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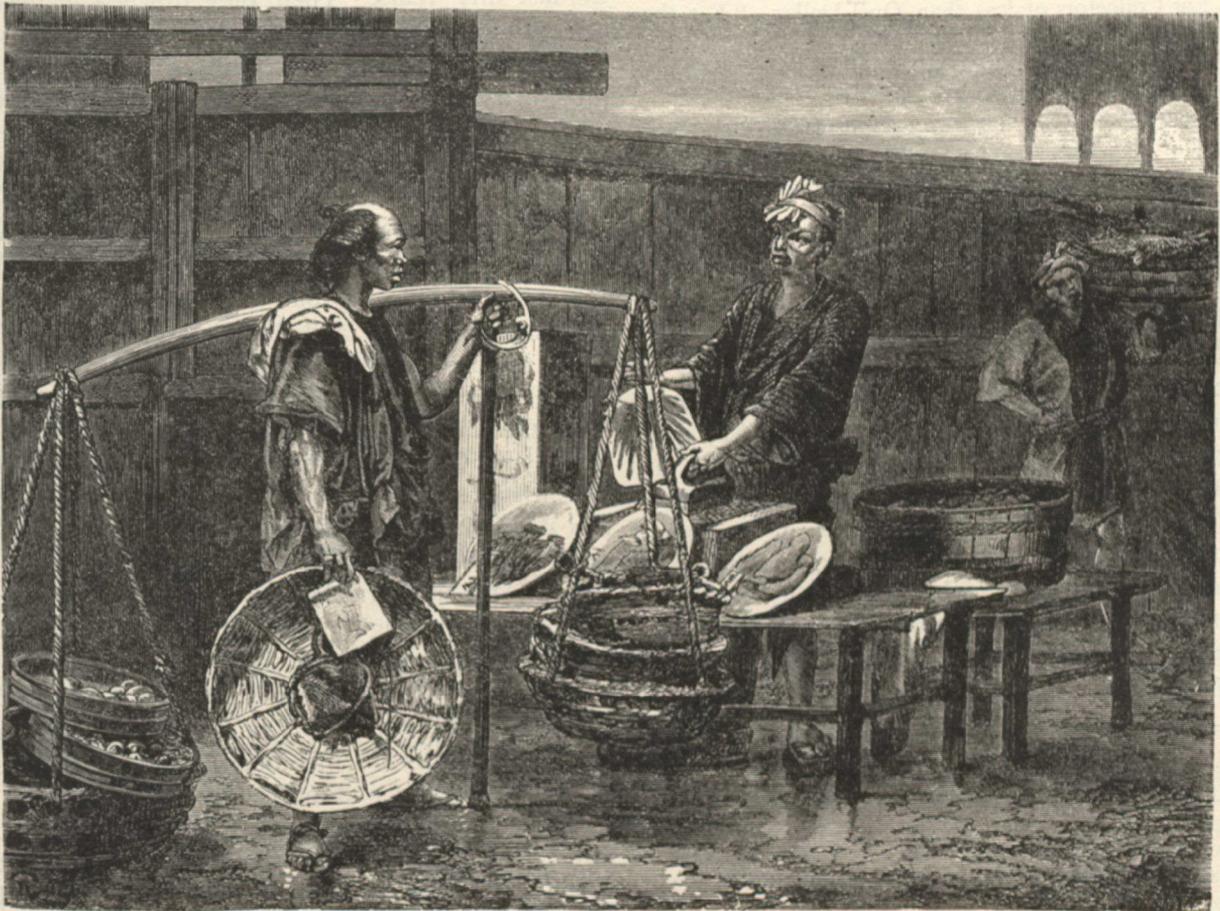
[NEW SERIES.

Field Notes.

A "METHODIST MINISTER," from one of our Eastern Conferences, writes as follows:—"I have just read, with tear-bedimmed eyes, John McDougall's noble letter in the April number of the "OUTLOOK. Thank God for such self-denying work and such a record! Could you not induce him to tell us the story of battle and victory more fre-

the Transfer Committee. Their visit gave opportunity for consultation respecting the Indian work in both Conferences, which was much appreciated.

THE General Superintendent, in response to urgent requests from the President, will attend the session of the British Columbia Conference during the present month. We understand it is his purpose to spend several weeks among the rapidly developing fields on the Kamloops District. This visit will be very opportune.



JAPANESE FISH MERCHANT.

quently? It would lift our hearts upward toward God. 'For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you.'

THE Rev. James H. White, President of the British Columbia Conference, and the Rev. John Semmens, President of the Manitoba Conference, were both in Toronto recently, in connection with the meeting of

DOUBTLESS many have read with joy and thankfulness of the great revival of God's work at Port Simpson, and will be no less glad to learn that it is continuing. Bro. Crosby, in a letter just to hand, writes: "The good work is still spreading. A grand work is going on on the Naas. We pray that the brethren coming to the District Meeting may all catch the fire, and that the Conference may catch the

wave of revival, and that it may roll on over the entire province."

DR. STEPHENSON, of our China Mission, in a private letter to a friend, referring to the study of the language, says: "Each missionary on the way out ought to have a list of the two hundred and fourteen radicals, not to learn the sounds, but merely to learn how to make each radical from memory, as well as remember its number. It will repay well." This can be bought for ten cents at the China Inland Room, Toronto.

BRO. RODWELL, of Parry Sound, sends this encouraging note:—"You will be glad to learn that our missionary services this year were a grand success. I got three of our intelligent and devoted laymen to give addresses, and got the Young People's Epworth League to give a free missionary lunch. Results—a greater interest manifested than has been for years, and income more than double that of last year. Moral—get the laymen and young people interested, and the income will assuredly come up."

THE presents for Juvenile Missionary collectors have been ready for some time, and all orders received have been filled. The list is as follows:—

- No. 1. For Collectors of less than One Dollar—"For the Children's Ward," and other stories.
- No. 2. For Collectors of One Dollar and upward—"China and the Chinese."
- No. 3. For Collectors of Two and a half Dollars and upward—"Ben-Hur."
- No. 4. For Collectors of Five Dollars and upward—"Experiences of a Backwoods Preacher."
- No. 5. For Collectors of Eight Dollars and upward—"Sir John's Ward."
- No. 6. For Collectors of Twelve Dollars and upward—"From Epworth to London," with a short sketch of the life of John Wesley, by Rev. Hugh Johnston, D.D.

THE *May Missionary Review of the World* has been laid upon our desk, and its fresh, crisp, and intelligent articles cannot fail to please and edify all lovers of mission work. We know not where eighty pages of more soul-stirring and inspiring information could be found. Mission workers, teachers and preachers will all find something that will be helpful to them in their work. Published in New York, London, and 11 Richmond Street West, Toronto. Price \$2.

Editorial and Contributed.

Editorial Notes.

JUDSON once said his "hand was nearly shaken off, and his hair nearly shorn off for mementoes, by those who would willingly let missions die." Christians of that stamp are not all dead yet.

AND as all these movements outside and inside the Church seem to be mutually necessary, does it not seem to prove that they are all planned and guided by the one Supreme Head?

THIS from Dr. A. T. Pierson deserves to be pondered:—"The Church of Christ is asleep. Let a thousand trumpets, like the sound of many thunders uttering their voices, rouse us all from apathy. Let facts, like the fingers of God, write God's message on the walls of our temples of mammon and palaces of luxury, as in letters of fire, till selfishness and worldliness shall tremble at the manifest presence of the Lord."

IN a single century the advance guard of the missionary army have marched around the world, often in the face of embattled hosts. They never could have done it if the angel of the Lord had not gone before them.

THE mighty movement of God's providence in opening the nations has been matched by a corresponding movement within the Church, in spreading information, awakening interest, raising money, and training workers.

Broken Barriers.

FEW Christians have an adequate conception of the extent to which the mighty barriers surrounding the world's heathenism have given way in the last fifty years. Then they frowned in massive strength all along the line; now, for the most part, they lie prostrate like the walls of Jericho, and the missionary army has only to march straight forward over the ruins, and take the defenceless strongholds.

Even fifty years ago most of the heathen nations were almost entirely inaccessible. Then Africa was not only the "dark continent," it was the unknown continent; now it is traversed by the missionary from sea to sea. Then Japan was hermetically sealed against the foreigner, and Christianity was everywhere under the ban; now religious toleration is guaranteed by the Constitution, and the gospel is freely preached. Then the Chinese wall was a veritable wall of exclusion; now Christianity is recognized, and protection of Christians is guaranteed by treaty. Then India was dominated by a power hostile to missions, and every possible obstacle was thrown in their way; but in 1857, by the terrible chastisement of the Sepoy rebellion, God taught England that she could not trifle with impunity with her providential mission, and now the utmost facility is given in India to missionary operations, and a once hostile government lauds the results of missionary work. All this is "the Lord's doing, and marvellous in our eyes."

What a marvellous change from the time when a director of the East India Company declared that he would rather see a band of devils than a band of missionaries in India, or even from 1852, when \$3,750,000 were paid from public funds to repair temples, provide new idols and idol-cars, and support a pagan priesthood; to 1873, when the Secretary of State for India put on record the following testimony:—"The Government cannot but acknowledge the great obligation under which it is laid by the benevolent exertions of those six hundred missionaries, whose blameless example and self-denying labor

infused new vigor into the stereotyped life of the great populations placed under English rule, and are preparing them to be in every way better men and better citizens of the great empire in which they dwell."

India has been justly called the "Gibraltar of paganism." A vast population, fettered by rigid bonds of caste—"caste that would make it a curse for the shadow of one man to fall across another, or for two converts to drink out of the same sacramental cup;" its womanhood imprisoned in the Zenanas, unwelcome as a babe, untaught as a child, enslaved as a wife, despised as a widow, and unwept as dead; dominated chiefly by three great religious systems—Brahmanism, subtle and seductive; Buddhism, ethical but at heart atheistic; Mohammedanism, bigoted, merciless, dooming to death every follower of the prophet who even looked away from the crescent to the cross. Yet India is opening her heart to the gospel of the crucified One. The "Light of Asia" hastens to its setting; the "Light of the World" climbs the eastern sky.

Stipends of Home Missionaries.

A SHORT time ago a few friends, among them the Missionary Secretary, were seated at the hospitable board of one of our wealthy and liberal-minded laymen. The conversation turned for a time to the subject of missions, whereupon the host remarked: "Don't you think, Dr. Sutherland, that you should spend less on Foreign Missions and more on the Home work?" The answer was: "I wouldn't put it just that way. I would say, let us spend more on the Home work by all means, but not less on the Foreign." This little incident is related as an introduction to some remarks upon our Home Mission work, and to emphasize a thought that is finding expression in many quarters, namely, that our Home missionaries, for the most part, are wretchedly underpaid, and that the Church must—absolutely MUST—do something to remedy the evil complained of.

By way of further introduction, we will now submit a concrete case, representative of many more, premising that the extract which follows is from a letter recently received from a brother who has spent many years on Home Missions. For obvious reasons we withhold his name, but may say that he is a preacher of more than average ability, faithful, laborious, and successful in the work to which he has consecrated his life. Thus he writes:—

"I am sure that you and others in the East either do not realize, or else do not unhesitatingly accept our statements of the situation. I want you to read this carefully. After more than twenty years in our work, I am under the painful necessity of living in a 'shack' by myself—'keeping batch,' as it is familiarly called out here—doing my own cooking, and as far as practicable my own washing, etc. You may ask, perhaps, why not board out? For the simple reason that to do so would be to go hopelessly into debt, as the following facts will clearly show. We have in—about a dozen hotels, and I do not know of one where a man will be kept for less than \$10.50 a week. I tried it for about two months at the above figures, and had to abandon the idea, as I was going so fast behind I saw no chance of

catching up. Now, with a salary, including missionary grant, of \$375.00, you can see how I would come out at the end of the year. And you must remember that everything else is on a par with the price of board. I have paid \$50 for a suit of clothes. Now, I came to the—country, and I remain here out of loyalty and love to our cause. I knew that most likely a young man, with but limited experience, would be the only one available, and out of pity for such, and love for our Church, I volunteered. I had a unanimous invitation to one of the—city churches last Conference, but under the impression that my work here was not done, I would not accept. Now, is it unfair for me to ask, Is the sacrifice to be all on one side? I can, at next Conference, get my choice of nearly half-a-dozen places where I will have easier work and better pay, but that is not the question with me. I want to see the foundations of Methodism in this district deep and solid, and I know that a great deal depends on the stand we take now and for the next year or two."

The length of the foregoing extract prevents further comments at the present time, but it will be the text for a homily in our next issue.

A Great Need in Methodism.

RECENTLY a letter was received from the Rev. James Turner, one of our faithful and laborious Home missionaries, stationed at present on one of the missions in the Kamloops District, British Columbia. The letter was read before the Committee of Finance, and it was ordered that extracts from the same should be published in the OUTLOOK, so that the attention of the Church might be called to some special features of the work in one of those interior districts, where the very high cost of living calls for the exceptional treatment of some of our missionaries in regard to stipend, and where the circumstances of the people call imperatively for outside aid in erecting places of worship. For the present, we call attention to the last topic only, purposing to make the others the text of a separate article. Speaking of the Kootenay region of country, Bro. Turner says:—

"In a few years this will be the most important mining district on the continent—this, mind you, not on my own authority, but from men of the largest experience in the United States and elsewhere, who show, by investing largely in mining property, and town property as well, that they have implicit confidence in the future of the district. Now, we will want three new churches during the coming summer. I will want, at the least, \$2,000, besides the ground, so as to make the way clear. I am as confident as I am of my life that every cent advanced will be paid back, with interest, in the near future. . . . Kaslo, one year ago, had one house, now it has a population of nearly 1,000, and the foundation is laid for several other towns, which will grow just as the mines are developed. . . . Members of our Church are coming in, and many young men from Methodist homes who will be lost to us if we do not follow them up with the means of grace with which they are familiar. Two railways are to be built during next summer, and that will greatly increase our population, and we must try and keep pace with it. . . . Perhaps you are acquainted with some good brother who has \$2,000 that he can spare, and will lend it to the Lord and the Kootenay District for a given time; and if he has any doubt about how the money will be spent, if he can come during next summer and oversee the entire work, I will be only too glad to be relieved of the responsibility, and will let him have all the honor and a full share of the pleasure, and will give the only security I have to offer, namely, the church and land, and my own note, if accepted."

After reading the foregoing, the reader will be in no doubt as to what is meant by "A great need in Methodism." It means a Church Extension Fund, out of which aid may be given, in needy and deserving cases, toward the erection of places of worship. But have we not a Church and Parsonage Aid Fund already? Yes; but nearly all the funds belonging to it are the proceeds of a legacy for loan purposes only. What is needed is a fund for donation purposes, or for loans without interest, and this would work admirably with the loan fund proper. In many cases, if a donation of from \$200 to \$500 could be made, and a loan at low interest of a similar amount, churches would go up like magic in places where they are urgently needed, and our work would be put upon a permanent footing from the very start. We commend this matter to those who have the means.

For Shizuoka Church.

WE publish herewith the first list of contributions toward re-building the Shizuoka Church. Those distinctly marked as proceeds of the self-denial week we put in a list by themselves. It is quite possible that many other contributions sent in were derived from the same source, but as this was not clearly indicated by the donors, we think it best to keep the lists separate. We find, also, that in some cases—perhaps in many—amounts raised have been sent directly to Mr. Cassidy, and we would remind all friends of the movement that moneys can be sent more cheaply through the Mission Rooms than in any other way. The general list, to date, is as follows:

Per Rev. T. Albert Moore, Niagara Falls	\$20 00
Rev. J. W. Totten, Cannington	2 00
A Friend	2 10
Rev. B. Pierce, Maberley	4 00
Evangelist	2 00
Woman's Missionary Auxiliary and Epworth League, Burlington	14 00
Epworth League, Kirby and Orono	7 68
Friend, per Rev. J. G. Fallis	7 00
Mrs. J. R. Hamilton	5 00
Epworth League, Newmarket	5 00
A. Gordon, Portage la Prairie	2 00
G. H. Armstrong	5 00
Mrs. J. J. Crowe, Dundas	5 00
Thank-offering from a lady	5 00
Member Berkeley Street W.M.S. (½ sovereign)	2 43
Rev. J. S. Ross, Woodstock	5 00
A Friend	5 00
A lady friend	50 00
Christian Endeavor West End Church, Montreal	3 00
Miss Gentle, Toronto	0 50
Epworth League, Cassburn, per A. J. Bolton .	3 00
Epworth League, Hebron, per H. Hale	10 00
Three friends	3 00
Miss R. A. Wass	5 00
Strathroy, Front St., Easter offering W. M. S.	8 00
"Iona," San Antonio, California	1 50
Rev. James Goodwin, Grimsby	10 00
Oakwood, Easter offering W. M. S.	6 25
Mrs. J. C. Nichols, Waterloo, Que., Easter Thank offering	25 00
Rev. G. McRitchie, Ottawa	2 00
Mission Band, Centennial Church, Scarboro' .	20 00
Epworth League, George St., Peterboro' . . .	5 00
W. M. S., Caistorville	5 20
Christian Endeavor, Caistorville	5 20

Two friends, Ottawa, per Mrs. W. Saunders,	
Experimental Farm	7 00
Rev. A. Sutherland, Thank offering	20 00
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FROM SELF-DENIAL WEEK.

Self-denial week, Blythe	\$5 25
Sunday School, Oakville	11 78
Wolfville, N. S.	1 00
W. M. S., Fergus	8 00
A few friends, Augusta	4 40
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We are convinced the above is nothing like the whole amount realized from self-denial week. Will others who have funds on hand please report without delay.

Answers to Correspondents.

Ought not the Church to spend more on Home Missions, and less on the Foreign work?

ANSWER.—Without doubt the Church should spend more on Home Missions, but not less on Foreign. A great advance on both lines is the need of the hour.

What is the present state of our Indian Institutes?

ANSWER.—1. The Mount Elgin Institute is very flourishing—over eighty pupils, which is more than the building can properly accommodate. New buildings are urgently needed, and the Government has the matter under consideration. 2. The new Institute at Red Deer is almost ready to be opened. 3. Building at Brandon has not yet begun, although the site was selected nearly two years ago. Nearly a year elapsed before tenders were asked for, but they were too high; the plans were modified and other tenders invited. Result not yet known. 4. The McDougall Orphanage has accommodation for thirty, but over forty are in attendance. More room and better appliances are urgently needed. This institution will probably be controlled in future by the General Board. 5. The Chilliwack Home is in process of erection, and will be ready early next autumn. This institution will accommodate 100 pupils, and will be carried on by the General Society and the Woman's Society conjointly.

The Central Tabernacle, Tokyo.

BY REV. J. W. SAUNBY, B.A.

WHEN the Rev. Dr. Eby returned to this country on furlough a few years ago, he awakened widespread interest in the work which lay nearest to his heart, namely: The establishing in Tokyo of a great central organization for the prosecution of evangelistic work along broader and stronger lines than had hitherto been followed. It was his purpose to combine in one institution all the different departments of mission work, from an apologetic lectureship to a Salvation Army corps.

Now, since our return home, no department of the work in Japan has elicited more frequent inquiries than has this Central Tabernacle work. Has the Tabernacle become a reality? We heard it was burnt down—has it been rebuilt? What is the trend of the work—is it secular or spiritual? Are souls being saved and a living church established? and what is the outlook for the future of this work? are among the questions asked by those whom it has been our privilege to meet. Presuming, then, that these indicate to some extent the information needed throughout the home church,

we will, in a few words, throw what light we can upon this subject.

Yes, the Tabernacle is a fact, and one of the most inspiring in all the compass of our work in Japan. For over two years a beautiful building, seating over 800, and situated on one of the busiest streets in the great educational quarter of that imperial city, has stood with open doors inviting the busy throng to enter, listen to, and receive the Word of Life.

The whole trend of the Tabernacle work is evangelistic and spiritual. True, it was proposed to do a good deal of apologetic lecturing, but the pressing demands from the purely evangelistic side have been so urgent as to more than occupy the time and absorb the strength of every worker. There are so many hungry people who want the Bread of Life, that so far the more general and indirect work has had to stand aside. However, much has been accomplished in the way of securing the services of celebrated visitors, to whom such a fine auditorium as the Tabernacle offers exceptional advantages for attracting large numbers of the most intelligent and cultured people in the Empire. Lectures are also sometimes delivered by the Christians among the foreign professors in the Imperial university, but as the two most famous of these have left the country, help from that source cannot be counted on. Thus it will be seen that the lecture platform depends almost wholly on outsiders for supply, while the whole strength of the staff is directed to supplying the need of the many, who live more in the heart than they do in the head.

But what at present is the *special* feature in the work of the Tabernacle? In what particular is it differentiated from any other church in the Conference? Simply that by the use of the stereopticon it preaches the Gospel to more heathen than all the other churches in Tokyo put together. When the Doctor first broached the subject of this new departure in the mode of conducting the Sabbath evening service, there were not a few of us who looked on the experiment as altogether Utopian. The great fear was that it would attract a great disorderly crowd, which would simply surge in to see the show, and then rush out again untouched and unblessed. So you may judge of the pleasant surprise it was when the actual results became evident.

In planning a service of that character, no better method could have been adopted. The design is not entertainment, but worship; not amusement, but education and heart conviction, and the Lord has and is honoring the efforts of His servants by His presence and blessing. As we looked at that audience of 600 people, three-fourths of whom were heathen, and saw the quietness which was upon them, we felt that One greater than the temple was present. Then the service opened by the appearance of the hymn upon the curtain in large syllabic characters, which even the waif of the street might read. Oh, what a contrast this is to the old method, in which a few of the initiated who have hymn books, drone through the stanzas, while the crowd look on and readily conceive the idea that this is just the same kind of mummery as they hear in any of their own temples. But here in the Tabernacle their eye is chained to the word, and they begin to think, what does this mean? "Jesus loves me"; "There is a fountain filled with blood"; or, "There is a happy land, far, far away." Then they say, we must stay and hear all we can about it. After the singing, a simple prayer is offered in such a way as to direct the mind of the most ignorant to the Father in Heaven, and then the Scripture lesson greets the eye, and again at every line the mind is roused to inquiry concerning these strange messages which seem to hail from another and a better world. And often, too, the Apostles' Creed or the Ten Commandments are thrown on the screen and commented upon. But the interest reaches its climax when the story of the Life of the Lord Jesus and of His wonderful work and teachings is reached. Some one phase only can be presented in a single service, but the living canvas makes those sacred scenes to live, and loving, earnest words supply the intervening links and press home the teaching with such power as to touch many a heart, and call forth many a longing for a more intimate knowledge of the Friend of sinners.

Now, what of the results? Not a single meeting is held without the most earnest effort to gather in the sheaves

ready for the harvest. The service does not end with the last picture; the lights are turned on and a short, pithy and attractive sermon is preached. And here came the test, when we would not have been surprised to see at least half of the people get up and go out; but not so. Not more than a dozen withdrew, and the sermon received as great attention as the views from the lantern. But further, after the sermon comes a prayer-meeting to which anywhere between seventy-five and a hundred and twenty-five unconverted people remain, and never a service closes, we are told, without some soul yielding to the claims of the Saviour. Just before we left Japan, one Sabbath, a young man among those who lingered during the prayer service, under the influence of what he saw and heard, burst into tears, and when questioned he related his story. It seems he was a student who, through lung trouble, was unable to pursue his studies, and under the most gloomy reports from the doctor had become so discouraged that he resolved to take his own life; but while wandering aimlessly through the streets that Sabbath evening, he stumbled upon the Tabernacle, and went in to see what was going on, little thinking that such a pearl of great price was awaiting him. The service seemed to be meant for him; he felt deeply his lost condition, and lo, here in the man Christ Jesus was the help needed, and he laid hold of the hope set before him in the Gospel, and finally found peace. Then, through the help of Doctor Eby, he obtained the advice and help of a skilled physician, and went home to his own country rejoicing, not only in the Saviour, but in the prospects of returning health. Many other similar instances come to mind, but space fails us now.

What are the prospects for the future of this good work? The one point in which the Tabernacle is of pre-eminent importance is, that it has the largest number of people right there ready to listen. The results, therefore, will be in proportion to the effort expended. That the present equipment is inadequate has long become evident. True, large sums of money have been expended already, but these have gone for putting the plant on the ground, and it is absurd to think that such an organization can be run without more than ordinary assistance. The most crying need is for an extra income of say five hundred dollars a year to meet the extra expense necessary to make the stereopticon a success, and to seize every opportunity of adding interest and strength to the work. Then there is the most pressing need of lady missionaries right at hand to reap the harvest already ripe. It is simply madness for any organization to think of meeting all the needs of the evangelistic work from one centre in the great city of Tokyo, and if the ladies of our W. M. S. intend to really do the work which the different churches afford them, they must establish another centre away across the city from Azabu, and there reach not only the constituency of the Tabernacle but also that of Shitaya, Ushigome and Komagome.

We believe, too, that there should be another evangelist in Tokyo to meet the needs of the work. Not only would there be for him abundant opportunity for his strongest effort in conjunction with Doctor Eby in the Tabernacle, but in all our churches, and in the districts of Tokyo not yet touched by Methodism, he would find a field worthy of an apostle. O that the Church in Canada could see that except more liberal support is given us now when the largest opportunities are within our reach, we shall surely fail to reap an abundant harvest, and the crown of rejoicing will go to those supported by a broader and more sympathetic liberality.

"God's Acre."

BY REV. GEO. E. HARTWELL, B.D., CHEN-TU, CHINA.

I like that ancient Saxon phrase, which calls
The burial-ground God's acre! It is just,
It consecrates each grave within its walls,
And breathes a benison o'er the sleeping dust.
—Longfellow.

FIVE miles from Chen-tu the ground slopes sufficiently to form a beautiful hill. At its base a small river winds among the trees darting from view into the plains below. On one bank of the river a Buddhist temple is situated, sur-

rounded by a grove. Across the river a strongly-built stone bridge stretches, with dragon-heads protruding from either side. The outlook from the bridge is truly picturesque. This hill may be rightly called the city of the dead. Mounds of departed Chinamen fill nearly every eminence. Bamboo groves adorn the brow of the hill as with a laurel crown. On the summit, shaded by evergreen trees, is situated "God's acre" of the Canadian Methodist Mission. The first flower to be planted "in the fair garden of that second birth," occupies a natural elevation within the plot.

Friday, Jan. 28th, the remains of Mrs. O. L. Kilborn were removed from their temporary resting-place to this beautiful spot. As we passed through the streets this morning, there seemed to be a noticeable hush as if the people realized that within the breast of the foreigner there was sadness similar to their own. Just outside the city we overtook a Chinese funeral. Conspicuous in the showy procession were paper men held aloft on sticks, and paper houses fastened to the chairs, and paper cash carried by attendants. The first were burned over the grave to act as servants to the spirits of the dead; the houses were burned for the spirits to live in; the cash was burned to provide for their necessities in the spirit world. Such were the prospects of the heathen dead. How different were the feelings of the few who followed the dust of one who died with faith in the Saviour's promise that "In my Father's house are many mansions; I go to prepare a place for you." Yea, with Longfellow we exclaimed:—

"She is not dead, the child of our affection,
But gone into that school
Where she no longer needs our poor protection,
And Christ himself doth rule.

"In that great cloister's stillness and seclusion,
By guardian angels led,
Safe from temptation, safe from sin's pollution,
She lives whom we call dead.

"Day after day we think what she is doing,
In those bright realms of air;
Year after year, her tender steps pursuing,
Behold her grown more fair."

Around the open grave over one hundred Chinamen and twelve foreigners assembled. The old hymn, "Sweet by-and-by," was sung in English, after which Dr. V. C. Hart explained in Chinese the truths of the resurrection and of immortality. At the close of the service, two Buddhist priests, who were present, desired us to bring to them the "Holy Book," which taught such precious doctrines.

Perhaps someone will think that it is hard to be laid away among strangers in a strange land, but they feel not the pulse that beats in the breast of the true missionary. This plot, we expect, will become the resting-place of hundreds who, having turned from their sins under our ministry, will have died in the full faith of a glorious resurrection. Then, what a joy to be near, and with them to be caught up into the air to meet the returning Saviour. Yea, it is possible that

"Into its furrows shall we all be cast,
In the sure faith that we shall rise again
At the great harvest."

A DECREE exempting from duty all merchandise for missionaries in eastern Africa was made public in Zanzibar recently.

DR. SCHAUFFLER calls attention to the fact that while the Congregationalists have many institutions for training men for foreign missions, they have not a single school for training women missionaries. This refers, of course, to theological and special training.

WHEN Lady Dufferin began her scheme for the improvement of the physical condition of women in India, seven years ago, it was hardly expected that in so short a time such striking results would be achieved. Last year 466,000 women received medical treatment. The staff now consists of nine women doctors and thirty-one assistants, and the number of native and Eurasian women under instruction steadily increases. Last year there were 207. The fund has at present an income of £5,000 a year, after having erected hospitals and dispensaries at a cost of £120,000.

Along the Line.

The Indian Work.

HARTLEY BAY, B.C.

*Letter from GEORGE EDGAR, Native Teacher, dated
March 25th.*

I AM happy to tell you that God has answered our prayers, and that the preaching of Jesus' name has not been in vain in this place. We have been praying for the pouring out of the Holy Spirit and for a revival, and it has come at last in mighty power. Although we were often cast down, thinking that the work of God will not bear fruit, yet if we only awake the Master and pray like the disciples in the boat, "Lord save us, we perish," He will hear and answer. Thank God, the Master is awake and saves us from perishing.

On the New Year's evening this year, while we were in the church, we felt the Spirit of God in our hearts. Many cried out for mercy, and many testified that they had found Jesus. Many old members are awaking, many young men have given up their evil ways, burned their pipes and tobacco, and now they are praising God with a clean mouth. Bro. T. Crosby and a band of Christian soldiers visited us here on the *Glad Tidings*, and we had a blessed time which will be remembered for years.

We went up to Kit-a-maat from here in two canoes, telling the people what the Lord has done for us. We also went up to Port Simpson, and had a grand time there. The meetings are still going on every evening since New Year. Every day is like Sunday to us here. Praise God for what He has done for us. He has blessed His work this year. We have got the new church up now; the roof is on, but we are not able to finish the outside and the inside, for we are short of money, although our people are doing very well indeed. We are making our own shingles and getting logs, and work to help build, all helping together without any pay. An Indian carpenter, named John Davis, came here and gave us a hand in putting up this church. This man was doing the devil's work before he came here, and now he has found Jesus and is happy in the Lord, singing all the time, "Now the chains of sin are broken, I am free, I am free." We have had very little time for the day-school during the winter, for I have been working at the church part of the time. We are still trusting in God to help us to finish the new place of worship. We need your prayers for us here, so that we may do the Master's will.

BELLA BELLA, B.C.

Letter from REV. G. F. HOPKINS, dated Feb. 24, 1893.

OUR new church, which had not had the inside nailed in, as the lumber was not dry enough, has been completed sufficiently for use. On Christmas day we dedicated it to the service of God. The people were delighted to worship in it. It was ready none too soon, as the week before Christmas we had a terrific gale of wind, which surpassed in strength anything known here for over thirty years. This wind canted over our old building, which had for twelve years served the purposes of both school-house and church. Although it did not fall, yet it became unsafe for use. It will either have to be rebuilt, or else pushed back to position and greatly strengthened, as soon as the people can raise money enough to do so. We have temporarily braced it up so that there will not be any further danger of it falling till repaired.

During the holidays we had a few professed conversions. One, the head chief of the Kokite tribe, who with his people came here to live some eighteen months ago, said that he now gave his heart to God. "For some time I have been with you here, but I kept my old heathen heart, but to-night I leave off all heathenism, and hereafter will, with you all here, follow Jesus." A short time after this a woman died very triumphantly. We often visited her, and when she had wasted almost away, being scarcely able to speak, she would

yet try to join in the singing. She would often break down, however, but would beat time to the music, waving her hand so triumphantly, and her face beaming. She bid her friends not to mourn for her, as she was going to her home and to happiness. It impressed us that surely "They are gathering home from every land, one by one."

Towards the latter part of January, Bros. Crosby and Jennings, with about twenty Indians from farther north, arrived on the *Glad Tidings*. They had been having wonderful meetings at their missions previous to this, and so came down the coast spreading the fire. Many of our people were off hunting, but those at home became very much impressed, and much good was done. After nearly a week with us, they returned home. The fire burned in our hearts, despite the intense cold without. Many young people have professed conversion, and now take part in every meeting. Nearly every person at home was either converted or greatly blessed. Several, who had been very fond of their tobacco and pipe, like nearly all Indians, have destroyed them. They say that they do not feel it right to smoke and to try to serve God at the same time. One man threw his pipe (a costly one) into the fire. His wife not knowing what had been done, found the remains of it and felt badly about it. She said she was sorry he had not saved it to give to her heathen brother in another village. But on reflection, she concluded that the pipe would do him no good either. And as it would not benefit him, why give it to him? Better go and urge him to accept the gift of God's Son. We hope that all the surrounding villages may also receive a great blessing.

The Foreign Work.

CHINA.

Letter from the REV. V. C. HART, D.D., dated CHEN-TU, CHINA, Feb. 9th, 1893.

I WROTE you of the purchase of land made in the city for mission compound. We are all delighted with the site, and feel that the divine hand guided us in the choice. It seemed that we were really shut up to the course taken, as all other plots we had in view failed us, and no suitable place to lease could be found. It was absolutely necessary to have more room for living quarters, as our present compound cannot accommodate more than two families comfortably. I forgot to mention in my former letter that steps had been taken to remove Mrs. Kilborn's remains from our yard, as no graves are allowed within the city walls. A plot of ground had to be purchased for this purpose. It was thought best to buy a sufficiently large piece, for the future use of the mission, both foreign and native. The Methodist Episcopal Mission may also join us in the purchase. Mr. Cady, the representative of that mission, is absent at present and I cannot say positively that such will be the case, but have every reason to think so. A large, high and beautiful site was found, the price seemed moderate, and we purchased. The amount of land was about one acre, price \$170. We are putting a mud wall about it, which will cost \$20 or more. The business was urgent and could not be referred home. We hope to make this also a summer resort for the mission, and thus put it to a double use.

I wrote you in a previous letter that we must put up one house immediately, and a second ought to go up as soon as possible. The purchase of the site about \$1,675, with attendant expenses—must be met by either what we had left over from funds of last year, or by a new appropriation. The new house we are building will come from funds we have for rents and repairs. This plot of land is ample for three houses, hospital buildings, chapel and school buildings. We are anxious to begin work on the hospital, and can do so just as soon as funds come for such purpose.

I was glad to learn from the brethren that they had sent forward an appeal for men, and trust a hearty response will be given. I think from what you have written that it is the intention of the Society to send out a reinforcement some time the present year. May I suggest that September 1st will be a good date for a party to sail from Vancouver. The water will be in good condition at Ichang to come on safely and expeditiously. The M. E. Mission is to receive an

early reinforcement. I need not state that great caution is necessary in the selection of men and women, to see that all are of good sound health, of suitable age to learn the language, and of good, sound judgment. A man should not be over thirty, and, as a rule, not under twenty-five. A younger man might acquire the language with greater facility, but there would be lack of experience and maturity of judgment—very essential in such a work as this.

We heard by last mail threatening reports from Ichang, but our communication with the outside world is so slow and irregular that you will receive down-river news before we do. Everything in this province moves on peacefully, so far as we know. There is a Russian gentleman in the city, an advance surveyor of the Russian Geographical Society, who is waiting his colleagues and funds to begin a general survey of the northern portions of the province. I had a call from him a few days ago, and in our conversation, which was entirely in Chinese, I asked him the purpose of the survey. His reply was greatly confused, and I could not but feel that the survey was in the interests of Russian aggression in the near future. This might not be a bad route to Burmah or India. The people of the province are unwarlike, and, without the aid of railroads, the Chinese could not mobilize an army for weeks or months.

Letter from REV. GEO. E. HARTWELL, B.D., dated CHEN-TU, Feb. 1st, 1893.

ALL who are interested in our work in China will rejoice with us that God has so marvellously opened the way to purchase property. A beautiful lot containing more than an acre has been bought for our "righteous dead," within two hours' walk from the city. Within the city a lot has been bargained for, that has good prospects of becoming a stronghold for God in the midst of heathen darkness. The thanksgiving service held on the eve of the purchase was acceptable in God's sight, for He poured upon us all a great blessing. We hope soon to see two dwellings, a chapel and hospital, under way, and before many years, I trust, a university. Our faith increases with our knowledge of the language, and we are expecting great things from the hands of our God in answer to the prayers of thousands in Canada. All are enjoying good health, and the babies are thriving. Dr. Hart reached Chen-tu, December 31st, and baptized the three little ones, Sunday, January 1st. Nineteen foreigners were present, also several Chinamen, to see the first children baptized in Chen-tu. The weather has been cold, affording a good opportunity to study. The work is steadily opening. The room heretofore used for a chapel has become too small, a larger room has to be made ready this week. We need a chapel very much.

The Home Work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Wellington, B.C.—Three years ago, on reaching the village, we found a strike had just commenced and the people were under notice to leave their houses. In a short time the windows and doors were nailed up, and it had the appearance of a deserted village. The strike lasted for seventeen months and proved very disastrous to all concerned, and also broke up our Quarterly Board, leaving us with only one member. It interfered greatly with religious work. When, at length, the mines opened there was full work for a few weeks, when a glut in the coal market caused the mines to close down three or four days a week and made times very hard; then a fire breaking out in No. 4 mine caused two mines to be closed down, and these still remain closed. Many of our congregation and some of our members went away seeking work. It was not till four months ago that work became plentiful and steady, and our congregations have improved, we have good prayer and class meetings, and quite a number have come out as decided workers ready to assist at all time.

Our receipts from collections have increased over 100 per cent. during the last quarter. The ladies also reseeded the church at a cost of \$200, raising all the money at the same time. The prospects of the place are good, and Wellington

is likely to become a very important town. I believe the crisis has been passed, and that it will be a long time ere the works close down again for any length of time. At the present time 682 white men, 33 boys and 100 Chinamen are employed here at the mines. I believe this field is nearing the time when it will be self-supporting.

Bro. R. Wilkinson is doing faithful work at Northfield. His congregations fill the church on Sunday evenings. He also preaches at Departure Bay, and the people are rallying well to his support.

S. M. Robins, Esq., Superintendent, wrote me under date of January 17th: "I should like to show our appreciation of the work being done by your Church at Northfield, though I cannot do always what I wish, and especially in such dull times as we are now experiencing. We will not make any charge for rent or coal for the current year (1893). Mrs. Wilkinson rendered good service on a recent occasion to the wife and children of a former employee, and I shall be obliged if you will make known to her how much we value her labors of love."

I believe it will be wise to continue Bro. Wilkinson another year at Northfield. The people are very anxious to retain him. The Board has recommended him to the District meeting as a suitable candidate for the ministry.

A. E. GREEN.

Mission City, B.C.—This mission was formed last Conference by separation from the old Maple Ridge Circuit. At that time it included two appointments already formed, Mission City and Dewdney, with a third, Nicomen Island, to be taken up. This last has been given regular services through the year; in the first two or three months, fortnightly, and since that three Sundays out of four. Dewdney has had three Sundays out of four, and Mission City, most of the time, six services in four Sundays. We have added two other appointments, Cedar Valley and Silverdale, with, for some months back, three Sundays out of four at Cedar Valley, and alternate Sundays at Silverdale. In order to do this much work, we have brought into regular service two local preachers. One has moved among us during the year. Both are good, faithful men. We have also licensed an exhorter, who will probably be an acceptable local preacher before long. Except on Sundays on which I have two appointments, with ten or eleven miles partly of bad roads, directly away from home, to travel on foot, I take three appointments every Sunday. All my work must be done on foot over a circuit fifteen miles long between extreme appointments, and twenty miles to reach all members of congregations. The circuit is not well enough supplied with roads to make it workable with a horse, and, in fact, I could not afford to keep a horse on my present salary and under present circumstances. Mission City has a Methodist church estimated at \$1,500 (debt \$275), and Cedar Valley expects to have another ready for dedication in three or four weeks. A third Methodist church is likely to be built at Dewdney next summer.

At present we preach in one private house, three school houses, and one church. With the assistance of our excellent and devoted brother, W. E. Moody, of Aldergrove Mission, we held a week's special meetings here without, however, apparent fruits to gladden our hearts. A trouble of long standing between some principal members, with a new trouble partly an outgrowth of the old, was, doubtless, the almost insuperable preventive of a work of grace among us. We have been, with the twice repeated aid of the chairman, seeking to cure this "Achan" in the camp, and seem now to have almost succeeded, and earnestly pray God that we may soon see no more such obstacle in the way of a blessed work of God among this people.

We have received three persons on trial, and later in full connection at one appointment, and three more on trial at another appointment, out of which some may soon be received. One man, a head of a family, has professed conversion through our services at Nicomen Island. We expect to have a small increase in membership to report at the close of the year, God being on our side.

We are very much hoping to build a parsonage, which we will if we get the required aid. We have received towards

this object a generous donation of \$25 from W. E. Sanford, of Hamilton. One of our members has given us lots in exchange for what we had, \$50 better in value than the first, to count as a \$50 subscription on his part.

These are very hard times financially, and if our good people here raise the \$275 proposed, and \$84 for rent, besides all their other financial burdens, they will do well; I fear the salary is coming short, however. We have some dear Christian people here, and kind friends outside of the Christian fold, but they are mostly having a hard fight to get a meagre living and pull through the pioneering days, till they have sufficient cleared land to produce a comfortable livelihood, and means to pay for the deeds from the Government.

Mission City, itself, is a town site that was "boomed" about a year ago, has had its necessary reaction, reverses, and now will, it is generally believed, gradually, at least, grow into a nice little village if the country round continues to fill up as it is now doing. At a very rough estimate the population of the neighborhood may be 150. Our congregations sometimes, I should judge, reach ninety. If you should ever favor us with a visit, I can promise you a good congregation.

Yours, for the Master,

J. W. WINSLOW.

LITTLE METIS.

I HAVE been in charge of the Mission since September 1889, and am pleased to notice a gradual increase in all our connexional funds from year to year; notwithstanding the fact that last year we spent over \$200 in improving the interior of our church, and this year we have increased the convenience outside by building a large shed for horses, 60 x 18 feet, at a cost of \$71, all paid; yet we will report an increase over all previous years to all funds, not excepting the stipend of your humble servant, the missionary in charge. I am also pleased to report a steady growth spiritually; we have been holding house to house prayer-meetings during the past eight weeks, sometimes four and sometimes five in the week, and although the work has fallen a little severely on the missionary, with the very limited help at his disposal, yet the best of all is, God has been with us, giving grace and strength according to our need, and cheering our hearts with many signs of His approval in this special effort. We are thankful for the past, and look hopefully to the future.

JOHN JACKSON.

YOUNG'S COVE, N. B.

ACCORDING to the requirements of discipline, I will drop you a few lines concerning the work of Christ on this Mission to which we came last July. There are eight regular preaching places; at four of these we preach every two weeks, and once in four weeks at the other four. The congregations are generally good, and a deep interest is manifested at each station. We have succeeded in holding daily meetings for two weeks or so at four of the preaching stations, which has resulted in greatly reviving the societies, and souls have been converted. We spent last week at Cumberland Bay, where we have a nice little church building, and held two meetings a day; eight persons decided for Christ, united on trial and professed their faith by sitting at the Lord's table. All praise to Jesus who has provided an uttermost salvation for His people, and sent His Holy Spirit to influence the world for good.

R. W. J. CLEMENTS.

It is said that for what it costs to fire one shot from one of our largest cannons, a missionary and his family can be supported over two years in Japan.

An old African chieftain said to Bishop Tucker, of Uganda, when he was asked whether he would like to have missionaries settle in his country, "No," and he gave a reason, which from his point of view was a good one: "We are fond of fighting and cattle-stealing, and if teachers come they will tell us all this is wrong." The Gospel is at war with sin everywhere, and that is the reason why men do not welcome it.

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" THIS IS THE VICTORY, EVEN OUR FAITH."

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

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

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

Our Monthly Reunion.

PRAYER TOPIC.

For Auxiliaries, Mission Circles and Bands, Executive Supply and Literature Committees, Conference Representatives and District Organizers.

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be before us, and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants."

MANY thoughts crowd upon us as we consider the subject of this month. This lovely spring-time is the seed-time, when "the sower goes forth to sow," the buds of promise are silently appearing on the trees, the tender grass as silently shooting up on our lawns and boulevards—all nature is reviving and putting on her beautiful garments. Obeying the laws of their great Creator, trees and grass and shrubs

are glorifying God, and it seems to us in this Home work of our W. M. S., the churches, the homes and the social circle are the great field the W. M. S. is seeking to cultivate.

Striving to break up the hard ground of indifference, apathy and ignorance which encrusts so many hearts, to scatter seeds of knowledge and interest in missionary work, hoping and praying that, watered by the precious rain of the Holy Spirit, these truths may bring forth the fruits of consecration, activity and liberality, and thus we, too, may glorify God. For the success of the past, we would like to sound forth the key-note of praise from all our May meetings. The growth of the work has been steady, and the outlook is promising for the future.

A French writer says: "God makes thought, and thought makes history." Every great movement was first a thought from God; and so we believe God, by His Holy Spirit, communicated the blessed thought which gave birth to the W. M. S., and all the kindred societies of women, which are laboring so successfully to-day for the world's uplifting.

Nineteenth century history will record no more valuable progress in its civilization, none more pregnant with good to the race than the advancement of woman. When the Church and the State shall have accorded to her her rightful place and power, Christianity will be practically applied to the roots of evils where at present we can only trim the branches, and, slowly perhaps, but surely, national righteousness shall be evolved, and the kingdom of Christ shall prevail in the earth. This is the hope, the aim, the inspiration of the woman's work of to-day, and women in almost all lands are being moved to effort as never before. The voice of Jesus has bid us "arise," and women, once wrapped in the shroud of conventional seclusion, have found voice and pen and power to do the Master's bidding. "I don't take any interest in missions," or "I don't care to work for that sort of thing," is a remark unworthy of a Christian woman, and that such ever reaches our ears only proves that there is much educative work yet to do. In this connection, we may suggest a regular systematic visitation and literature distribution as a work for Auxiliaries.

The benefits of our work are manifold. Its influences can not be summed up in reports. It is Plato, we believe, who says, "Whatever is good or great in the State must first begin in the home"; and, as whatever interests woman is sure to influence the home, and be woven into the warp and woof of the characters therein moulded, any elevating or ennobling work, therefore, to which women devote themselves, will be reflected upon the history of the future. What more ennobling than the work God has given woman to do to-day—the grand missionary work which comprises all reforms, all progress of human thought toward the divine ideal, all the means and measures consecrated thought can devise for the uplifting of humanity? Think of the lawless rum traffic, and of the great powers it bends to its hellish sway! Think of the great opium traffic which Christian England

forced upon heathen China, at the point of the bayonet? Think of the shocking traffic in women regulated and protected by the laws of civilized, nominally Christian, countries. We speak of electors, and governments, and legislators all in their corporate capacity. Let us individualize. They are all individual men, though collectively powers. Do we realize that these men were all once boys, in homes, and under the influence of mothers?

If the State to-day represents the influence of those homes and those mothers, what food for reflection is furnished! Shall it be so of the future? We do not think so. The women of to-day, through the influence of the W. M. S. and W. C. T. U. societies, are awakened. We cannot believe that the boys and girls of missionary and temperance mothers are coming on the stage of life to perpetuate the curses and vices of the ages, to trade in flesh and blood and ruined souls for revenues of dollars and cents. Women of the W. M. S., around whose board sit to-day the legislators of the future, let us understand the measure of our responsibility. The teaching, moulding power is in the home first. Poor and vain, indeed, the work for the heathen abroad, if the standard of a pure Christianity is not maintained at home. It is a mighty work to cope with ignorance and unbelief, with the sins of our own Christian civilization as well as with the hideousness of heathenism, but the reward of the work is with it.

Every Auxiliary is a little nucleus from which radiate with increasing power, awakening and stirring influences. It is not merely the holding of meetings, for carrying on the regular order of business, but the effect of these meetings in broadening the horizon of many women's lives, hitherto narrowed to four walls; the generating of interest in other lands, and the uniting of those ties which bind us a sisterhood in work for God.

If our work is to do us all the good it is designed to do, if it is to be the mighty agency, not only in our Church, but in our country, in blessing women, in growing a strong, pure, Christian sentiment, whose power shall reach outside our denominational boundaries, it will be by the fidelity to God and Christian principle of each individual woman among us. There is an object for each one of us to live up to, and may God, the Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with such love to humanity that His work shall be our constant delight.

A. P.

Chat with the Editor.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "I enjoy the Editor's Chat very much. Will you please answer the following in the same place:

"If our Secretary wrote to Mrs. Large, or any of the missionaries, would they answer us privately; or are they kept too busy corresponding with the OUTLOOK, etc., to answer letters from Auxiliaries?"

The spirit that prompts this question is a worthy one, and gives evidence of the interest taken in the work the Woman's Missionary Society is doing. Any of our missionaries, we are quite sure, would be pleased

to answer letters addressed to them; but it will readily be seen that if each of our five hundred or more Auxiliaries make this demand, which would be as reasonable for all as for one, a trying and unnecessary task would be imposed upon those ladies whose every hour is already filled with duties, according to plan, either in school or evangelistic work. To meet this most commendable desire for information on the part of Auxiliaries, the Board has appointed special correspondents for OUTLOOK, and it is expected that every issue will convey to our membership the latest and most interesting news from our fields.

NEW Auxiliaries needing information concerning our work, are advised to write to Miss Ogden, Room 20 Wesley Buildings, Toronto, enclosing two cents for postage. The annual report, letters and leaflets, etc., will be found very helpful.

OUR readers, and especially our Woman's Missionary Society members, will note with satisfaction that the OUTLOOK last year netted \$401.97 to the funds of the General Society (General Report, p. 272).

THE loyalty of our workers is exceedingly commendable, and the frequent testimonies to the value of our department in generating interest, and thus promoting the work, are certainly encouraging. Let us continue to speak to each other through it, as far as possible, from month to month of our beloved work in all its various phases; so shall we grow with it, and thus this little paper may become to us a bond of sympathy as well as service.

THE requirement of "fifteen-line reports" is being much better complied with than formerly; but there is still need of some improvement, and we must continue to press it on our workers. Your local paper is the place for detailed programmes and lengthy obituary notices, if such are desired; but our space is so limited that we must endeavor to observe the limit more strictly, though we feel delicate about doing so. *In memoriam* notices of former workers are always inserted as promptly as possible, but they are required to be brief. We have not the *space* for biographies.

WILL correspondents sending us any manuscript kindly attach the name and address.

THE letters from our several fields in this issue are full of interest.

"SAY among the heathen that the Lord reigneth."

Current Coin.

LET this and every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and let every setting sun be to you as its close. Let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others—some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourselves.—*Ruskin*.

SET thyself in the lowest place, and the highest shall be given thee; for the more lofty the building is designed to be, the deeper must the foundations of it be laid.—*Thomas a Kempis*.

A BUDDHIST priest in Japan, comparing his faith with Christianity, emphasizes the peculiar strength of the latter in the words, "The personality of Christ is the magnetic power of Christianity."

Notice.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Central Branch desires to remind the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands of the circular sent out in March, and the necessity for having all the votes returned as soon as possible. Will the Presidents of Auxiliaries and Bands kindly attend to this.

Little by Little.

Little by little the world grows strong,
Fighting the battles of right and wrong;
Little by little the wrong gives way:
Little by little the right has sway;
Little by little all longing souls
Struggle up nearer the shining goals.

Little by little the great rocks grew,
Long, long ago, when the world was new.
Slowly and silently, stately and free,
Cities of coral under the sea
Little by little are builded; while so
The new years come and the old years go.

Little by little all tasks are done;
So are the crowns of the faithful won,
So is heaven in our hearts begun.
Little by little the seeds we sow
Into a beautiful yield will grow.

District Meeting.

THE first District Meeting of the W. M. Society was held in Madoc, March 15th, Mrs. A. C. Maybee presiding. Despite the bad condition of the roads and the windy day, a number of delegates were present, and each seemed filled with the Spirit of God and a love for the work, and very profitable meetings were the outcome. Mrs. Sinclair, of the Presbyterian W. M. S., was present and cheered us with her sympathy in all mission work. The afternoon meeting was taken up with reports of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, which showed an increase in interest as well as in the work. The evening meeting was public, Rev. J. P. Wilson presiding. A cordial address of welcome was given the delegates and visitors by Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson, of Madoc, and responded to by Miss Harvey, of Ivanhoe. Both were very much appreciated by the audience. Rev. J. P. Wilson gave an interesting address on the Indians of the North-West; Mrs. Maybee gave a short account of the Society's work; and a paper was read by Miss Sanderson on "Our Indians"—number, location, condition, customs, needs, etc. Both meetings were interspersed with music, and were a spiritual help to all present, and I think we have more zeal for this great work.

Madoc, Ont.

(MRS.) M. MAYBEE, Cor. Sec.

Executive Committee.

A MEETING of the Executive Committee was held in Toronto, beginning Monday, April 3rd. Present: Mrs. Gooderham (presiding), Mesdames Carman, Strachan, Williams, Burns, Briggs and Willmott.

Communications were received relative to the World's Woman's Congress to be held in Chicago, in May, and the Auxiliary Missionary Congress, to be held in September. The President and the Corresponding Secretary were authorized to represent our Society at the former. According to the regulations for the meeting in September, our Society will be entitled to send two officers and five delegates. In order to distribute the representation as widely as possible, it was decided that each of the six Branches should have the privilege of nominating one delegate.

A letter was read from Dr. Gifford, announcing the safe arrival of Miss Brackbill and herself in Shanghai. Some additional arrangements were made for the work in China. Medical supplies have already been forwarded.

A letter from Mr. Gardiner, of Victoria, informed the Committee that the procuress of Ah Quai (recently rescued) had applied to the courts to have her returned; but the judge gave decision—greatly to Ah Quai's delight—that she should remain in the Home. The sanitary improvements and other changes considered necessary in the Home, and referred by the Board to the Executive, were considered. It was unanimously decided that all the recommended improvements should be made.

The Secretary reported that the petition authorized to be presented to the Government *re* traffic in Chinese girls in British Columbia, had been prepared by a committee of representatives from the Woman's Missionary Societies of the different denominations and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and would be forwarded to the Minister of Customs at once.

Communications and resolutions were received from Japan regarding the work in the Hongo district, Tokyo. A sub-committee of the Committee of Consultation and Finance met with this Committee, and together they carefully considered the merits and needs of the work. The committees recognized the fact that a large sum of money had been expended by the General Society in the Hongo district, and that much of the success must come from labor among women and children; and as that department of the work was relegated to the Woman's Missionary Society by the General Conference, it was agreed to recommend the establishing (circumstances permitting) of a second centre for woman's work that will meet the needs of the churches in Hongo and adjacent districts.

A deputation from the Executive of the Methodist Young People's Association waited on the Committee and presented resolutions passed at the M. Y. P. A. Convention recently held, looking towards affiliation with the Woman's Missionary Society. A committee was appointed to meet with the Executive of the Epworth League and Young People's Association, and formulate a satisfactory basis of affiliation. The report of the committee will be published in due time.

The appointment of a medical adviser in each Branch, from whom missionary candidates shall procure their health certificates, and some additional requirements for candidates were suggested, and will be presented at the next Board meeting, as will also a recommendation to fix a time for regular meetings of the Executive.

The Committee was sorry to learn that the resolution passed at last meeting, relative to the holding of business sessions of the Board open only to delegates, had, by *not being properly understood*, caused uneasiness to some, and would like to assure such that no anxiety need be felt, as it will not take effect this year.

Invitations for the next annual meeting of the Board were received from the Auxiliaries in Guelph and in Ottawa. The invitation from the Ottawa Auxiliaries was accepted.

M. B. W., *Rec. Sec.*

Official Letters.

THE FRENCH WORK.

FRENCH MISSIONARY ROLL.

Miss Masten.....	French Institute, Montreal.
Miss Maynard.....	West End, " "
Miss Anderson.....	" " " "
Miss Runnels.....	East End, " "
Mrs. Lamontagne.....	" " " "
Mlle. Roy.....	St. Faustin.
Mlle. Phoenix.....	St. Theodore.

DEAR MRS. PARKER,—I have begun my first letter by giving you the names of our honored French workers. I feel as if the first place ought to be given to Mrs. Hall, wife of our highly esteemed Principal, the Rev. Wm. Hall, M.A., for although Mrs. Hall bears no official relation to our Society, yet we have no missionary, either at home or abroad, who bears a heavier responsibility or discharges more onerous duties. Boys and girls alike receive from her a mother's care, both as regards their physical and spiritual welfare, and the W. M. S. owe her all gratitude and love for the grand work she is doing in the Institute.

Next month I hope to give you an account of the closing, which takes place the end of April.

Miss Anderson, teacher and Bible-woman in the West End, Montreal, writes:—Five years ago the West End Mission School began with eleven pupils—it now numbers seventy. Some are now well advanced in the ordinary branches of study, and all are getting religious instruction, thoroughly Protestant. Nearly all French-Canadian parents wish their children to learn more English than French, but we give religious instruction in both languages. In my Bible work, I often meet the pupils we had the first year, and it is very encouraging to find that some of them are now members of Protestant churches, and many others attend Methodist Sunday Schools. Two of the girls are happily married.

I have been greatly helped in my Bible work by reading matter kindly given by ladies interested in the mission. Many Roman Catholic families enjoy reading papers of a religious nature, and have made the remark to me that Protestants seem to have more good religious reading matter than their denomination has.

I find the Bible work more satisfactory in every respect this year, an increase in the number I visit, and those who send their children to the school seem to appreciate what is being done for them.

I am sure all will be thankful for this cheering letter from Miss Anderson, one of our most faithful workers.

I remain, yours sincerely,

L. W. Ross.

FROM JAPAN.

Letter from Mrs. E. SPENCER LARGE.

I HAVE been taking stock lately of the visible results of our work thus far, and have been led to feel that the time has not all been lost. Some years ago there came a young girl to our school who seemed to be touched at once by the truths she heard from day to day, and ere she had been with us six months she had asked for baptism. Some four months later she received this, but had not the peace she longed for, and knew the reason of it—her idols were still in the pillow she wore under her sash. Of course she did not worship them any longer, but they were there. She tried to convince herself that it was all right to keep them—they were old friends, she was only keeping them because they had been put there by her mother years before, etc. But on her journey home for the summer vacation, she obtained the strength needed, and they were thrown into the sea, and there was nothing between her and her God. She was for some time a “class-leader” in the school, and went out from us to a home of her own—a non-Christian home—and shortly after removed to about fifty miles from Nagasaki, where she knew no one, and where no Christian work had ever been carried on. In such conditions, it was no wonder that her faith grew cold, though she daily prayed that her heart might be kept all right with God. One day she heard of a Christian woman who lived in the same town, went to see her, and found that this woman had just heard of her, and had resolved to find her out, in order that they might help each other. The result of that visit is that these two women are carrying on a Sunday service, to which they gather men, women, and children; and the Word is being spread by their labors. A sister of this woman lived in Tokyo, while O Tao San was attending our school. This sister had all that this world can give to make her happy—a kind husband, a little son, a comfortable home, and plenty of money—yet she was far from happy, was always found in tears, or whining over her hard lot. Through O Tao San’s efforts she was brought to Christ; her tears were all wiped away, her whinings were turned to rejoicings, and to-day she is a happy earnest worker in Fukui, doing in woman’s meetings, Sunday School, and in other ways all that she can find to do for the Master’s sake.

In Nagoya we have a former pupil giving all her time to good works. She is president of the King’s Daughters’ Society, Sabbath School teacher, secretary of a benevolent society, visitor in the hospital and among the poor. Across on the West coast are three teachers in a public school; two were pupils of our Tokyo school, the other was led to Christ by one of these two (her sister). The two sisters heard of the third as having been so long away from Christians that

she was growing careless, and at once began to plan some way by which they could win her back, and succeeded in procuring a situation for her in the same school as they were engaged in. (I may say this news was sent them by a girl now in our school.)

In Sapporo we have another who left us a little over a year ago. In a letter received last week she says: “I am so happy to tell you that my brothers are going to Sabbath School every Sunday, and they are very much interested. I have a class of boys in the Sabbath School, and I am often surprised by what I find they have learned. I am doing what I can in Jesus’ service.”

In Kanazawa, associated with the work there, are two former pupils of this school; one is a Bible-woman, the other acts as teacher and interpreter. In Shizuoka is another, associated with our school there; while here with us we have our first graduate, a comfort and stay; two who graduated last Christmas, ready to join us in our work, if their parents agree; another taking some special lessons to fit her better for the place designed for her to fill; while over a dozen are privately, every day, and in Sabbath-school working as they can. These are some of the proofs that work has been done, which came to me as I took stock; but, besides, my mind travelled on to those who in their homes are doing what they can, and of whom nobody hears much, and of these the stock cannot be taken until the day when “He cometh to number His jewels.”

You have heard probably of the faithful man who has charge of the school kitchen, and of the souls he has been the means of bringing to Christ. Of late we have had a very nice tinsmith to do any little work we had; his shop is but a few steps away. Last Friday he was in doing some work for us, cleaning chimneys; and as I talked with him the thought came as to whether Sentaro had ever spoken to him of his soul, and I decided to ask him at my earliest convenience. Yesterday, on going into church, I saw some one bowing to me, and on looking to see who it was, I found it was our tinsmith, brought to church by Sentaro. “Before they call I will answer.”

The work so far this year has been very uneventful—only the steady, daily round of planting, without much of the fruit gathered. This makes it very hard for us to find items with which to make a letter which will interest and encourage the friends in the home land. The discouragements are better untold. Our school does not increase at all in numbers. The hopeful say to wait a little and the interest will increase in women and their education, and then more will come into the schools. It may be that a change will come after awhile, but if it does not, and we have to work on with sixty or seventy, we can still do good work, and work that only our schools can do.

You speak of the different departments of work you have in hand. We here are not able to follow all that is being done in the home lands. We take no daily papers other than the one published in Yokohama, which we must have, and for which we pay yen 22.50 a year (\$16 gold). It is very hard to find time for even a little reading each day.

You will have heard of the death of Miss West, who represented the W. C. T. U. in Japan. We had the pleasure of her company with us over night, and appreciated having her with us. I do not think I ever met anyone so full of her work and so forgetful of self as Miss W. Truly indeed the women of to-day are favored, in the places they are permitted to fill and the work they are enabled to do, and yet I look with envy on the young folk of to-day, and wish I had had the preparation for my life-work that they are getting; if this generation has been able to do so much, how much more should the next be able to accomplish.

THE Bible stand at the Crystal Palace, London, commenced work nearly thirty years ago, and has disposed of more than 12,000,000 Bibles and Testaments, and 11,000,000 Scripture cards. This distribution includes both sales and gifts.

THERE are 200 baptized Christians in Uganda in connection with the Church Missionary Society, and about 2,000 adherents under instruction. The Gospel of Matthew has been translated into the native tongue. The arrival of 100 copies from England was attended with the wildest joy.

FROM CHINA.

WE are very much pleased to be able to give our readers the following first letter from the first medical lady sent out by our Woman's Missionary Society :

SHANGHAI, *March 2nd, 1893.*

DEAR MRS. GOODERHAM.—We arrived in Shanghai Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock; we anchored Tuesday evening outside the sandbar near Woo Sung. In the morning the lighter met us and brought us up to Shanghai. We took jinrikishas and went to the Presbyterian Mission Press; we could not be accommodated, but they directed us to the Missionary Home. We went there immediately, and were fortunate enough to obtain board. We have to pay a tale (\$1) a day each, with extra for fire. Mr. Evans told us we could have a teacher sent from Chen-tu very easily, so we telegraphed Dr. Hart to send one if they were not ready to send us an escort. It takes about two weeks for one to come from Chen-tu, while it takes six weeks to go up, on account of the rapids. We thought it better to get a teacher if possible who could speak the dialect of that province. We shall have to take everything in the way of dishes, furniture, which you cannot get the Chinese to make, from here with us. You cannot get the smallest article used by foreigners in Chen-tu.

It is five weeks to-day since we left Toronto. We had a very pleasant trip from Vancouver; it was cold but not rough, with the exception of one day. Our staterooms were very comfortable, and we found the stewardess very attentive. We were met in Yokohama by Miss Alexander and Miss Munroe. We reached Yokohama about three in the afternoon, and as we did not leave until eleven the next morning, we decided to go on to Tokyo and spend the night. We received a warm welcome from Mrs. Large and other workers. Miss Brackbill received some useful hints there. We spent a delightful evening and found it a pleasure to sleep ashore for one night. The Japanese girls in the school are very much interested in our Chinese work, and their circle of King's Daughters gave us ten yen towards the work; I have placed the amount to the credit of the Woman's Missionary Society. We reached Yokohama the next day in time for our ship; it made us feel lonely saying farewell to the ladies there. It is very level here in China, and there is no comparison between Tokyo, with its beautiful scenery, and Shanghai with its dirty river. But I am sure once we get to work we shall love our work here as well as the workers in Japan love theirs. There are many difficulties before us, but with the help of our loving Father we shall try to overcome them; but we need the help and prayers of you in the home land. The Chinese are an entirely different people from the Japanese. There is a lady doctor boarding here; she is under the Episcopal Board of the United States. I think I shall be able to get many useful hints from her, as she has charge of a small hospital. It is cold to-day, we have had to have a fire in our room; we have all our winter clothing on still. For three hundred years China has not experienced as cold a winter as this. We unite in sending our regards to the ladies of Society. I know that you will remember us in your prayers.

Yours, in His name.

RETTA GIFFORD.

THE RESCUE HOME.

100 CORMORANT ST., VICTORIA,

March 28th, 1893.

DEAR MRS. PARKER,—I have now been alone in charge of the Home three months, and as I look back on some of the misgivings with which I entered on the work, I thank God and take courage. Truly I realize the fulfilment of the promise, "As thy day thy strength shall be." Early last month another girl was rescued from sin and slavery, and brought into the Home. She was a poor, desolate, frightened little creature, who could hardly be made to understand for what purpose she was brought here. Christian benevolence was something too new to her to comprehend readily. Her delight on becoming the owner of a few personal necessaries, such as a comb, towel, bag for her

knitting and other things, is great; and she jumps about, crying, "Thank you, thank you, mamma!" Poor creature; how very few worldly possessions make her feel rich. She takes her part in the housework very cheerfully, and is glad to be taught anything. She could not understand why Christian ladies should try to save her in this life, but her wonder at the story of the crucifixion is greater still. Two weeks ago she came to me with the picture of Jesus on the cross. "O mamma, see, see," and she pointed to the nails through the feet. She is much affected by the story of redeeming love, but I can hardly say how far she realizes her own need of the great salvation.

Soon after Ah Quai came to us, the old woman who was trying to sell her, waylaid us coming from church one Sunday morning, and kept screaming, Ah Quai! Ah Quai! and calling to her to leave quick and run to her. I was careful after this to have her pretty close to me, but the following Sunday the old woman was waiting, and rushed through the ranks of the girls to seize hold of Ah Quai to drag her away, but Mrs. Gardiner and I held her and walked on. The old woman screamed terribly, and called us, and Mrs. Gardiner especially, all sorts of Chinese names. As this happened in Chinatown, where the street was lined with more than a hundred Chinamen, who stand about and watch us coming from church, and who would be as much or more in sympathy with the old woman as with us, we were glad to get away. The girls were a little frightened, and that night soon after twelve o'clock I was awakened to find several figures in white in my room. "What is the matter girls?" I said. "O mamma, we frightened; we not hear you come upstairs, and we think Chinaman come kill you." The presence of the police for a Sunday or two after this, put a stop to this annoyance, and soon after the old woman professed she would be satisfied if she could see Ah Quai, and know that she was content and wanted to stay. So she was admitted one afternoon when Mr. Gardiner was here. She begged and pleaded with Ah Quai, and held out many hopes, and made all sorts of promises, but without avail; the girl had learned what slavery meant. One of the little girls said to me afterwards, "O mamma, I was praying all the time for Ah Quai, that God would help her to speak right." Not succeeding in this, the former owners of the girl have had recourse to legal measures, but their case broke down. They may try again in another form, but that remains to be seen.

I am glad to say our Friday afternoon prayer-meetings are well kept up, also the Sunday afternoon school. I do not know that the blessed Word of life ever seemed so precious to me, as it does with these Chinese women and girls around me.

I am yours, very truly,

MARY E. MORROW.

Words from Workers.

[N.B.—By decision of the Executive, reports must be limited to fifteen lines.]

HAMPTON.—During the last two quarters this Auxiliary has been making great progress. We have an increase in membership of fifteen. Truly we can say, "The Lord is with us, and the God of Jacob is our help." A Mission Band has also been formed which has a membership of forty, including three honorary members. The Society is known as the "Hampton Sunbeam" Mission Band.

ADA HASTINGS, *Cor. Sec.*

COURTICE.—"We will give God all the praise." Those words, audibly uttered by our pastor, were the very expression of our hearts at the close of our first public meeting, held on Sabbath evening, January 29th. A great undertaking it would have seemed indeed had it not been that we depended upon God for success, and "In His Name" feeling confident that He would crown our every effort. We endeavored by our singing, preparation of papers, and rendering the same on the different phrases of the work of our Society, to kindle enthusiasm, and with the fuel of facts to kindle and feed the fire of love for missions, so that the money given will be sanctified by the motive which gave it. We were favored with beautiful weather, large congregation, good

collection, and hearts warmed to renewed zeal in the work. Twelve new members were added; six of these are honorary members. We have at present a membership of thirty-five. We sent last year to the Branch Treasurer, \$44.35, and are trusting and laboring that each year the sum may increase. We feel that God did more for us than we could ask or think. The promise is, "Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." The above is the outcome of attempting to comply with the suggestion in the January OUTLOOK, regarding the grant of a Sunday in which to present the claims of our Society. Instead of observing Crusade day we passed through the congregation with paper and pencil for names. We were impressed to write the above, and should it encourage any who may be hesitating, we will feel greatly repaid for the effort.

ETHEL OSBORNE, *Cor. Sec.*

GANANOQUE.—Our Auxiliary held its Easter thank-offering meeting April 6th. The attendance was not as large as hoped for, but a good missionary programme, consisting of address by our pastor, Rev. F. C. Reynolds, a synopsis of the work of the W. M. S. for the past year, by our President, four good stirring missionary readings, interspersed by solo, duet, and chorus, and the reading of texts accompanying offerings, formed one of our most successful entertainments. The offerings amounted to \$17.30. In the winter, Miss Wintemute gave us a very interesting account of her work in Japan. She also addressed the Mission Band, and by special request visited the Auxiliary meeting of the Presbyterian church. All were delighted with her.

I. ATKINSON *Cor. Sec.*

BRAMPTON (Grace Church).—The interest in the work of our Society seems to deepen and spread, for which we feel very grateful to our heavenly Father, and we are praying that His presence may be felt in all our hearts and homes, so that we may be constrained to do all we can to advance the Redeemer's kingdom. Our monthly meetings are well attended, forty leaflets are distributed, and we have twenty-eight subscribers to the OUTLOOK. We have had two union quarterly meetings—the first in December, addressed by Miss Lund, on her work in Japan, and the second in March, in St. Paul's church, addressed by Mrs. Grey, President of the Presbyterian Society of our town. We observed the missionary Sabbath, given us by the Conference, on the 19th of March. We had an address from Mrs. McMechan, of London, at the morning service, and the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Mr. Simpson, of the Brampton West Circuit, in the evening. We are looking for a more hearty co-operation from the men of our congregation, as a result of these services, so that the hands of "those women" may be strengthened in their work.

J. CHEYNE, *Cor. Sec.*

ST. JOHN'S WEST.—Our March meeting was held on the 7th, a goodly number of members being present. Thank-offerings to the amount of \$70.50 were handed in, accompanied in some cases with notes telling how the money had been raised, in others by a text of Scripture. In the evening we held our public meeting for the quarter. The President of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Steer, occupied the chair. A good programme had been prepared. Two papers, "Practical Results of Missionary Enterprise," by Miss Milley, and "Personal Responsibility," by Miss Bessie Taylor, were of special interest and profit to all who had the privilege of listening to them. We also had an address from our pastor, Rev. A. D. Morton, in which he again spoke of his hope of our own church being, ere long, directly represented in the foreign mission field. May God grant it. The attendance was large and the collection amounted to \$15.74. We rejoice to say that four new members were added to our Auxiliary at the close of the meeting.

JANET D. STEER, *Cor. Sec.*

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. ISLAND.—An interesting service, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society, was held in the Methodist Brick Church on the first Wednesday evening after Easter. The service consisted of an account of the events of Passion Week, given by ten ladies, interspersed with suitable music and recitations. The opening of the "Easter offerings" was a unique feature of the occasion. One lady testified her gratitude to God for her child's recent conversion by a gift of \$25, making this child a life-member

of the Woman's Missionary Society; another, \$10 for "restoration to health"; several others, the same amount for various "blessings received throughout the year," and others, lesser amounts in like category according to ability. The offerings in all amounted to nearly \$100.

L. G. G., *Cor. Sec.*

BAILLIEBORO'.—This Auxiliary is prospering very well at present. We held our meetings during the winter at the homes of two of the members living in the village, and they were very well attended and quite interesting, and, I trust, profitable. We held our entertainment in December, which was very well attended. We have enrolled two new members this year; we have also thirteen copies of the OUTLOOK in circulation.

H. S. DAWSON, *Cor. Sec.*

HAMILTON.—The Mission Circle of the First Methodist Church held its sixth annual "Gleaners" concert in March, which was a decided success, and we feel too much praise cannot be given our President, Mrs. Gayfer, and the young people who so kindly trained the children. We are greatly encouraged with the results of our labor so far this year. May God continue to bless our efforts in the mission work.

LAKEFIELD.—The young ladies of the "Sunshine" Mission Band held a very successful "At Home" in the parsonage on the evening of March 27th. A good programme was given, consisting of music, readings, etc. A very enjoyable time was spent by the large number present; proceeds, \$10.60. Although in existence only about fourteen months, yet we are encouraged by the interest displayed by the members, and fully realize the presence of the Master in all our meetings. The success that has attended us thus far is largely due to the untiring efforts and zeal of our President, Miss Ida White.

MYRTLE HENDREW, *Cor. Sec.*

TEETERVILLE.—Our Auxiliary held a very successful public meeting on February 8th. Mrs. McMechan, of London, delivered a very instructive address on missionary work, which we pray will awaken a deeper interest among our church members. The audience showed their appreciation by good attention and a liberal collection, amounting to \$11.35. We also sent a box of clothing to Toronto, which was forwarded to Alderville. Our meetings are well attended. We trust that God will bless our feeble efforts in the future, and fill us with greater zeal in this His own work.

MRS. J. A. BARTHOLOMEW, *Cor. Sec.*

• MITCHELL.—Miss Wintemute's visit to our town was much appreciated, and large audiences greeted her, both at the evening meeting and at our regular meeting the following week. We think the information given has resulted in greater interest and prosperity. We have an increased membership, more subscribers to OUTLOOK and Leaflet, and have sent \$50 for the half year just closed. Our meetings are increasing in interest; we are studying our different fields and have spent two afternoons on the French work with much benefit.

M. B. F., *Cor. Sec.*

FOREST.—On February 16th an Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society was organized in Forest, by Mrs. (Rev.) Bond, of Petrolia, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Crosby; vice-president, Mrs. Schofield; treasurer, Mrs. (Rev.) Hayhurst; secretary, Mrs. Frayn. Although in numbers we are as yet small, only nine, everything looks favorable for quite an addition to our Society, and all seem to be joining heartily in the work.

A. L. LAWSON, *Cor. Sec.*

OSHAWA.—Interest in the Woman's Missionary Society of the Simcoe Street Church, Oshawa, has been greatly increased by acting on one of the suggestions given at the Branch meeting in October, that the Auxiliaries hold their quarterly meetings at the homes of the members. At the invitation of Mrs. Jolliffe, our March quarterly was held at the parsonage. An unusually large number were present. The programme was interesting, helpful and enjoyable. Each member present answered to roll-call by appropriate passages of Scripture on the subject of giving; short papers were read on different mission fields and on methods of work; these were interspersed by suitable missionary hymns and solos. Several new members were enrolled, and all

present seemed alive to the great work to be done. The meeting was in every respect a successful one. Our Auxiliary, which was organized in 1885, has been steadily growing; we now number fifty-four. This winter we have been stirred and encouraged by enlivening addresses given by Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Ferguson, of China, and Miss Wintemute, of Japan.

S. S., *Cor. Sec.*

LAKEFIELD, P.Q.—This Auxiliary, organized in December, 1891, by Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Williams, of Montreal, with a membership of seven, continues to grow in interest and in usefulness. We have now ten members. The mite-boxes distributed in March, when opened in September contained \$10. The total raised during the first year which lacked two months was \$17.39. Our meetings are well attended, though the members are scattered and are all busy women. We have an Auxiliary of earnest, consecrated women, who are endeavoring to make the present year as successful as possible. The pastor gives us much help and encouragement. We have also one honorary member.

P. HENDERSON, *Cor. Sec.*

BARTONVILLE.—Our Auxiliary, which was organized September 1st, gave great promise for two or three months; but during the winter a great many of our number seemed to lose interest. Nevertheless a few have been faithful, and by their efforts have kept the Society together, and now, as the fine weather is coming again, our little Band is increasing and we feel quite encouraged. In order to awaken a deeper interest amongst the congregation, Mrs. Strachan, of Hamilton, very kindly came down to us on Sunday evening, March 26th, and gave us a very interesting account of her recent trip to Japan, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and we know that many felt it was indeed a privilege to share in the great work. We rejoice that we have been enabled to do something for the promotion of God's glory, and the advancement of His kingdom; although it is but a trifle, yet we are hopeful for the future.

MAGGIE CROSTHWAITE, *Cor. Sec.*

CAVERHILL.—The Woman's Missionary Society held an Easter service on Sunday evening, April 2nd, when the following programme was carried out: Singing, "Hail! glorious Conqueror;" prayer; Scripture reading, Psalm xxiv.; singing, "I gave my life for thee;" responsive Scripture reading. *Events of Passion Week*.—Palm Sunday, Mrs. Glen; Monday, Miss A. Glen; Tuesday, Miss L. Clark and Mrs. Oliver; Wednesday, Miss Carrie Burt; Thursday (part I.), Miss E. Clark; recitation, Miss Mary Caverhill; Thursday (part II.), Miss Millie Miller and Mrs. Prescott; Friday, Miss Millie Hallett; singing, "When I survey;" Saturday, Mrs. J. Caverhill; Easter Sunday, Mrs. Glen; recitation, Miss Millie Miller; singing, "Abide with me;" Easter offering, \$6.00; prayer; Brief report of Auxiliary by President; singing, "God be with you till we meet again"; benediction. Miss Laura Prescott, organist for the Band of Hope, rendered very efficient help, and the church was tastefully decorated. The envelopes have not all been sent in yet.

MRS. B. HALLETT, *Cor. Sec.*

MELBOURNE.—We were favored with a visit from Miss Lund on the evening of February 24th. Immediately after the arrival of the train, the ladies of the Auxiliary and their husbands took tea with our guest in the church parlor, after which we proceeded up-stairs and listened to a very interesting and instructive address on the work done by our noble missionaries in Japan. At the close of the lecture Miss Lund sang two pieces for us in the Japanese language. Our Society is increasing in numbers and interest. We hold our missionary prayer-meeting on the first Thursday of every month. The meetings are well attended and are led by the members of the Society in turn.

M. A. HOSKIN, *Cor. Sec.*

STRATFORD.—The Stratford W. M. A. was reorganized September 1891, by Rev. J. W. Holmes. Last year we had twenty-six members and raised over \$70. This year we expect an increase in numbers, though we have lost several by removal. Last winter Rev. Mr. Cocking spent two evenings with us, and at Easter we had an entertainment, at which we sold decorated eggs. A number of ladies and gentlemen joined our Auxiliary at this meeting. We spent

a very pleasant evening last fall with Miss Wintemute. Since then we have been visited and addressed by Miss Whitfield and Rev. Mr. Saunby. Christmas week a few ladies met at the parsonage and presented Mrs. Holmes, on behalf of the Auxiliary and a few friends, with a life-membership certificate. We felt that we would like to show in some way that we appreciated the deep interest she has taken in our Auxiliary. Had it not been for the help and co-operation of our pastor and his wife, it would have been almost impossible to have carried on the work here.

E. G. DUNSMORE, *Cor. Sec.*

ST. CATHARINES (St. Paul Street).—Still we are plodding along, and glad to report during the past few months many evident signs of increasing interest. Mrs. (Rev.) William McCullough, an old and true friend of the cause, has presented the Society with a "birthday box." We have suffered greatly through removals and death. During the year two of our number have fallen, and joined the Church above—Mrs. Birch and Mrs. T. H. Taylor. Miss Whitfield, of Africa, cheered us with her visit in January, as also Miss Lund by her helpful address in February. Our President, Mrs. B. C. Fairfield, is always on the lookout for something to help us in our work, and a large number of ladies enjoyed her hospitality in December, as she opened her house for an "At Home," which was in every way a success. Notwithstanding difficulties, we find many reasons to "thank God and take courage."

Cor. Sec.

TORONTO (Wesley Church).—Our last regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was made particularly interesting by the cheerful and happy faces of its organizers, Mrs. (Dr.) Williams and Mrs. J. B. Willmott. While listening to the kind words of counsel and encouragement of Mrs. Williams, coming from a heart filled with zeal for the Master's work, we were inspired to more earnest effort for future usefulness, that we may be instrumental in some measure in winning "the world for Jesus." An interesting report of progress and success was given by our Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bulman, who has held this office since the organization of the Auxiliary. In response to the suggestion made in the *OUTLOOK*, and as the result of self-denying effort, the sum of \$25 was collected and forwarded by Mrs. Carter to the Rev. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., to assist in the rebuilding of the recently burned church at Shizuoka.

EMILY F. PRETTY, *Cor. Sec.*

TORONTO (Wesley Church).—The Mission Band in connection with the above church has forwarded the sum of \$15 towards the rebuilding of the recently burned sanctuary at Shizuoka, and also granted a further amount of \$10 to Rev. H. L. Lovering, Agassiz, B.C., to assist in the erection of a church in one of the Indian settlements, where this young missionary has an appointment. This band of young people has done much in past years to help the Woman's Auxiliary to send assistance to needy churches in our own land, besides being alive in local benevolence.

MRS. JENNIE ARMSON, *Pres.*

OTTAWA (Dominion Church).—Our Auxiliary is steadily growing in interest and attendance. During the past six months the average attendance has been twenty-one. In December, we had a union meeting of our three Auxiliaries, which was largely attended. In January, we had a missionary prayer-meeting, at which Mrs. Gooderham, of Toronto, gave us a very interesting account of her recent visit to our mission fields. Collection, \$14.20. This month (March) our Auxiliary sent a bale of bed linen, valued at about \$25, to the Indian Home, at Chilliwack. Also a large family Bible, donated by two ladies, and a washing machine and wringer, donated by a gentleman, to the Port Simpson Hospital.

EMILINE THOMSON, *Cor. Sec.*

OAKWOOD.—Our Auxiliary is still alive, and likely to live. We have now a membership of twenty-one. We are all in earnest, and trying to arouse a missionary spirit in our community. On the evening of March 10th, we held a missionary social, which was very successful. An invitation to the Little Britain Auxiliary to join us, met with a noble response, some of their members taking part in our programme. Our pastor, Rev. W. Burns, took the chair, and faithfully set forth the object of our work, and the work

accomplished by our W. M. S. After a pleasing report by our Recording Secretary, two interesting papers were read by Mrs. Weldon, of Little Britain, and Miss Prior, of Oakwood; also a paper by Mrs. Jeffers, of Oakwood. An address from Mr. Greatrix, of Little Britain, bearing on "Woman's Work for Woman," gave us fresh courage. The foregoing was interspersed with music. A solo by Mr. Wilson, of Little Britain, and a recitation by Miss Allin, of the same place, helped to make our programme more interesting. Proceeds of social, \$11. Remitted to Branch Treasurer during the quarter, \$21.16. We ascribe our success to our esteemed President, Mrs. (Rev.) Burns, whose heart is fully alive to the work.

NEWBURGH.—This Auxiliary is growing in numbers and interest. At our February meeting we decided to make the month until the next meeting a time of self-denial. In a largely attended meeting, held on the evening of March 2nd, the envelopes were opened and the contents found to amount to nearly \$10. A very interesting and profitable programme was presented, in the course of which the leaflet, "Unemployed Talent in the Church," was read by a member, and Mr. A. M. Robertson, one of our honorary members, gave a carefully prepared synopsis of the "Annual Report," which proved most instructive. It was afterwards decided to devote the self-denial money to the Shizuoka Church Fund.

MRS. H. S. WILSON, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM.—The Chatham Auxiliary is having a pleasant and prosperous year. The meetings are well attended and of much interest. The November quarterly tea was held at Mrs. Chas. Fleming's. There was a large attendance and the meeting was most successful. The February quarterly meeting was held at the Church, and was a very spiritual and profitable gathering. A box of clothing, toward which the Missionary Committee of the Epworth League gave material contribution, was sent to the Indians of Walpole Island. The outlook is favorable, and the Society has occasion to thank God and take courage.

L. ANNIS, *Cor. Sec.*

CARSONVILLE.—In reading of missionary work done in the different places, our hearts are filled with gratitude to our Father in heaven that He has given us a desire to do something for Him. Although we have not had as good an attendance as we would like, yet we feel that our labor will not be in vain. We held an Easter service on the afternoon of that day. Rev. G. T. Dawson preached a missionary sermon, followed by a thoughtful service by eight women; music by the choir; recitation, "The Walk to Emmaus," by Miss Maggie J. Leiper. Collection amounted to \$2 35. We are hoping for a still larger measure of success and increase of missionary zeal.

M. A. McLEOD.

DESORONTO.—On the 3rd February last an Auxiliary was instituted in connection with the Methodist Church here, by Miss Hawley, District Organizer. The ladies present, fifteen in number, very heartily gave in their names for membership, and the official staff is as follows: President, Mrs. (Rev.) J. J. Rice; 1st vice president, Mrs. J. A. Chapman; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Lowey; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. A. Yeomans; recording secretary, Mrs. J. E. Richardson; treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Greatrix; canvassers for OUTLOOK, Misses Ada Lake and Hattie Crawford. Additions have been made to the membership at each meeting since organization.

MRS. H. A. YEOMANS, *Cor. Sec.*

GRIMSBY.—Since our last communication to the OUTLOOK, we find that we can report some progress. We commenced this year, acting upon the suggestion made at the convention, to have a tea at the house of one of our members quarterly. The first as reported was given by Mrs. Metcalfe, and the second by Mrs. H. Smith. Both meetings were of special interest and profit, having the business before tea, and a select programme in the evening. We have charge of the public prayer-meeting each month, and bring items of interest from the mission fields to be read by our own members. Every six months we have a platform meeting Sabbath evening in the interest of our own Auxiliary. The box of clothing sent to the Alderville Mission, worth fully \$50, has been duly acknowledged by the Supply Committee.

C. GOODWIN, *Pres.*

MORRISBURG.—In the Annual Report, page 38, Miss Toye, Morrisville, is credited with giving 65 yen 32 sen to the Japan Council. It should be Morrisburg, Ont., instead of Morrisville. This money was raised by the Acorn Mission Band, of which Miss Toye, a loyal Presbyterian, living in a Methodist neighborhood, is President. This independent little Band of missionary workers is now supporting Shimada San, Miss Cunningham's Bible-woman. It is composed of eleven boys and girls, most of whom give all their pocket-money to the Mission Band. The servant girl who belongs gives one-tenth of her wages to the Lord's work. The Band meets fortnightly, and at each meeting there is a short missionary programme. It is hoped that some of this Band will give themselves for work in the foreign field.

The steadfastness of many of the Christian converts in China during the recent persecutions has called forth the admiration not only of the natives, but of many friends who have witnessed the fidelity of these converts. During some of the late riots the leaders of the secret sects said to the Christians, "Sacrifice to the spirit of Confucius and you shall go." But they would not sacrifice, though painful and violent deaths awaited them. Many who have been skeptical hitherto as to the character of the converts in China, confess that they have not understood the strength of their convictions and the genuineness of their faith.

A TRAVELLER in Yucatan says that, as the natives can not read, the names of the thoroughfares are never put up on street corners, nor the names of firms on stores or shops; instead, pictures of the articles sold within are hung out for signs, and they have a similar picturesque way of designating the streets. "In the angle of the corner house on a street, and at the top is a wooden figure of some kind, a bull, *la toros*, or an eagle, a flamingo, or a woman, by which that particular thoroughfare is designated. There is one called *La calle de la vieja*—"Street of the Old Woman"—whose figure is perched upon the top of the corner house where the street begins."—*Wide Awake*.

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