can tell the real from the false. These men and women are honest, pious, sincere, industrious, and trained for their work by the most arduous study. I do not address myself to the churches, but as a man of the world, talking to sinners like himself, I say that it is difficult to say too much good of missionary work in China."

### The Power of Prayer.

DR. BUNKER popped in upon us the other morning. He came down in the night train, and was going back in the night train; only here for the day, to lay in his supplies for a three months' tour among the Breecks—a tribe of Karens, very low down and fierce, hitherto unapproachable, but a great change has come over them in this wise: A little while ago a company of this tribe made a raid on a Christian village and carried of three captives, two boys and a girl. They said: "Now, we'll see; if the Christians' God delivers these captives out of our hands we will believe in Him and all become Christians, but if their God cannot deliver them, we'll go over and take some more captives." Just at this juncture Dr. Bunker arrived at the village of Christians, who had all been praying for help. They quickly told Dr. Bunker, and he said, "Well, this is a case of God *versus* the Devil," and he felt strong to say, "God will deliver them, keep on praying." He sent a message, demanding the release of the captives, to the fierce, warlike tribe, and got the word back, "Come on; get them if you can; we have guns." He sent them then his *ultimatum*, as he called it. "If you do not deliver up those captives we will leave you in the hands of our God, who can deal with you." Meanwhile he and all the Christians prayed mightily. The messengers with the "ultimatum" met them on the road bringing back one of the captives. He then selected one of his preachers and

fourteen followers to go unarmed for the other two. When they got to the village they did not say a word to any of the tribe, but planted themselves in the road. The preacher took his hymn-book and read a hymn, which they sung; then he read a portion of Scripture and preached, then prayed, and by that time the villagers brought the captives to them, and said, "Now, take them, and be gone." This, of course, has made a great stir among the Christians, and they expect a great ingathering from the Breecks. The captives tell them that a brother of the chief who stole the captives, talked strongly about the wickedness of the deed (himself an awfully wicked man), and the wife of the chief begged her husband to make peace while he could, showing how God was operating to bring about answers to the prayers of the Christians.—*Missionary in Burmah, in Life and Light*.

### Women of India in 1795 and Now.

IN 1795 there was scarcely a woman able to read amongst Hindus or Mohammedans, save those who from their birth had been devoted to a life of immorality. To-day there are lady graduates of the universities.

The story of the growth of opinion on this subject is most interesting. 1st. Girls had to be paid to attend school, and their parents paid to send them. But those induced to attend school being of the less influential classes, as soon as they were married, had no leisure to read, no money to purchase books. For years this good work was like an attempt to fill a sieve with water.

At length the hour of opportunity came. The educated men wanted educated wives, and fathers found that, where it was difficult to obtain a husband for an ignorant daughter, an educated one was greatly sought after. In itself it is a thing to be thankful for that, by means of our girl's schools and zenana education, the minds of tens of thousands of women are trained, and their lives brightened by being able to read.

But from a missionary standpoint it is vastly more interesting. The home is the stronghold of Hinduism; the wife and mother are the dominating force there. Hitherto this has been against us. Gradually it is coming to our side. The wives and mothers have held back many who were within a step of the Kingdom of Christ; now, knowing what Christianity is, and themselves feeling the attraction of Jesus, they will aid rather than hinder us. If the century's work could indicate no other result than the gaining of India's women to hear the story of the Cross, that work would not have been in vain.—*Rev. W. J. Wilkins, in L.M.S. Chronicle*.

### Unable to do Anything but Pray.

IN his revival lectures, Mr. Finney tells of a man in New York State, whose name he does not give—a consumptive, poor and sick, unable to do anything but pray. Yet his intercessions brought answers to one soul and one community after another, and even to distant fields in pagan and heathen soil. Revivals sprang up as if spontaneously and unaccountably, but after his death his diary revealed the secret cause. Daily he set apart certain hours for certain ministers, churches, committees and mission stations. Often in these pages would be found such an entry as this:

"To-day I have been enabled to offer what I believe to be the prayer of faith for the outpouring of the Spirit on —, and I trust in God that there will soon be a revival there." And not long after would follow the record of the answer, even in places as distant as Ceylon.

What is more remarkable, the revivals followed in the order named, as though to defy any explanation but that found in prevailing prayer. During his sickness, as death drew nigh, he was especially engrossed in prayer for the town he lived in. After he died his works followed him, and that last prayer found gracious and abundant answer in the place of his residence. The prayer was recorded on high, and his tears put into God's bottle, and though the praying lips were dumb, and the holy tears wiped from his eyes, the prayers he had offered came back in convert-



ing grace, and the tears he had shed descended in abundant showers of blessing.

Prayer is appointed to convey  
The blessings God designs to give ;  
Long as they live should Christians pray ;  
They learn to pray when first they live.

## Our Young Folk.

### The Next Time Band.

BY MISS S. POLLOCK.

MISS PATIENCE BRIGHT had a Mission Band of "Faithful Workers" as bright as her own name. How earnest her girls and boys were! How prompt to bring their dues! What good meetings they used to have! The secretaries of the Woman's Board called it one of the best Bands in the state, and Miss Patience was always writing to her friend, Miss Jones, how delightful it was, and urging her to form a band of her own.

"I'll have her come here some day and see my Band, and then she'll go home and organize," she said to herself.

This Band was a beautiful fruit-bearing vine, and no doubt the great Gardner rejoiced over it. But from an unexpected quarter one of the "little foxes" as Solomon calls them, began a sly attack, down the root oot.

"I forgot to bring my money, but I'll bring it next time," said Frank Evans on a fatal day when the basket was passed.

"Recitation, by Edith Moore," said Miss Patience quickly to cover Frank's confusion.

"Please, Miss Patience, I forgot to learn my recitation, but I'll be sure to remember it next time."

The recitation was a beautiful one, and the most important exercise for that meeting, but Miss Patience quietly passed on and the meeting closed. If Frank and Edith had known what a hungry little fox they had just let in they would have killed him before the next meeting. But it was coasting time, and Frank wanted to re-paint his sled. It made him a little short, so instead of having enough money at the next meeting to pay for two months he was again obliged to say "next time." The third time it was harder still to get the nickles together. Meantime, the younger boys who looked up to Frank, had sleds to paint and skates to mend, and began to say, "I'll bring my money next time," till the receipts fell off seriously. Miss Patience reminded and admonished, but the fox seemed to be so harmless, no one but herself seemed to realize how the vine was being spoiled.

Edith Moore's "next time" had not been unnoticed. Others promised to get their map exercise, or their recitation, or their item of news ready for "next time." The letter sent from the Missionary Rooms to the little secretary was left at home—she would bring it "next time." The meetings grew less interesting because few did their part promptly, and some began to say the Band was "not nice any more," and they would "not go till next time."

Miss Jones had long been thinking she ought to organize a Mission Band. "I'll go first and see how Patience Bright does it," she said to herself. "I suppose she has a model Band, and I may as well begin mine right as wrong."

Now, before the arrival of the "little fox" Miss Patience would have been delighted. As it was she welcomed her friend with a good many misgivings. Her programme had been well prepared, all the exercises given out in due season, and all the children urged to be diligent. "Oh if only the little fox would not come!"

But there he was, grown larger since the last meeting. One, and another, and another, had forgotten to do their part, thinking it would do just as well "next time." The meeting was almost a failure. So was the contribution; and Miss Patience went home deeply mortified. "Did she scold?" Oh, no; Miss Patience was too wise to do that.

June came, and strawberry time. From the first organization of the "Faithful Workers, each year they had had a delightful afternoon. Miss Patience had invited them to a strawberry festival of their very own, and they filled the afternoon with music, and games, and frolic, and had always

gane home thinking that Miss Patience was the "very best band-leader that ever did live."

But this year, week after week went by. What could Miss Patience be thinking of? The strawberries would soon be gone! At last they were gone; the summer heat had come; the great shady lawn at Miss Patience's home was growing dry and dusty, but no invitation had come!

Just then something happened which seemed likely to revive the attendance at the Band meetings. It was whispered about that a friend of Miss Patience in China, had sent her a wonderful box of curios. There could be no doubt about it, for Nellie Moore had been sent on an errand to Miss Patience the very day the box was opened, and she said there were "butterflies and funny little cloth dollies, and a boy blowing the fire with his mouth all in a pucker. Yes, and a really, truly live—no, of course, I mean a *dead* idol."

Everybody "just knew" Miss Patience would bring all these to the next Band meeting, and everybody turned out and brought their friends. Some even thought that the strawberry festival had been put off on purpose, and Miss Patience would surprise them with something specially pleasant.

Miss Patience came, but neither box nor bundle was to be seen. The exercises went on as usual, with a good many "next times," and then the leader said, "My friend in China has sent me a box which I am sure you will all enjoy, but I thought it would do just as well next time. I have noticed ever since January you like to do things next time, and while I do not think it the best way, I have concluded to help you all I can. You have probably noticed that we did not have our festival this summer, but perhaps you all feel that it would do quite as well next summer."

The little fox pricked up his ears. Even Miss Patience was on his side; hereafter he could gnaw the vine as much as he chose.

"Now," continued Miss Patience, "I think we ought to change the name of our Band, and call it the 'Next Time Band.' Then the Woman's Board will know that our pledge will not be met till next year, and the missionaries will know that our share for the Port Simpson Home and the McDougall Orphanage will not come till next year, and they can make the children do without part of their meals. All in favor of this please hold up their hands."

"No, no, no! Miss Patience," came from all parts of the room. "We want our old name. Let us begin all over again, and we will try to be real, *true* 'Faithful Workers.'"

At the sound of the first "no," the little fox glided under the back row of chairs, and before the clamor was ended he shot out of the door that little Johnny Green had forgotten to shut.

The members of the Band did begin anew, for they had been thoughtless, not altogether selfish. They went to work with might and main, and made good what they lacked the first six months. By the fifteenth of October they had, by real self-denial and hard work, completed the pledge made at the beginning of the year, and revived the interest in the meetings.

The little fox was no more seen among the Faithful Workers. Did he run into your Band? Or yours?—*Mission Studies.*

You all realize that the Bible is heavenly wise in matters concerning the soul; but do you also know how earthly wise it is as regards the body? For instance, London statistics show that a Jew's life is twice as long as a Gentile's. The great medical authorities says that Jews escape epidemics more readily than any other race, and endure disease, when overtaken, more stubbornly. Consumption is almost unknown among them, tubercular diseases in general being very rare. And suicides (though this is aside from the question) are only one-fourth as frequent as among the Gentiles. Now, why? Is it not because their laws concerning food, and drink, and clothes, and houses, and marriage, and work, and even recreation (namely, those three joyous trips to Jerusalem during the year) are the wisest laws ever given for daily living? We would naturally expect God to know how we ought to govern these bodies He has given us, and these statistics seem to prove that He does.—*Missionary Visitor.*



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" THIS IS THE VICTORY, EVEN OUR FAITH."

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

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

## PRAYER TOPIC.

"What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? Can that faith save him?"

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."—Jas. ii. 14-26.


## Chat With the Editor.

JUDGING from the amount of matter that confronts your editor this month—reports of Auxiliaries about fifty, of District Conventions some twelve or more, official letters, memorial and other communications, we deem it best, seeing that for the next two months our Auxiliaries will be in vacation, to give all the space to the work. During the eight years now drawing to a close, in which we have conducted

this department, the work has steadily grown, a large constituency of intelligent workers and writers has been nursed into activity, which has elevated our W.M.S. to a rank quite equal to many older ones, and developed powers among the Methodist women of our country hitherto undreamed of. There is good material every month to fill a paper the size of the OUTLOOK. It is high time we provided one. We present this thought to our members for the quiet of the vacation season. Since the establishment of "Palm Branch" our readers and workers who desire to keep posted, pay forty cents for papers—*Leaflet* 5c., *P. B.* 10c., *OUTLOOK* 25c., thus they pay the price of a paper the size of *OUTLOOK*, whose regular price is 40c. How much better to combine all our work in one paper, which would bring all our departments together for every reader, and for the same money! The plan, as it appears to us, would not involve much more expenditure than that employed at present. Last year we spent on *Monthly Letter Leaflet* \$525.62, and on the annual report \$643.95. The reported deficit in the sale of these amounts to \$442.18. (See Report 92-93.) With a paper one issue could be devoted every year to the annual report, say, December number, and a loose page every month to the study and programme. Thus we should have all information in compact form, and the bound volumes from year to year would preserve the history we are making as a Society. We submit that this would be a very great improvement on the fugitive method at present employed. Our sisters are kindly urged to think this over.

Several reports from District Conventions and Auxiliaries are held over for want of room.

## Notice from Room 20.

 The Executive Committee, at its last meeting, authorized the Literature Committee to close Room 20 during the month of August. Will our friends please send all orders before July 25?

Will Corresponding Secretaries and individual subscribers to the *Monthly Letter Leaflet* please notice the date on the printed address, and observe when the subscription expires. If the label bears the date, Sept., '94, the subscription expires with that number, and should be removed before the 15th of the same month.

## New Organizations Effected.

ON January 17th, with the able assistance of Mrs. R. A. Atkinson, an Auxiliary was organized at Mimico, with the following officers: President, Mrs. (Rev.) G. H. Brown; Vice-President, Mrs. Whitlam; Cor. Sec., Miss Whitlam; Rec. Sec., Miss Parker; Treasurer, Mrs. McDonald. Sixteen became members. A little Band, called the "Do-without Band," has since been established in connection with it.

Parkdale Church has a healthy Mission Band in its second year; but this year the desire to have also a Mission Circle of somewhat older members resulted in such an organization, called the "Sunbeam," being effected on January 31st. The officers are: President (temporarily), Mrs. W. Hamilton; Vice-President, Miss Flossie Welch; Rec. Sec., Master Percy Biggs; Cor. Sec., Master Powell Hamilton; Treas.,



Miss Ruby Smith; Agent for Palm Branch, Master Joe Cather. This Circle has a membership of twenty-five.

The "Busy Bees" Mission Band, in connection with St. Alban's Church, Toronto, was organized on March 15th, with twenty members. The officers elected were: President, Miss Mith; Vice-President, Mrs. McCullough; Rec. Sec., Vera Fowler; Cor. Sec., Ethel Cassidy; Treas., Ethel Addison.

At the close of the Sabbath School at McCaul Street, Toronto, on April 15th, a young ladies' Mission Circle was formed, with about twenty-five members, and called "Heart-ease." Following are the names of the officers: President, Mrs. Lightfoot; Vice-President, Miss Riddle; Rec. Sec., Miss Brown; Cor. Sec., Miss Somers; Treasurer, Miss Smith. Mrs. W. HAMILTON, *District Organizer,*  
*West Toronto.*

### Western Branch.

WILL the corresponding secretaries of Auxiliaries please take notice that after June 27th, Mrs. A. Cunningham's address will be Box 406, St. Mary's.

### Kit-a-Maat.

A LARGE force of most interested and active toilers in our mission fields are rarely heard from. We refer to the devoted and self-sacrificing wives of our missionaries. Their sisters in the W.M.S. are wont to pray for them, and, we believe, glad to hear from them. We are sure the following will be read with pleasure:

*Dear Mrs. Parker*—Confident that the readers of the W.M.S. Department of the OUTLOOK will be interested in Mission Work, even though it be not directly connected with the Society, I venture to send you an account of that which is being doing at Kit-a-Maat. Possibly you are as ignorant of the geographical situation of this Indian village as I was a year ago, when I learned that Mr. Raley had been appointed to it by the British Columbia Conference.

In order to let every one know I must tell you it is 140 miles from Port Simpson, and about 500 miles north of Victoria, and 40 miles up an inlet called Douglas Channel; although so far from the main coast we have the salt water. Kit-a-Maat is one of the isolated missions; Hartley Bay, a very small Indian village at the mouth of the inlet, where we got our mail is our nearest neighbor.

We arrived last August, Mr. Crosby having taken us from Port Simpson on the "Glad Tidings." We found less than a dozen people at home, and the village overgrown with weeds, there was one redeeming feature, a row of flowers in a profusion of bloom in front of the shabby little mission house. We had quite a time to get things in order. The Indians soon began to return from the canneries and logging camps, but it was October before the village had its usual number, about 350.

Miss Shelvey, the teacher, arrived the middle of September and opened school. Our work had not to be sought, it was ever on hand.

Mr. Raley attacked the language at once, and is now able to speak it. I set myself to learn a few accomplishments—such as laundry-work and bread-making.

I was surprised to find how much of the missionary's time had to be given to the dispensing of medicine and the care of the sick.

Kit-a-Maat never having had an ordained minister before, Mr. Raley had a great many matters to attend to. I can scarcely tell you how the days passed, but each one brought numerous duties.

I had to train a choir for Christmas, and Miss Shelvey organized a Band of Hope, and drilled the children in some temperance marching songs; she made three flags for them to carry as they marched on New Year's Day. Christmas week was such a busy one we decided we could exist without another such for a year.

At this time we learned that nearly all the people would soon have to hunt and make canoes. We felt sorry that the children should be taken from school, but could see no help for it. However, the day after New Year's, without any warning whatever, Mr. Raley informed me we must have a home. I was thunderstruck, not because I could

not see the wisdom of the idea, but because of ways and means. In the first place, there was no house; the mission-house, which had been a thorn in the flesh to me, could accommodate no more. It consists of three rooms and a small place for medicines, and it was difficult to have anything like comfort, especially as I had to find room for six to twelve months' provisions. Notwithstanding seeming difficulties, after prayerful and thoughtful consideration, the thing was settled, and in two weeks we had the children under our care.

Mr. Raley bought lumber from the Indians, and by paid and voluntary labor he had a temporary building put up between the school and mission-house, uniting them. Of course the building was made of rough lumber; it contained a sleeping-room for the girls, and a small kitchen, wash-room and store-room. Such a time as there was to construct that building. The men who shingled had to come down frequently to warm their hands, and I remember that nails were so scarce in the village, after buying every available one, Mr. Raley drew some from my kitchen walls, on which tins, etc., had hung. The back of the school-room was partitioned off to make a place for the boys to sleep; the remainder had to answer for dining-room and school. We had twenty-two children, from eight to sixteen years old.

They brought their bedding and dishes, and such a motley array I had never seen, nor had I seen such queerly clad boys and girls; the outer garments were not the worst. However, in spite of inconveniences and cold weather, with seven feet of snow, and the coldest of cold buildings, we plodded on, and I think we can deem our maiden effort a success.

Miss Shelvey has the satisfaction of knowing that regular schooling for three months accomplishes more than haphazard for nine. She had charge of the children to a great extent.

We rented a stove for the kitchen, but found that the work could be done with more comfort by using mine. I looked after the cooking generally, and made the bread with the little help the girls could render. It was impossible to teach them much in the line of housework, owing to lack of suitable buildings, necessary utensils, etc. The boys had to saw, pack and split the wood and carry water. The parents provided some native food, and we supplied rice, beans, flour, etc. We get our supplies from Victoria, and it is sometimes difficult to bring them from Hartley Bay, as we have to depend on canoes. We were three months without mail during the winter.

The children had a daily drill in Bible study. They enjoyed it, too. I might mention that Mr. Raley started a Sunday School, and the older people were immensely pleased at the readiness with which the "Home" boys and girls answered. Rev. Mr. Crosby visited us in March and encouraged us greatly. He says the "Home" must go on. I believe it is the only way to educate Indian children. The people having returned, and the time for departure to District Meeting having arrived, we gave the children a holiday at the end of March, that is, so far as the "Home" was concerned. Miss Shelvey continued the day school as usual. We purpose opening the "Home" again as soon as possible after Conference. We find, in order to have cleanliness, we must furnish the bedding and much of the clothing. Let me assure you that these supplies, together with towels, dry goods, etc., etc., and donations of money, will be most gratefully received. The institution thus far has been carried on on the "faith" principle, and though, apart from the missionaries, no financial aid has come to us, yet we realize that our faith has been honored. Miss Shelvey and I have done our best, but we feel the need of a matron. Miss Shelvey, outside of school hours, tried to teach sewing, and she also served the meals. I, of course, had my own home to care for, and various other duties belonging to the lot of a missionary's wife. On account of our limited quarters and the presence of both boys and girls, it was necessary for Mr. Raley, or either of us, to be in constant attendance.

I sincerely hope that our "Home" may engage the sympathy of the W.M.S. and many others, and that soon we may have a suitable building and a matron in charge.

Yours sincerely,

MAUDE GILES RALEY.



## Memorial of Miss Lund,

*Read at District Conventions in Tilsonburg and St. George.*

MISS HANNAH LUND, daughter of James and Margaret Lund, of Woodstock, was born in the township of East Oxford, April 29th, 1862. She was converted very early in life, and joined the Church at eleven years of age, under the pastorate of Rev. Shem Blanshard. From a mere child she was always willing and glad to do any work for the Master, such as missionary collecting, Sabbath School teaching, playing the organ, or singing in the choir. She always loved to sing praises to God, and many times, after returning from Japan, she said, "I thank God for the gift of song; it was such a power for good in my work among the Japanese women."

All through her school life she applied herself very closely to her studies, so much so that acquaintances considered her very reserved, but not those who knew her well. From childhood she was upright, patient, unselfish and untiring in her zeal for the good of all with whom she came in contact. Her whole life was consecrated to God from earliest knowledge of right and wrong.

In her fourteenth year she was appointed pupil-teacher in the school in which she was pursuing her studies. In her eighteenth year she took charge of her first school. At the end of the year she went to the Normal in Toronto, and then took charge of another school, in which she taught for three years.

Her parents having moved to Woodstock, she went home and entered the Collegiate Institute to study for a first-class certificate, which she obtained at midsummer. In the fall she entered upon her work in the Belleville High School. It was while teaching there that she received a definite call to enter the missionary field. And while there she first raised her voice in public prayer. Often she spoke of the *nearness* and *preciousness* of God to her during the few months she spent in Belleville. The call came in March, and on the 28th of April she left her loved ones and her home for the work to which she had consecrated her remaining days.

The following is copied from her diary:—"Dec. 31st, 1887. How wondrous are all God's dealings with us, and his ways past finding out. My heart is full of thankfulness when I consider the way the Lord has led me through 1887. Not a single memory that could cause heart-burning or overburdened sorrow, even the home-parting, having the assurance, 'Certainly I will be with thee.' Father, take thou 1888, and help me to consecrate each day, each hour, each minute, to Thy service. May I never forget Thou hast said, 'If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God.' . . . And, O help me to ask in faith, nothing doubting. Father, I commit the year's study to Thy guidance; help me in it, and may that very study draw me daily nearer to Thee! . . . Father, help me to let thy light shine, and may I never let an opportunity of speaking the Word in season pass by unimproved. Each day may I know I am only a worker together with Thee. And, Father, may it be my greatest joy

"To tell the story, to show the glory  
Where Christ's saints enter in."

And Father, help me to pray unceasingly, and may each task be done as unto Thee, and not as mere routine. May this year make me a purer, truer, more Christ-like Christian, is my strongest cry. Amen.

"Jan. 11th, 1888. Eleven days of this year gone, and how near my Elder Brother has been all the time, helping me to realize that without Him I am all weakness. To-day He has been specially near, and helped me so much while I was trying to talk to the women at Mrs. Murata's. To Him be all the glory, I say, and again I would pray, make me willing to be anything or nothing, only let me labor for Thee. Amen."

In this little diary her prayer so often ascends for singleness of heart, for God to bless her feeble efforts among the women, that she might be given true wisdom and kept humble, and when feeling her weakness for fresh courage and renewed strength, and that she might trust God fully, so that she might glorify His name. Her great desire to

see souls brought to Christ is shown in the following prayer: "My Helper, my strong Deliverer, go with me to my work, for sometimes my soul is so cast down it almost seems as if I cannot wait for sheaves. Father, thou shalt guide with thy counsel, and after, the grand hereafter—glory to thy name—shall be mine. Help me to be strong, for it is so easy to be fearful. Guide me, guide me! oh, my Father! I cannot go alone. And, oh, bless thy work, Lord, bless it abundantly, is my prayer." Again, "Father, make my faith stronger, my trust simpler, and then my life shall be all sunshine inwardly."

She loved to sing the following:

"I know not what awaits me,  
I would not if I might,  
I'd rather walk in the dark with God  
Than go alone in the light,  
I'd rather walk by faith with Him  
Than go alone by sight."

After five years' labor in Japan, our devoted and loved missionary returned to her home on furlough. She responded cheerfully to the many calls to speak at missionary conventions and auxiliary meetings throughout the province. She was always anxious to enlighten all on the needs of the mission field. She was dearly loved in her home, where she was all sunshine, even when suffering; and there she is sadly missed, though one and all can say, "God's will be done! He knoweth best."

Before she went out to Japan she had been a teacher in the Sabbath School, and every year she sent a long letter full of incidents of her work. This annual epistle was eagerly looked for, and proved a blessing to all. When she returned home she found her place again in the Sunday School, and learning that some boys were abandoning it because they thought themselves too big, she visited their homes and gathered a class together. Of all who sorrowed at her death, no grief was more sincere than that felt by these boys.

On Sabbath, the 11th of March, she attended public service the last time, but during Dr. Briggs' sermon she was compelled to retire through illness. She referred to this sermon on her dying bed as proving a great source of comfort. She had been at the great Students' Missionary Convention at Detroit a short time before, where much was said about abiding in Christ. One night, when free from delirium for a moment, she said to her sister, "Abiding in Christ—it is so sweet. I am not alone; my Heavenly Father is with me."

It is somewhat strange that on the Friday before she was taken sick at all she stated to whom she wished her curios and other personal possessions to be given when she died.

Her life was beautiful all through, but the last week was such a climax. Her face seemed to shine as if the glory of heaven had already dawned upon her. She referred to the Missionary Convention at Detroit as one of the greatest privileges of her life, and spoke of the special nearness of Christ, and said she felt as if it were but a step into heaven, and longed to have all her friends there with her to enjoy it. She arrived at home a little after 5 a.m., having travelled through the night in order to keep an engagement to speak in Brantford that evening. Seeing her weariness, her friends tried to prevail on her not to go. She replied, "I must; I feel I have a message to deliver." Those who heard her that day in Brant Avenue Church will never forget her words and the expression of her face, beaming with earnestness and love. God said her work was done on the 18th of March, and took her to Himself. The cause of death was nervous prostration followed by bilious fever and some form of brain disorder. She was pure, gentle, unselfish, and fully consecrated. Her work here is ended, but its influence will last to all eternity. Our W.M.S. mourns the first break in the ranks of its workers, and the lessons it teaches are very significant. May we all profit by the beautiful example of her life, and follow on to a glorious reunion by and by.

MISS CLARA CUSHMAN visited a woman in Pekin, China, who was quite wealthy and had many servants. She said to the Chinese woman: "What do you do all day long?" The woman replied: "I have my pipe, and I smoke; I have my cards, and I play." Is that exactly an ideal life?



### In Memoriam.

MISS L. A. WRITE, a faithful sister has fallen. After many years of sickness she was taken from us. Although in her weakness she was always willing to do her part and lend a helping hand in a time of need. She always seemed so bright and cheerful; even at the last, as she passed away, the sweet smile of love beamed on her countenance. She has been interested in church and mission work for a number of years and once a faithful teacher in the Sabbath School. But her work is finished, and as we journey on behind her, may we hold her in our memory as a shining light on our path, and strive to meet her in that home above and be with Jesus evermore.

Newcastle, May 18th, 1894.

### District Doings.

#### NORWOOD DISTRICT CONVENTION.

A DISTRICT Missionary Convention was held in the Methodist Church in Norwood on Friday, May 18th. There were present members of the Auxiliaries from Warkworth, Campbellford, Hastings, Dartford, Norham and Norwood.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson, District Organizer, presided over the meeting held in the afternoon. After singing and prayer an address of welcome to the delegates was read by Mrs. Beavis, President of the Norwood Auxiliary. Mrs. Granton, of Campbellford, replied. Then followed reports from the Auxiliaries of the district, a paper on "The Present Prospects of our Work in China," by Mrs. Orr, of Hastings, a duet by Mrs. Patterson and Miss B. Scott, and a Question Drawer. This last feature of the programme proved to be very interesting, several of the ladies giving their own experiences in answer to questions asked. In answer to "How shall we interest the women of our Church in Missions?" Miss Monroe spoke of giving the ladies in turn some part to take in the programme, and told an incident about some girl friends of hers who became very much interested in missionary work through the preparation of a missionary dialogue. Mrs. Kendry, of Peterboro', told how her own interest was awakened in the work by attending the Branch meeting and then by studying in order to prepare missionary papers on different topics. The Rev. Mr. Buchanan presided over the evening meeting, and Miss Munroe gave a very interesting address upon the Japanese people and their customs and her work amongst them. She spoke of the religions of the Japanese and dwelt at some length upon her work amongst the girls of her school—holding the close attention of the audience throughout. The members of the Norwood Auxiliary served tea in the school-room after the afternoon meeting, for the visitors and members of their own Auxiliary. This District Convention was in every way a decided success. Those present entered heartily into the proceedings, and we are sure felt inspired and benefited thereby. The evening meeting was well attended, the choir furnished excellent music, and last but not least the collection amounted to \$6.53.

LILY E. FORD, Cor. Sec.

#### GODERICH DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE fourth annual convention of the Goderich District Womans' Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was held in Rattanbury Street Church, Clinton, on Thursday, May 17th. The meeting was conducted by the President, Mrs. Leech, of Goderich. After devotional exercises, reports from the different auxiliaries were taken, when Goderich, North St.; Clinton, Rattanbury and Ontario Streets; Seaforth, Dunganon, Holmesville, Brucefield and Hensall responded, with most encouraging reports of faithfulness and perseverance in the work, generally followed by success in the increase of numbers, interest and finances. One branch of work that had proved a great help, was conducting the general prayer meeting, once a month or quarter, as a missionary prayer meeting, at the close of which a collection would be taken. Goderich, North Street, and Clinton, Rattanbury Street, Mission Bands gave favorable reports of their numbers and work.

The following programme was then given: Duet, Miss Rippey and Mrs. Coats; paper, "Our Responsibility," Mrs. Smith, Seaforth. The watchword of the Church is obedience, and our work is to bring the world to the obedience of Christ. This is the most responsible of all ages. Success depends on individual effort. Our Society and its work, rightly viewed, is not a burden, but a help to bear other burdens; our every effort, by its reflex influence, brings us blessing and strength. Solo, Mrs. Hoover, after which Mrs. McMechan, of London, organizer for the Western Branch of the Provincial W. M. S., gave an address, which fully verified the ladies' expectations of pleasure, interest and profit.

Mrs. McMechan spoke chiefly on three important points of Auxiliary work, the spiritual, the social, and the work-for-everybody liae. She stated that in all moral reforms women have taken the initiation; but this is the age of woman's organizations. The clock of time has struck the woman's hour. To become more spiritual, we must learn by experience the power of prayer, which is the back-bone of the Auxiliary. Answered prayer brings an increase of faith. God can, and does, make even peculiar circumstances answer true prayer. Pray for money, which sometimes gets in the wrong pockets, we should pray it into its proper place, the Lord's treasury. Sentence prayers help the society, and those who take part in them. When you have given your interest you have not done all, you can double your prayers. The W. M. S. gives culture and education to its numbers, a larger heart, a more intelligent brain. Our work is not sacrifice, but privilege; Her description of the degradation, suffering and sorrow of the heathen women could not fail to arouse sympathy in the most unconcerned. She said girl life in heathen countries is the cheapest thing in the dustbin of humanity. Study the Bible and the history of missionary workers. She considered a limited library of missionary books and magazines a necessity in every Auxiliary, three of the best being *Missionary Review of the World*, *Gospel in all Lands*, and *Heathen Woman's Friend*. Distribute leaflets to outsiders. For mission bands she suggested sides chosen, to prepare programmes for alternate meetings and essay contests. On the social side, she urged that every stranger coming to the meeting be warmly welcomed, and every member feel that they were needed to make the meeting a success. In answer to the question, "Is it not better to change officers?" she said, "Yes; but do not change all at once, some one year, some the next, but if you have a really good president, keep her."

After a short missionary consecration meeting, led by Mrs. Elford, of Holmesville, the meeting closed with the Benediction. The next meeting will be held at the same time and place as the Conference district meeting, in May, 1895.

MISS M. WASHINGTON, Sec.

#### FREDERICTON DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Fredericton District Convention of the W.M.S. met in the Methodist Church, Jacksonville, N.B., on May 17th. Three sessions were held. The first two sessions were devoted to business, and were presided over by Miss F. E. Palmer, Branch President. The morning session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. (Rev.) Williams, after which reports were read from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. In the afternoon the reading of reports was resumed. Eleven Auxiliaries and five Mission Bands in all were heard from, and the reports on the whole were very encouraging.

Papers on the following subjects, "Why should we be Interested in Missions?" "How to make our Auxiliary Meetings Interesting," and "Work for all to do," were read by Mrs. Caughey, Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. Jewett, respectively. These papers, as also the questions in the box, answered by Miss Palmer, furnished matter for profitable discussion.

A marked feature of the afternoon session was the consecration service led by Mrs. J. T. Smith. It was a blessed and helpful season. In the evening a public meeting was held, at which Rev. T. L. Williams presided. The programme consisted of music, recitations, a paper entitled "Praying and Giving," by Mrs. Caughey, and addresses by Rev. Mr. Williams and Miss Palmer. Miss Georgie Good presided at the organ. The collection was \$10.50.

M. FLEMING, Secretary.



## NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE first District Convention of the Nova Scotia W.M.S. was held in the Methodist Church, Bridgetown, commencing Wednesday, 11th April, at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. (Rev.) Strothard, District Superintendent, presided at the meetings. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Strothard, opening with hymn 418, after which Scripture reading, John xxi, and a short but telling address by the Superintendent, showing that if we love Christ, we must feed His lambs.

The roll then being called, showed thirty-one delegates present; many more expected to have been present, but the terrible state of the roads prevented. Letters of sympathy and condolence were on motion decided to be sent to three of our suffering members.

An address of welcome was then read by Miss Jennie Parker, of Bridgetown, and very graciously responded to by Miss Beckwith, of Berwick. The hymn, "Jesus, Master, whom I serve," being sung, our President gave an address, showing the object of our meeting together, why this Convention had been called, and urging all to receive and do good the few days we were together. Then followed a few moments of silent prayer, giving ourselves to Christ and His service.

An inspiring and energetic letter was now read from our President, Mrs. Wheston, hoping that this our first convention would prove a blessing to the entire District. She urged that each Auxiliary watch their contributions and bring up their finances above that of last year. She spoke, too, of our four returning missionaries from Japan for their much-needed rest. Discussion now followed as to ways and means of raising funds, and many fresh hints were given. A paper by Mrs. Newcome, of Annapolis, subject, "Giving," was then read, and we believe opened the eyes and hearts of some to see how they could best give to God. Mrs. Newcome said it was only a consecrated heart that knew how to give.

Reports from Auxiliaries now followed, showing an increase in many. All have held regular meetings. Eighteen Auxiliaries in all in our District; two new Auxiliaries organized, and another just ready to be formed. A Teaching by Miss Beckwith, of Berwick, entitled, "Mrs. Ashbury's Bureau Drawer," and prayer by Mr. Mulhall, closed our first session.

Evening public meeting opened with singing hymn 712; prayer by Mrs. (Rev.) Tuttle; Scripture lesson read by Mrs. J. D. Witt; opening address by Mrs. (Rev.) Strothard, in which she referred to the return of the four missionaries and the death of our faithful worker, Miss Lund, and expressed the hope that some hearts might be led to offer their life to the blessed work for Jesus in foreign fields, that these vacancies may be speedily filled. A hymn in the African language by Miss Young, afterwards a paper by Mrs. (Rev.) Prestwood, "The Missionary Heart," was given, and was well calculated to arouse interest in our work.

An intensely interesting letter was read by Mrs. Gee from Miss Smith, who, two years ago at the Branch meeting held in Amherst, N.S., offered herself for the missionary work, and has since been laboring in Chillawhack. She spoke very hopefully of her work there, and seems well fitted for her position.

"Rock of Ages," as a duet, by the Misses Strothard, and a recitation, "Light Bearing," by Miss Young, were both helpful.

Mrs. (Rev.) Tuttle gave a paper on "Woman's Responsibility," showing her many hearers the great part women of to-day have to take in the evangelization of the heathen. We wish all our W.M.S. could have been privileged to listen to Mrs. Tuttle.

Another song by Miss Young in Hindo, and a recitation by Miss Sadie Young, "My Sister and I," were well received.

The two little daughters of Mrs. (Rev.) Gee sang an old familiar hymn in Chinese, and, while the choir rendered an anthem, the collection was taken up.

The Rev. Mr. Giles closed our very successful public meeting, when we trust many hearts, in the large and appreciative audience, were stirred to a deeper interest and greater knowledge in our missionary work.

THURSDAY, 9,30 A.M.

Morning session, opened with consecration service led by Mrs. (Rev.) Gee. It was a time of much spiritual power and blessing, the time being fully filled with short, earnest testimonies and prayer. God's blessing rested upon all. His power deeply felt, and many testified as to their having received great benefit from the meeting of the Convention, and a greater knowledge of ways to carry on the work among their own Auxiliaries and Bands.

At the close of this meeting, reports from the Bands were heard, and very encouraging they were; the key-note being "forward," and forward we believe they will go, with such a number of consecrated young hearts.

A letter from the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Brownrigg, to the Circles and Bands, was read by Mrs. DeWitt, as Mrs. Brownrigg, through family affliction, was unable to be present. The letter gave many suggestions and encouragements to our young people engaged in their loved missionary work. We regret exceedingly that the bad state of the roads prevented so many of our delegates being present to hear the different reports, for those who were able to be at these meetings come home filled with new ideas and ways of working.

Mrs. (Rev.) Prestwood, of Digby, then gave a "Talk on Mite Boxes," showing how she managed on her different circuits to have these useful and beneficial little blessings well distributed throughout her entire field of labor. In her last circuit, she invited all the ladies of the church to a tea, asking each to bring a text of scripture and a contribution, according as they felt they could give to God, and after a missionary talk, in which she enlightened them as to how much there was to do for their sisters on the other side of the globe, and that they were the women to do it, each one cheerfully and gladly took a box. That afternoon she gave out forty-four boxes. A never ending influence started. This paper called out a very pleasing and profitable discussion on the subject, many taking part and testifying to the blessing of their mite box.

Miss Dakes, of Middleton, gave a very excellent paper on "How the Bands May Help the Work in China," showing the various ways the President of a Band or Circle may set her members to work. They cannot all "Go," but all can work.

The President then moved that the full compliment of delegates from each Auxiliary be sent to the Branch Meetings in October, and that special efforts be made to meet their expenses.

In reviewing the work of the past year, there is much to call forth thanksgiving and praise. Increase of membership, and, in many places, increase of finances, lead us to feel encouraged. The question was now asked, "Are there any here who feel drawn to offer themselves to the work in foreign lands?" We pray that the question may have opened in some hearts the desire to say "Here am I, Lord, send me." We pray that, as a result of the Convention, the ranks of our missionary workers may be filled up. May the Lord of the Harvest send forth more laborers. The silver and the gold are His, and He can teach us how to give.

After a talk on the Band paper, *The Palm Branch*, when every Band worker was urged to take it, and this very helpful and successful Convention closed by singing and two earnest prayers by Sisters Anderson and Strothard.

The Lord was present with us, and each delegate went home knowing they had learned and gained much for the year to come.

A. B. S.

## NAPANEE DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE first annual Convention of the Napanee District met in the Eastern Methodist Church, Napanee, May 31st, and was, considering the unpleasant weather, a success. The fact that ten of the twelve Auxiliaries were represented, many of them driving for miles through rain and muddy roads, goes far to prove that the success of a meeting does not always depend on the state of the weather. Miss McHenry, District Organizer, occupied the chair. After devotional exercises, Mrs. Carman was introduced. An address was given by Mrs. Madole, on "How to



Increase the attendance at Monthly Meetings," also a paper by Mrs. Rice, Newburg, on "Missionary Literature." It was resolved that an editor be appointed to receive missionary intelligence from the several Auxiliaries, and send the articles to the local papers, making the column as interesting as possible, and thus reach a class of people who never otherwise read missionary news. A duet given by Misses Marsh and Baker, and a topical conversation led by Mrs. Carman closed the morning session.

The afternoon meeting opened with devotional services led by Mrs. W. T. Gibbard. In response to the call of the President, delegates from ten Auxiliaries, three Mission Bands and one Circle presented reports which were in every case hopeful, earnest and cheering. A paper given by Mrs. Bowerman, on "Normal Drill and Indian Work," told us much of the efforts of missionaries and teachers among the Indians.

The Question Drawer, presided over by Mrs. Carman, was a very interesting feature of the meeting.

Mrs. (Rev.) S. J. Shorey gave a solo, "Waiting till the Reaper Comes," and "A Little Girl's Sermon," by Miss Edna Ashley, was followed by a duet, "The Lord is My Shepherd," rendered by Mrs. Herrington and Miss Tilley. Mrs. Carman gave a feeling address, urging women to cast aside any prejudices they might have, and help carry on a work that has done so much for woman. She urged the necessity of having a Church alive in this matter, told much of the condition of women in China, and concluded by making an earnest appeal to every woman present who did not belong to the W.M.S. to lose no time in placing herself there as a member. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Carman for the inspiration given by her presence and words, as well as Miss McHenry and all who so kindly took part in the programme. After singing "God be with You till we Meet Again," the meeting closed with the benediction.

M. EDWARDS, *Rec. Sec.*

#### UXBRIDGE DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE fourth annual Convention of the Uxbridge District was held in Unionville, Friday, June 1st.

About thirty delegates and visitors were present from the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands of the district. Encouraging reports were read by all the representatives, helpful papers and addresses were given by earnest workers, and throughout the Convention prevailed a spirit of missionary zeal.

The devotional exercises of the morning session were conducted by Mrs. Reesor, of Locust Hill. Mrs. Glendenn, of Stouffville, in her paper, defined very clearly "The Object and Work of a District Convention." Mrs. Broddy's paper on the "Benefits of being a Member of a W.M.S." was very suggestive. She was a true Methodist in so far that she related her own experience. She found that as her knowledge of the work increased, her love for the work grew stronger. As her interest and sympathy increased for those in distant fields, so the love for the work at home grew, thus her nature expanded. So we may find it, and in many ways we may find we are benefited by being a member of a W.M.S. Mrs. Young, of Markham, conducted the testimony meeting, and the morning session closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in concert.

After the devotional exercises in the afternoon, conducted by Mrs. Defoe, of Zephyr, Miss Neville read a kind address of welcome, to which Miss Todd, of Goodwood, responded. Mrs. (Rev.) Nicols, in a graceful impromptu address, presented kind greetings from the sisters of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Crowle, as one of the deputation appointed by the Ministerial District Meeting, spoke kind words of cheer and congratulation regarding the work done by the W.M.S. A paper, "The Outlook of Our W.M.S. Work," by Mrs. Young, and one by Miss Hassard, of Vroomanton, on "The Country Auxiliary," completed the afternoon programme.

A resolution expressive of high commendation regarding the late action of Mayor Kennedy in refusing to receive the Licensed Victuallers' Association, was unanimously adopted, and a copy of the resolution was forwarded to Mayor Kennedy.

At the evening meeting, Mrs. H. C. Crosby, the District Organizer, who ably presided at all the sessions, presented her report of the year's work. Our new Auxiliary had been organized at Zephyr, and increased interest was taken in all the work. There are now in the district ten Auxiliaries and five Mission Bands, with a total membership of 322 and an income of about \$530.

Very interesting exercises were given by the Children of the Unionville Mission Band, which reflected great credit upon the President, Miss Brown. A recitation by a little girl of the Markham Band was also rendered in a very pleasing manner. Mrs. Willmott, of Toronto, was then introduced to the audience, and delighted all with her pleasant manner and style of delivery. She pictured so graphically China's vast domains, the multitude of its population and vastness of the work to be done in that country, that one could not fail to see the necessity of increased earnestness and activity along the line of missionary work.

At the close of the evening session a request was made that Mrs. Young's excellent paper be published in the *OUTLOOK*. Several votes of thanks were heartily given: To Mrs. Willmott, for her instructive address; to Mrs. Crosby, for her untiring work during the year, and to the ladies of Unionville who had opened their homes and so kindly entertained the visiting delegates. The Convention closed by singing a familiar hymn, and all felt that the day had been well and profitably spent.

MILLIE HASSARD, *Sec.*

#### BRADFORD DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE Bradford District Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society opened in the lecture-room of the Methodist Church, Alliston, May 23rd, 1894. It is fitting that our first words should be expressions of thankfulness to our Father in Heaven for His favor and blessing, the year having been crowned with loving kindness and tender mercies.

The Convention was presided over by Miss Roach, District Organizer. After devotional exercises, reports were given from Auxiliaries: Wesley, Alliston, Thompsonville, Newmarket, Tottenham, Aurora and Beeton. Mrs. McKee, of Barrie, was then introduced to the Convention. Song by Mrs. McDonald and Miss Roach, "Sisters hear the cry from the dark domain." Reports from Mission Circles and Bands: Newmarket, Alliston, Aurora, Tottenham, Penville. A lengthy discussion followed on Auxiliary work. Suggestions recommended, "Meet around at the house of the stay-at-homes," "Give everybody something to do," "House to house visitation, talking of the work," "Use the prepared programmes," "Remember the Lord often does mighty work through the few," "Numbers are not necessary for successful meetings," "No matter what the difficulties are have faith in God," "Never be discouraged," "At it and always at it." Morning Session closed with Doxology and benediction.

The afternoon session opened with an impressive memorial service in memory of Mrs. D. W. Walker, Mrs. J. S. Toole, Mrs. Griffith and Miss Lund. Singing by Mission Band, "Anywhere with Jesus." Discussion on Mission Band work. How to raise the fee money brought the following suggestion, "Let the children pay two cents a month," "Encourage them to earn it or get it by self-denial," "Let those who pay twenty-five cents be considered full members, all others honorary." "Encourage them to volunteer for the work of the Band." A solo by Miss Drury, beautifully rendered. Ten-minute prayer meeting (ten minutes of each hour during the day was set apart for prayer). A solo by Miss Elsie Gilroy was much appreciated. Paper by Mrs. Hughes, "Does intemperance and opium hinder the Missionary Cause?" (If so, how?) Then followed a pleasing and unexpected incident, the coming in of a deputation consisting of Mr. Lennox and Rev. Mr. Moore, bearing the fraternal greetings of ministers and laymen of the district meeting then in session, wishing us every success in our work. Miss Roach replied on behalf of the Convention. Paper by Miss Norman on "Unoccupied Fields." Then followed a missionary fellowship meeting, closed by prayer.



The evening session opened with singing and prayer. One minute speeches on "What the Mission Band has done for me." A solo by Rev. Mr. Dunlope, "Sinner," the song was sung very effectively. Paper by Miss Norman (given again by request) on "Unoccupied Fields." A solo by Rev. Mr. Dunlope, "My Mother's Name," could not well be surpassed for sweetness and expression. Paper by Miss Hipwell on India. Paper by Miss Durham. The address of the evening was given by Mrs. McKee, of Barrie, on China. It was very instructive. Convention closed with consecration service. MRS. R. McDONALD, Sec.

#### CANNINGTON DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE third annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Cannington District was held on Wednesday, May 16th, in Cannington. Three services were held during the day.

At the morning session, which consisted chiefly of devotional exercises, several encouraging reports were read from the Auxiliaries of work accomplished during the past year. The afternoon service was largely attended, representatives being present from all the auxiliaries and Bands. In the early part of the service an address of welcome was extended to the delegates and other visitors. The papers, recitations and music contributed by the ladies of the different Auxiliaries, were most appropriate and encouraging, and a spirit of earnest enthusiasm prevailed. The evening session was particularly interesting and the attendance large. The church was beautifully decorated with wild flowers, gathered by the children of the Mission Band, who also took some part in the programme. The most interesting feature of this session was an address from our beloved organizer, Mrs. A. R. Campbell, of Atherley, who delighted and, we believe, encouraged all present by her earnest words. As Mrs. Campbell contemplates leaving this district in June a vote of thanks was tendered her for her untiring efforts while amongst us. Suitable music was provided by the choir and others, and a large collection was received at the close of the Convention.

BELLA TOTTEN.

#### BRANTFORD DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE Brantford District Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in St. George Methodist Church on Thursday, May 10th. The attendance was very large. The fine weather having encouraged many to drive, so that fully seventy ladies were present, including about forty from Brantford and several from Paris, West Flamboro', Princeton, and the St. George members.

The church was made very attractive by plants and flowers, and, in the basement, elaborate tables were spread for dinner and tea, to which all present, including visitors from other denominational societies, were most cordially invited. The St. George Auxiliary evidently spared no pains to make their guests comfortable, and they have the hearty thanks of all who were privileged to attend the Convention.

Mrs. J. D. Phelps, of Mount Pleasant, presided, and her intimate and thorough knowledge of matters Missionary was an inspiration.

Mrs. Phelps was unanimously re-elected to the position of District Organizer, and Mrs. Thos. White, of Brantford, was made Assistant. Mrs. Thos. Colling, of St. George, was Vice-President for the day; and Mrs. T. H. Janes, Brantford, Secretary. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Mason, of Muncey, whose presence added greatly to the interest of the Convention.

The President, in her opening address, gave a rapid survey of the work of the District, and expressed the hope that before long every circuit would have its Auxiliary.

Reports were read from Brant Avenue, Wellington Street, Colborne Street, and Sydenham Street Auxiliaries, Brantford; Paris; West Flamboro, which includes Salem and Capetown; also from St. George and Mount Pleasant. This latter Society, though not large in numbers, has given a Missionary—Miss Preston—who is at present doing such good work in spreading the knowledge and therefore the interest in the Japan work.

Brantford Auxiliaries, too, are rejoicing in the restored health of their Missionary, Miss Kate Morgan, who is again able to take her place among us.

Lynden, Tray, Brant, Cainsville, and Onondago were reported as having no Auxiliaries.

Reports were read from Wellington Street, Brant Avenue, West Flamboro', Capetown, and Salem Mission Circles, and Mrs. Phelps reported a Union Mission Band at Mount Pleasant.

Miss Nixon, who has charge of St. George Scattered Helpers, explained her plan for reaching these isolated members.

Several Auxiliaries reported having availed themselves of the Sunday granted by Conference. Mrs. Phelps urged all to make use of this opportunity, and always to have a report of the work, both general and local, as well as an appeal for new members. Mrs. Phelps spoke of the difficulty in reaching the Indian women; and Mrs. Mason told how she had talked a whole year to the women about her, and at the end of that time one woman showed an interest, but now eight are fully in earnest in the work.

The meeting adjourned after singing and prayer.

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Mrs. Sharpe, Brantford, and Scripture reading by Mrs. Mennie, of Paris.

Mrs. Agnew, of Brantford, read an interesting paper on "China and the Chinese," followed by an article on "Foot-binding," written by Dr. Gifford, read by Mrs. Jones, of West Flamboro'. This led to a little discussion, and Mrs. Phelps called attention to the fact that a case was being tried in San Francisco to test the legality of this cruel custom. Papers were read on "The needs of the heathen women," and "The Christian woman's duty to heathen women," by Mrs. Mennie and Mrs. Kettlewell (Paris). Mrs. Thos. Colling read a beautiful address of welcome from the St. George Auxiliary, which was responded to by Mrs. Rev. W. L. Rutledge in a very bright and graceful impromptu address. Mrs. W. B. Wood, of the Presbyterian Society, and Mrs. J. Hollingshead, for the Baptist Society, gave very cordial words of good cheer.

Some questions were read and answered by the President. The last hour of the afternoon session was devoted to a memorial service to the late lamented Miss Lund, followed by a consecration service, led by Mrs. White. It would be impossible to give an adequate account of this service. All hearts were stirred to their depths as Mrs. Phelps read the beautiful memorial of our beloved missionary. Mrs. White, in opening the consecration service, told of Miss Lund's last visit to Brantford two weeks before her death, when she addressed the union quarterly meeting of Brantford Auxiliaries. The benediction of that address will linger in the hearts of all who heard it. Following Mrs. White's remarks were numerous testimonies both to the inspiration of Miss Lund's devoted life and to the blessing realized by those who have identified themselves with mission work by joining the home societies.

Miss Horning and Miss Snider sang beautiful solos at both afternoon and evening sessions. At the evening meeting Rev. T. Collins, pastor of the church, presided. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. Hollinshead. Mrs. Mason, of Muncey, gave a short address on the needs of women's missionary work and its encouragements. Rev. W. S. McTavish spoke on women's work. He said this is evidently women's century in literature, art and science; she has made her power felt, and gave many illustrious instances. After showing in flattering and encouraging terms what woman's position is in our own favored land, he spoke earnestly of what the women are doing for heathen women. Musical selections were contributed by Miss Horning, Miss Snyder and the choir.

The convention was in every way a success, and not even a nine-mile drive through a thunderstorm can drive away its pleasant memories or discourage future efforts.

#### Words From Workers.

BRANTFORD (Brant Ave. Auxiliary).—The second quarterly meeting of the year was held in the lecture-room of Brant Ave. Methodist Church, March 5. The announcement that Miss Lund would be present and give an address brought together a large number. Miss Lund had just returned from the



Students' Convention at Detroit, filled with the Spirit, and anxious that all should enjoy the blessing she so richly received. Her words carried unusual force, and left on the minds of those who listened to her an earnest desire for a deeper spiritual experience. In less than two weeks the news of this noble missionary's sudden death caused widespread sorrow and sympathy. Next to home friends, nowhere is Miss Lund's death more keenly felt than in Brantford, where, since her return from Japan, she has endeared herself to the hearts of many. We add our tribute of love and sympathy. On April 2nd we had our thank-offering, when \$27.30 were raised. Miss Preston was with us one evening in February, when she gave an interesting address on mission work in Japan. Surely God is honoring and blessing His work.

T. M. ROSE, *Cor. Sec.*

LAMBETH—No report has been sent from our Auxiliary for some time, but we are glad to be able to report progress. Our membership is steadily though slowly increasing, and we feel that God is blessing our humble efforts. On February 26th we had a sugar social at the residence of one of our members. It was a great success, proceeds being \$31.60. This spring we made a rag carpet and sold it, realizing a very nice sum for it. At present we have in view a flower show for the fall, for which we are growing chrysanthemums. We have enlisted many outside of our auxiliary in this scheme, and hope by this means to get them interested in the work. A gentleman of our church is doing much to assist us in getting the plants, and giving instruction with regard to their culture. We trust it may be a success in many ways. Still, with all our cause for thankfulness, we have our touch of sorrow. Our beloved President is at present called on to undergo affliction. We pray that God may see fit in His wisdom to spare her for many years to us and our society, in which she has ever been a faithful worker. Yet we know that she is prepared to submit willingly to His will, whatever it may be concerning her. We are trusting that God will still continue to be with us and bless us in our work for the Master.

IDA LITTLE, *Cor. Sec.*

BROWNSVILLE.—This Auxiliary of W.M.S. was organized in February of this year by Mrs. J. Risdon and Mrs. Dr. Burns, of St. Thomas. Our Society started with ten members, which has now increased to twenty-one active and six honorary members, ten of whom are subscribers to MISSIONARY OUTLOOK. Sixteen monthly letters are taken. Our meetings are well attended, and we are pleased to report increasing interest in missionary work. In April, an "At Home" was given at the parsonage, at which refreshments were served, an excellent programme rendered, and a neat sum realized. Mite boxes have been placed in the hands of our members and others, from which we hope to greatly supplement our funds. We find that during the first quarter of our existence we are able to remit twenty-one dollars to Branch treasurer. Truly, God has blessed our efforts, and we feel encouraged to "Labor on at His command, offering all our works to Him."

M. E. VEALE, *Cor. Sec.*

HUNTINGDON.—The Ladies of the Huntingdon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. held their annual public meeting on the evening of February 22nd, 1894, in the Methodist Church. It was ably presided over by the President, Mrs. McNaughton. The evening being fine, the attendance was good. The programme consisted of an address by the President, readings by Mrs. F. H. Henderson and the Misses Babcock and Rennie; a quartette by Mrs. J. Adams and Messrs. Henderson, Saunders and McCullough, accompanied on the organ by Miss Clipsham. The choir, led by Mr. and Mrs. Dunsmore, conducted the music. Mr. Clipsham gave some admirable lime-light views of India. At the close all joined in singing the Missionary Hymn and "God Save the Queen." Mrs. McNaughton returned a vote of thanks to Mr. Clipsham for his kindness, to the choir for their able assistance, and to the audience for their attention. Thus ended a well-spent evening, and all went home, I am sure, pleased with the entertainment.

The proceeds of the meeting were sent to the hospital at Chen-tu, China.

Mrs. ALEX. LUNAN, *Cor. Sec.*

DUNGANNON.—Our regular monthly meeting was held at the parsonage in the form of a missionary tea, given by our loving and devoted President, Mrs. Rogers. A good bale of clothing was packed during the afternoon. After tea was served a splendid programme was given by the members of the Auxiliary—readings, recitations and singing. An interesting address was given by the Vice-President, Mrs. A. J. Pentland, on "The Talents given us by God." A paper was given by Mrs. W. Holland, a very earnest worker, after which the meeting was closed by singing and prayer.

Mrs. D. G. BICKLE, *Cor. Sec.*

WEST LONDON.—We are glad to be able to report progress in all lines of our Auxiliary work. The quarterly meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliaries, Circles and Bands was held in West London Methodist Church on 14th of May. The various Auxiliaries and Circles of the city of London and surrounding districts were very well represented. Reports of work done were of a most encouraging nature and showed advanced interest in the work, deeper spirituality, and, as a result, greater liberality as well as increased membership. In response to the question asked by the chair to all Presidents present, "What has been the most encouraging feature of the work of your Auxiliary during the past year?" the grateful acknowledgment of God's especial favor and presence with the workers, enlarged views of the importance of the work and of our own great responsibility in connection with it, the intensity of interest awakened in the work, and the greater exercise of individual continuous effort and the recognition of the greater need of self-sacrifice and consecration to the work, with the sympathy and help of the pastors of the several churches: these were all features of encouragement in the work, which were referred to in the responses of the Presidents to the question asked. At the close of the afternoon meeting tea was served, and under the auspices of the Mission Circle of the Church a most interesting programme was carried out in the evening, when Rev. F. A. Cassidy, returned missionary, gave a very pleasant and profitable address on "Life in Japan." The collection in aid of the Circle funds was a liberal one.

M. V. DOUGLAS, *Cor. Sec.*

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