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Field Notes.

THE fourth Conference of Representatives of Foreign Missionary Boards and Societies in the United States and Canada, will take place in the Reformed Church Building, 25 East 22nd St., New York, Jan. 15th and 16th, 1896, beginning at 9.30 a.m.

REV. F. A. CASSIDY is conducting a missionary campaign in the Eastern Conferences. His first and second Sundays, spent respectively at Halifax and Charlottetown, proved very stormy, which somewhat interfered with the success of the meetings, but good work was done. Rev. Wm. G. Lane, of North Sydney, Cape Breton, writes as follows, under date



REWARD BOOKS FOR JUVENILE COLLECTORS FOR 1895-96.

For less than one dollar, "Sitwana's Story."
 " one dollar and upwards, "Little Blue Bird."
 " two dollars and fifty cents and upwards, "Barbara Heck."

For five dollars and upwards, "Forest, Lake and Prairie."
 " eight dollars and upwards, "A Cloud of Witnesses."
 " twelve dollars and upwards, "The Home of the Bible."

The meetings will be confined to duly appointed representatives of the Boards, except the meeting on the evening of the 16th, which will be open to all officers and members of Missionary Boards. A good programme has been prepared, and the meeting will doubtless be one of interest and profit,

of November 18th: "Brother F. A. Cassidy was at North Sydney, Sunday evening, November 17th. He addressed a packed audience for about an hour. His address was just the thing for our people, clear, forcible, interesting and spiritual. His visit here will be very hopeful,

ON the same line the *Wesleyan* of the 27th ult. has the following: "Guysboro'.—Bro. Cassidy arrived for our missionary meeting in a perfect hurricane of wind and rain, in which he had travelled all day. Nevertheless a meeting was held, attended by about thirty persons. Collections and subscriptions amounted to over thirty dollars. All who braved the storm felt more than repaid by the treat afforded them. We only regret that the weather prevented a full house."

WE have secured a tract written by Mrs. Parker entitled, "What Shall the Watchword be? 'Conquest by Love.'" It is written especially in the interests of our own work, and will be found most helpful in arousing thought and the sense of personal responsibility regarding the great cause of missions. If our brethren will kindly let us know what number they can make use of, we will supply them free of cost.

THE General Missionary Society, the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Department of Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools, are arranging a sixteen-page *Leaflet*, "Cycle of Prayer for Missions," containing subjects for prayer, embracing all covered by the Watch-cry of the Students' Volunteer Movement, "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation." It is expected the *Leaflet* will be ready before Christmas, and the price will not exceed five cents per copy. We are confidently expecting that our Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues will make a specialty of this "Cycle of Prayer," and that the teachers and Vice-Presidents of the Missionary Department will endeavor to get each scholar of the class and member of the League to procure one. Gentle reminders, such as this, regarding our duty and privileges in Christ Jesus, are invaluable. Orders for the "Cycle of Prayer" will be promptly filled at the Mission Rooms. Send at once that you may begin with the year.

THE following cheering resolution was passed by the Executive of the Collier Street Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, Barrie: "Resolved, That our Society subscribe twenty-five dollars to the General Missionary Fund of the Methodist Church." This resolution was confirmed by the League. Thanks to our young friends at Barrie. The Board of the Missionary Society will try to merit the trust reposed in them by making the best possible use of the money. The course adopted by the Barrie League is far better than to stipulate to what person or department the money shall be devoted.

THE first week in January is observed throughout the Christian world as a time of special prayer, and in many places union meetings are held. The Secretary of the British Evangelical Alliance, in speaking of the results following the observation of this week of prayer, says: "It is not merely a coincidence that the great progress in Missionary work during the past thirty years is just the period during which the week of universal prayer has been spreading into all lands." We earnestly hope that the observation

of this week of prayer may not degenerate in spirit, and become only an empty form. Let the first days of the new year be a time for special waiting upon the Great Head of the Church, that He may pour out richly of His grace on all lands.

Editorial and Contributed.

Report of General Board.

THE STENOGRAPHIC REPORT of General Board proceedings respecting Japan affairs has been carefully revised by the Editing Committee, and is being printed as rapidly as possible. It will make some 200 pages, the same size as the *OUTLOOK*, and will be sold at 30 cents a copy, postage paid. This is considerably under cost, hence there can be no discount. Postage stamps will be received as cash. Please order promptly as the edition is limited. Send direct to the Mission Rooms.

Death of Rev. Dr. Shaw.

MOST of our readers will have learned, by reports in the daily papers, of the accident which recently befel the Assistant Missionary Secretary, Rev. Dr. Shaw. When crossing Yonge Street, Toronto, on a bicycle, on the 15th ult., he was struck by a trolley, sustaining a severe blow on the head, causing concussion of the brain. Immediately after the accident Dr. Shaw was removed to the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Alexander Mills, and everything that medical skill and careful nursing could do to promote his recovery was done, but he steadily sank, and expired about half-past ten o'clock on the evening of the 3rd inst. We earnestly bespeak the prayers of the Church on behalf of the bereaved children. A more extended notice will be given in the January *OUTLOOK*.

Missionary Reports.

BY the time this number of the *OUTLOOK* reaches the hands of its subscribers, the Missionary Reports will have been shipped to the various Circuits, and the pastors have been notified by post-card. If any pastor has failed to receive his parcel let him write at once to the Mission Rooms. In shipping such a large number of packages it is quite possible that one here and there may go astray. When the reports are received let no time be lost in distributing copies to the parties entitled to receive them.

"Let Nothing Be Lost."

THERE are many houses and Sunday Schools where a great deal of valuable reading matter goes to waste, because the owners do not know what to do with it. Papers, magazines and books that have been read are thrown aside as so much waste paper, whereas if they were wisely distributed much good might be done, and a great deal of pleasure

given to those who are out of reach of good reading matter. This thought is emphasized by a letter from the Rev. Henry J. Indoe, of Newfoundland, which appears in the present number. That letter supplies, though in briefest outlines, some idea of the isolated circumstances of hundreds of families in the gulf colony. During one half the year or more their usual employment (fishing) is cut off, and there are no local industries to which they can turn their attention. Apart from the poverty which this must entail, time hangs heavily on their hands, which many of them would be glad to fill up with useful reading if it could be obtained. Brother Indoe suggests a plan by which Sunday School Superintendents and others could use surplus books and papers to good advantage, and confer a boon upon many an isolated settlement.

Christmas Greetings.

CHRISTMAS, merry Christmas, will soon be here, and family re-unions, exchange of gifts, open-handed hospitality, and a prevailing spirit of "peace and good-will" will be the order of the day. The inspiration of the angel's song is not yet exhausted, and human hearts feel the influence of the blessed Christmas time as much as and perhaps more than they did eighteen centuries ago. There is nothing in the world's history that parallels this simple fact. The very names of kings and potentates are almost forgotten, and the world's greatest conquerors are to-day but shadowy figures scarcely discernible through the mists of the past; but the name of Him who "was born in Bethlehem, of Judæa," nearly nineteen centuries ago, is a household word all over the world, and His personality dwarfs by comparison all other personalities put together. His truth is mighty; His kingdom grows with each revolving sun; and the day draws near when His sway shall be as universal as the light, and all the kingdoms of the earth shall call Him Lord.

It is meet and right that the Christmas season should be a time of gladness. It commemorates God's "unspeakable gift" to the world, and may well be signalized by gifts to one another. It brings to remembrance how peace and good will came to earth, and may well inspire us to deeds of kindest charity. We cannot bring our gifts of "gold, and frankincense and myrrh" to the Babe of Bethlehem in precisely the same way that the wise men did of old; but remembering the Master's words, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of my brethren, even the least, ye did it unto me," we can find many an outlet for our gifts that will not be unacceptable to Him. A common mistake of Christian people is to send all their gifts to those who do not need them, and withhold from those who do. But "if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same." Perhaps another word of the Master applies here. "This ought ye to have done, but not to leave the other undone." Doubtless within reach of each one of us there is some one whose

burden would be made lighter by some deed of practical sympathy, and our own lives would be all the brighter because of the kindness done to another. By all means let Christmas gifts have their place among those of our own households, but let us not forget the suffering and the sorrowful beyond our doors.

To all our readers we send cordial Christmas greetings, and pray for them the best blessings of the Christmas time

Young People's Missionary Day.

AT the last General Conference the last Sunday in December was set apart as Young People's Missionary Day. This Sunday will fall on the 29th inst., and we would urge our pastors, superintendents of Sunday Schools, and presidents of Epworth Leagues to signalize this day by such bright, interesting and enthusiastic services as will enlist the sympathy and co-operation of our young people. Let our young friends know the needs of the work, and that the Church is looking to them for loyal support, and we have little fear but that this important wing of the great army of Christian workers will rally around the standard. DO NOT OVERLOOK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY DAY.

Our China Mission.

LETTERS from the Rev. V. C. Hart, D.D., dated, respectively, October 28th and November 2nd, have been received at the Methodist Mission Rooms. Dr. Hart's health was so much improved that he thought at first of returning to Chen-tu, but a few days later circumstances were such as to render this course doubtful. There had been a good deal of excitement at the city of Chungking. None of the rioters at Chen-tu have been punished, and the Foreign Consul at Chungking will not at present allow missionaries to go west of that point. Some of the Canadian Methodist missionaries will take up their quarters at the city of Ichang, and await the earliest opportunity of going on to Chen-tu. Bishop Walden, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is in China, and he thinks that it will be better to wait until affairs are more settled before the missionaries go back to Sz-Chuan Province.

A Liberal Offer.

THE object of the publisher of OUTLOOK is not to make money. If it were, the price would be advanced forthwith. The object is to spread information, increase interest, and awaken enthusiasm throughout the Church on Missionary lines. What we want is a large circulation—to get the paper into every Methodist family, if possible. To hasten this desirable result we will also send a free copy for one year to any person sending us a club of eight NEW

subscribers. Will all our readers who are interested in Methodist Missions kindly help in this matter.

STILL ANOTHER OFFER. We have a large map of Japan, four feet square, prepared by the Rev. J. W. Saunby, B.A., showing the location of all our Missions. Just the thing for Missionary Auxiliaries, Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues. For eight NEW subscribers, or fifteen RENEWALS we will send a copy of this map on paper. For twelve NEW subscribers, or twenty RENEWALS, the same map mounted on cotton. For twenty NEW subscribers, or thirty-five RENEWALS, the same map mounted on cotton with rollers. *These offers for Renewals are open only until January 20th.*

The Reward Books for 1895-96.

THE interests of our young Missionary Collectors have not been forgotten, as will be seen by the list of books provided for this year. The officers of the Society feel that their young friends have stood loyally by the Society, but would ask that this year an extra effort be put forth. Last year the offering from this source was \$23,939; which is a large amount of money; but, nevertheless, it is \$1,727 less than the previous year, and nearly \$4,000 less than the amount raised a few years ago. We are looking to our enthusiastic Sunday-School scholars to see if they cannot retrieve this lost ground. Now take hold with brave hearts and true, and He who blessed the young in the days of His flesh will honor the efforts put forth to send the Gospel to lighten the dark places of sin and cruelty. Which of us can measure the scope of the Master's "Inasmuch"? It will take eternity to reveal the wonders of His grace.

We have secured the following books, and will be glad to fill orders as quickly as they are received at the Mission Rooms:

No. 1. For Collectors of less than \$1. Sometimes letters are received saying, "We have a few Collectors who have amounts under a dollar, but I believe there is no book for these small sums." This is a mistake; we think the small sums much too important to be overlooked in that manner. "Maquaba Sitwana's Story," and the "White Guards," are the titles of two pleasing stories in this little book.

No. 2. For Collectors of \$1 and upwards. "Little Blue Bird" is a charming story, by John Strathesk, who knows so well how to make a story both pleasant and profitable to the young reader.

No. 3. For Collectors of \$2.50 and upwards. "Barbara Heck," a tale of early Methodism, is by our own Dr. Withrow, and is written in the Doctor's usual racy and readable style. It is just published, and we are told that it is being well received not only in Canada but in the United States.

No. 4. For Collectors of \$5 and upwards. "Forest, Lake and Prairie," by the Rev. John McDougall, is an interesting and exciting narration of personal experiences, illustrated by numerous engravings especially prepared for this work. To our boys this book will be particularly attractive.

No. 5. For Collectors of \$8 and upwards. "A Cloud of Witnesses" is a book which ought to be read by the young people that they may understand what it cost our forefathers to hand down to us the royal prerogative of worshipping God according to the dictates of our own conscience. It is well illustrated.

No. 6. For Collectors of \$12 and upwards. Never before have we been able to offer as fine a reward as "The Home of the Bible," by Marion Harland. The name of the author is a sufficient guarantee that the work is of a high order. It is written in the author's most happy style, and is copiously illustrated with engravings from photographic views taken in Palestine. Our \$12 Collectors may have to work hard, but they will have a sense of great satisfaction when they find themselves the possessor of so beautiful a work, which will be a valuable addition to their libraries.

Notes from Japan.

ON one of the hottest days in August we laid her first new-born babe in the mother's cold arms, and the day following, over the remains thus confined, conducted the first funeral service of our Church in Toyama. Death is ever sad, but there was a peculiar pathos about the circumstances of this one that touched all hearts deeply. But yesterday, a faithful young couple, full of bright anticipation in sacred unborn treasure, and sundry tiny garments and fittings, even to the baby pillow, once more laid out to see that all was right; to-day the little head on that pillow is motionless, and the mother, though embracing her darling, knows it not, nor ever shall in this world. The husband-father is suddenly left alone, his earthly plans sadly broken, and the light of yesterday's hope entirely gone out. In such an hour one is forced to look for a moment on the dark side of things; but blessed be God, it need be only for a moment. It was "in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection" that we committed these bodies to the flame (as is the custom here and in many parts of Japan), and as I thought of it all once more my heart was greatly moved in profound thankfulness for our inalienable possession in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. "O what a glorious hope is ours!" And, thank God, the heart of the husband-father seems to have been moved in the same way. If it be objected that this is "other-worldliness," the obvious reply is that there are emergencies where nothing else avails, or at least nothing so well as the divine light that comes streaming from the other world. The Buddhist funerals are very noisy with the beating of gongs, clanging of symbols, and the loud voices of fussy, heartless coolies, who are employed to carry the dead, and the people would surely be impressed with our quiet, reverential burial service, full of humane feeling and devout aspiration, so different from the pessimistic suggestions and inane numery to which they are accustomed on such occasions. Grant, Lord, that somehow, and soon, these poor people, so dark, so ignorant, so superstitious, may find the true Light.

The missionaries have now returned from the various summer resorts, reinvigorated in mind, heart and body for the work of the year. Among the more popular resorts are Arima in the south, Karuizawa in the north of the main island, and Sapporo in the northern Hokkaido, better known at home as the Island of Yezo. At the two former places the "Conference" of missionaries seems to have settled into an annual affair. This year, at both places, quite the larger part of the programme was furnished by China missionaries, many of whom were taking a forced holiday by reason of the recent riots. In seemed, in some measure, a providential compensation for their hasty flight that they were able to find much needed rest, amid agreeable surroundings and companionships, just at the hottest

season of the year. The praises of these middle kingdom workers are in the mouths of all who have met them. Both Conferences passed strong resolutions expressing most sympathetic fellow-feeling for those who suffered so terribly in Sz-Chuan and at Kucheng.

Among the China missionaries at Karuizawa were our own Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn and Mr. Hartwell. They won hosts of friends. The Japan *Mail* Conference report contains the following: "The Rev. G. Hartwell, of the Canadian Methodist Mission at Chen-tu, spoke for West China. He gave a glowing description of the city of Chen-tu and the province of Sz-Chuan, where he had been working for about three years. The province is a broad, beautiful and fertile plain, well irrigated, and the chief productions are rice, wheat and opium. The city itself is one of the finest in China, well laid out, with broad and well-kept streets, and surrounded by a wall forty feet high and forty feet thick. It is in this city that the recent riots occurred, and Mr. Hartwell's description of them was so vivid that one could almost imagine oneself to have witnessed them."

The following resolution touches one of the liveliest and most delicate questions affecting Christian work and workers in this country: Resolved, "That we, as missionaries, representing various Mission Boards working in Japan, in Conference assembled at Karuizawa, in view of the various reports that have gone forth concerning the need of more foreign workers in Japan, would express it as our opinion that not only has the time not come for the withdrawal of the missionaries already on the field, but we believe that there is still a need of many more foreign workers in this land." The deliberate judgment of one hundred or more, many of whom are of long and wide experience.

Your readers will have heard that the cholera scourge has again visited Japan. The proportion of fatal cases is exceptionally large, being over two-thirds of those attacked. In some places, our own city of Toyama, for example, the mortality is much greater. Here there have been about 250 deaths, and less than ten have recovered. This terribly high death-rate is probably due chiefly to the insanitary condition of the city; it is one of the filthiest in Japan. The great mass of the people know almost nothing as yet of the laws of health, and can hardly be persuaded to carry out even the imperfect police regulations imposed. Besides, the doctors of this district are very incompetent. By far the larger number of cases have occurred in a quarter of the city which, just before the cholera outbreak, was flooded three times in less than three weeks. Our home, for the present, is in this quarter; but, providentially, our fear to live there during the hot weather, quite apart from any special scare, induced us to move temporarily a mile or two into the country just before the flooding took place. Japan certainly has her full share of distress in the way of fire, flood, storm, earthquake and pestilence.

A recent editorial in the *Christian Guardian* comments on a cry of "No, no!" during the delivery of Mr. Hiraiwa's Theological Union lecture in Tokyo last June, in a way that conveys the impression that it was a protest against the bestowing of praise on Methodist theology. No doubt the *Guardian* correspondent, by whom the incident was reported, will set this matter right in the columns to which he contributes; but I thought it well to intimate here that I have just heard from Mr. Yamaji, the editor of our Methodist paper *Gokuo*, who explains the meaning of his protest. No one who knows Mr. Yamaji will, I think, readily suspect him of grudging praise to Methodist theology. The objection was simply to what was considered, in the eulogy quoted by Mr. Hiraiwa, an unwarrantable separation between faith and theology. I refer to this only to correct a false impression that seems to have inadvertently obtained, and do justice to a faithful Japanese layman. W. E.

DR. MACGREGOR met, in the great Scotch city his name and fame adorns, a little girl carrying in her arms a baby so large that she fairly staggered under the weight. "Baby's heavy, isn't he, dear?" said the doctor. "No," replied the winsome bairn, "he isn't heavy; he's my brother." The missionary burden is gone when the human brotherhood is recalled.—*Rev. Urijah Thomas.*

An Imperial Edict.

[The following is a translation of the Edict of the Emperor of China respecting the riots in the Province of Sz-Chuan.]

KWANG HSII, *September 29th, 1895.*

Tsungli Yamen to Sir N. R. O'Conor.

THE Princes and Ministers of the Tsungli Yamen have the honor to address the following communication to Sir N. R. O'Conor:

The Yamen have repeatedly, both in despatches and telegrams, sent pressing, positive orders for the speedy and satisfactory treatment of the missionary questions which occurred in Sz-Chuan during the 5th Moon of the present year (May 24 to June 22, 1895), and they have been in constant correspondence with H.M. Ministers on the subject, in the earnest hope of preserving peace between the people and the Christians, and of securing the perpetual maintenance of friendly relations.

The action of the Sz-Chuan authorities has been attended with long delay, which has caused great anxiety to His Majesty the Emperor.

On the 29th September the Grand Secretary was honored with the receipt of the following Imperial decree:

"We have repeatedly directed the Viceroy and Governors of the various Provinces to strictly enjoin upon the local authorities the duty of affording special protection to the various establishments of the various Powers in the hope of maintaining harmonious relations between the people and the Christians.

"During the 5th Moon of the present month the missionary premises of the Eastern Parade Ground, in the Provincial Capital of Sz-Chuan, were attacked and destroyed by a band of miscreants, and further missionary troubles occurred with frequency shortly afterwards in various other parts of the Province, all of them being due to the neglect of the local authorities in ordinary times to give the proper advice and direction to the people, who consequently committed these disorders. Nor after the occurrence of the outbreaks did the authorities make any haste to enforce punitive measures.

"The Viceroy, Liu Ping Chang, showed no capacity of direction, and his guilt is very grave. In a memorial address to us by the Censor, Wu Kwank Ruen, he states that Liu Ping Chang persisted in entirely ignoring the riots at the outset, and sent no troops to restore order. The idle and disorderly class gradually increased in number and strength, with the result that a whole series of missionary troubles occurred elsewhere in the Province.

"By his reckless indifference and inaction the Viceroy has proved himself unworthy of the important office committed to his charge, and we therefore command that he should be stripped of his rank and never again be permitted to hold office, in order that his case may serve as a salutary warning.

"Let Lu Chuan-liu make an accurate and searching investigation and denounce according to their respective guilts the Taotai Prefect and other officials who fail to take proper action."

The Princes and Ministers have the honor to communicate officially to Sir N. R. O'Conor a copy of the foregoing, reverently transcribed, and they avail themselves, etc.

CALLING at the house of a gentleman of wealth in London to solicit a contribution for a charitable institution, the collectors overheard him reprimanding a servant for some little waste, and they felt that their mission would be in vain. With considerable misgiving they stated the claims of their charity and said they would be pleased to receive a pound from him. He questioned them carefully as to their plans and their purposes and then handed them five pounds. Their interchange of glances and looks of astonishment arrested his attention, and asking the meaning, they frankly confessed to having heard his sharp reproof for so small a matter. "My friends," said he, "I save everything possible about my establishment in order to be able to give more to such worthy causes as yours."

Along the Line

The Home Work.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Letter from REV. ROBERT K. PECK, dated GARNISH, NEWFOUNDLAND., Oct. 7th, 1895.

HAVING just returned from a visit round Bay of Despair, Hermitage, Connaigre and Fortune Bay, I thought that some of your readers may be interested in hearing from these neglected parts of Newfoundland.

During the month (the time which our trip occupied) we visited many small settlements, where the voice of a Methodist preacher had never before been heard. At Hermitage Cove, it seems, we once had a small cause, and a school-house; some of the old folks there still remember Messrs. Randall and Peach who visited it forty-six years ago. For some reason the mission was abandoned, and the Church of England now has a fine stone building erected there.

Leaving Garnish on the evening of July 31st we turned our course toward Bay of Despair, *via* Harbor Briton and Galtoise, spending one night at each place. Thursday evening found us at Galtoise, awaiting a chance to get farther up the bay. Friday morning was occupied in looking over the whale oil factory belonging to Newman's firm; and in the afternoon the looked-for opportunity arrived. A party of Mic-mac Indians, consisting of three women and a man, belonging to Aaron's Cove, some nine miles from Mr. John Lake's saw mill, to which I was destined, was about to start for home. Ned Pullett (for such was the Indian's name) very kindly offered me a passage on condition that I said no prayers in his boat, for fear the wind should in consequence come ahead.

The journey through "Little Passage," which in many places is little more than two hundred yards wide, while its length is six miles, was delightful. The almost perpendicular cliff which rose up majestically on either side, the waterfalls, the little coves and islands, presented a picture of marvellous diversity and grandeur; while the merry talk of the Indians greatly enhanced the pleasure of the trip. Long after the sun had set, we arrived in Aaron's Cove. We were not sorry to find Mrs. Pullett with tea awaiting us, and in a short time to find ourselves at the table eating fried pork. Ned Pullett possessed only a tilt, covered with birch rind, but it was comfortable. The Indians can all speak English as well as their own tongue. Although extremely kind, we were greatly surprised at their ignorance, especially on religious subjects. The Priest seems to be their "all in all." Although the Indians number something over a hundred, yet they never had the privilege of a school. Before retiring to rest they seemed pleased to hear the Word read. The night passed away far more comfortably than I had expected, and why should it not, for the next morning I found a rosary hanging over my head and a crucifix by my side. After looking around the place and receiving a present of two beaver teeth (which I think is a sign of friendship with the Indians) Ned Pullett and his wife took me the remainder of the journey. The time occupied I hope was spent profitably to all. At their request I sang several pieces, and they, to gratify my curiosity, sang one of their Indian songs in their own tongue. Two or three hours' sail brought us to the saw mill, where, after receiving the old Indian's blessing and promising to send him some papers, we parted.

At the mill I found Brother James Hollett (our agent) working hard and much appreciated. On the Sunday we held three services in the mill house, and addressed the Sabbath School. The services, considering the small number of people living near, were well attended. Monday and Tuesday were spent in visiting the small settlements near. Tuesday evening Brother Hollett and myself started for Hermitage Bay. The first night, after rowing till twelve o'clock, we rowed into a little cove, stretched our dory sail on the beach, and there, although tormented by

mosquitoes, managed to get a few hours sleep. After breakfasting in gipsy fashion, we again made a start. On our way we visited several Indian families at Little River. Later on we visited Stickland's factory, and other little coves. Many of these places are sadly neglected. One man told us that during the nine years he had lived in the Bay no minister had ever before visited him.

At 12 o'clock on Wednesday night, tired out with a long row, we arrived at Hermitage Cove, and spent the remainder of the night in Mr. Lake's lobster factory. The following morning we were politely told by a young man that if we attempted to hold service we should be driven out of the place. We put it to the test. The service was well attended, even the young man referred to being present, and altogether we had a good meeting. The following night we held service at Dawson's Cove, where last fall I was refused the privilege, and almost starved in the bargain. Sunday was spent in Great Harbor. Mr. Thos. Foote's factory was cleared out for the occasion, and all services well attended. The following week was spent at Harbor Briton, Jersey Harbor, Coombe's Cove and other small settlements near. Services generally were well attended, and people seemed eager to hear the Gospel. The next week was spent in visiting various part of Fortune Bay, from whence we returned to receive a welcome from the friends at Garnish.

There seems every chance of doing a good work at all places visited. People generally were glad to receive us and treated us kindly.

Letter from REV. HENRY J. INDOE, dated SELDOM-COME-BY, NEWFOUNDLAND, Sept. 16th, 1895.

ON Monday, August 19th, I packed my valise for a round of pastoral visitations, which I expected would last three weeks. That evening I walked to Fogo, nine miles, and spent the night under Bro. Browning's hospitable roof at the parsonage. The next morning at nine I embarked on board the mail yacht *Snowbird*, for Garden Bay, thirty miles distant, and reached that point in the evening at 9.30. It may seem strange to the reader that in getting from one part of my mission to another by the shortest route I should have passed through two other missions, *viz.*, Fogo and Change Islands (Herring Neck Mission) where I got dinner. The arrangement of these missions has, I am told, occasion much perplexity in the past, so I am not likely to disturb the *status quo*. The population of Garden Bay is about two hundred and eighty, of whom forty are Methodists. The rest are Anglicans and have, I am informed, received three pastoral calls within the last five years. I am not finding fault with my Anglican brother. His mission is in extent about equal to my own, and having a wife he cannot, I suppose, be expected to live one-half of the year in a boat and the other on the ice as I do. A large lumber mill is in operation in the Bay, and so all who desire it can obtain labor in the intervals of fishing. I aim at visiting this bay quarterly, and managed last year to squeeze six quarters into the twelve months. I stayed here five days, preaching at three points during the week and three points on Sabbath, four points in all. We have no building here, and so are obliged to utilize the dwelling-houses. The people during this visit showed an encouraging desire to hear the Word. On Sabbath I preached at George's Point in the morning and at Harris' Point in the afternoon. Then my host, William Harris, rowed me six miles to Nann Point, where I preached to about twenty persons. Four families reside at this Point. Although the day had been fine it commenced raining before we reached Nann Point, and the Monday proving wet and stormy, I was a prisoner until Tuesday, and had another opportunity of preaching to the people. At noon on Tuesday, in a "punt," not too seaworthy, rowed by two of the young men, I set out for Western Arm, Rocky Bay. A rough row of about five miles, through a lumpy sea, brought us to Beaver Cove, where we have three families. Without halting I walked on to Bassett's Harbor two miles (for the most part bog), where I got a cup of tea. Here we have nine families, and in the winter I preach fortnightly on a week night, and once or twice in the

season on the Sabbath day. The people are erecting a school-house in which the children will be taught and services held. Another three miles through a cut path, to which the recent rains had in many places given the appearance of a running brook, brought me to Noggin Cove, where I enjoyed a chat with Bro. White, who, beside doing his share of work as a fisherman, has earned for himself the honor of being the pioneer Methodist missionary here and at Bassett's Harbor. He sustains the offices of lay-reader and class-leader. Here we have about a dozen families, and here on Sabbath afternoons, and on a week-night when in the neighborhood, I conduct a service which the people of Bassett's Harbor and Beaver Cove are able to attend. This service is now held in Bro. White's house, which has grown too strait for us, and the people have decided to arise and build. At nightfall I reached Western Arm, about two miles farther on. In this settlement we have nearly fifty families, although the first Methodists arrived but eighteen years ago. With commendable ambition and religious zeal the people erected a good school-house ten years ago, and last winter commenced to build a commodious church. Last year the missionary resided here from December to May, and it appears likely that this will be a permanent arrangement. Last winter Western Arm was visited with a very gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, resulting in the addition to our membership roll of over sixty names. Here I stayed a week, meeting the five classes for tickets and conducting five services. The conversions last winter were accompanied with more noise and excitement than I had ever witnessed (I had seen Newfoundland revivals as well as Yorkshire revivals before), but the converts so far stand well, a fact worthy of consideration by those who are inclined to look askance at physical demonstrations in religious services, and desire to apply the standard of unemotional and cultured icicles to an emotional people who have never learnt to restrain their feelings.

On my way to Indian Islands, which lie nine miles to the north of Western Arm, I had hoped to visit Alder Harbor, five miles to the east, but after spending three hours in a boat, want of wind compelled me to give up the attempt. About thirty people live there, all Methodists. Nearly all of them were converted last winter, since which time a man, who was previously anything but an angel, has regularly and zealously conducted service every Sabbath. I reached Indian Islands on Saturday. These islands (two inhabited) appear to have been reclaimed from the surrounding waste of waters, so little do they rise above the waves. On Perry's Island all the people, about sixty, are Methodists. Here we have a comfortable church, to which a legacy of William Perry, one of the first settlers, has just given a beautiful communion service. The service will be used for the first time next month, when some thirty candidates for membership will receive the right hand of fellowship. I preached on the Sabbath at Perry's Island morning and night, and in the school-house on the other island in the afternoon.

On the Monday, having completed my three weeks' tour, I returned from Indian Islands to Seldom-Come-By, four miles, and yesterday preached here morning and night, and at Little Seldom in the afternoon. Thus in a month I have preached at all my appointments save one.

The above gives some idea of how scattered our people are, and of what it means to be pastor of a thousand people in Newfoundland. The people here, as elsewhere within the bounds of this Conference, are eminently religious, and ignorance is the great barrier to their moral development and uplifting. Most of our young folk have now an opportunity of attending school for a few months in the year, but when they have learnt to read, good reading matter is scarce. If some Sunday School superintendent, or other friend in highly-favored Canada, will put us on his mailing list, and forward to me papers or magazines, I will guarantee their distribution among a people who will read them and pass them on.

"A CHRISTIANITY without a dying, atoning Christ, is a dying Christianity."

The Indian Work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Letter from REV. W. H. PIERCE, dated KISHPIAX, UPPER SKEENA, B.C., Sept. 30th, 1895.

BY the advice of the President of the Conference and Chairman of this District, our appointment was changed, and instead of going to Bella Coola as expected, we were sent to Kishpiax. We left the coast July 17th by the steamer *Caledonia*, expecting to arrive at our destination in about four days, but to our disappointment we did not reach Kishpiax for seventeen days. We were delayed in some places because the water was too high, and in others because it was too low. Coming through Kit-see-lass Canyon was a trying time. Tow lines had to be cut in order to save the steamer. This rather alarmed the passengers, and well it might. The captain declared that he had never seen anything like it since he had been on the river. On arriving at Hazelton we had to wait two days before we could obtain a crew to bring us here by canoe. Just before starting one of our canoes split and filled with water, damaging some goods. Fortunately it was discovered in time, for in half an hour more our goods would have been totally spoilt. On the evening of that day we arrived here in safety, and our hearts went out in praise and thanksgiving to Him from whom all blessings flow. The first Sunday spent here I shall never forget. The sight of the poor people, as they were singing with all their hearts, caused me to shed tears of joys as I thought what the blessed Gospel had done for them. The head Chief, Kaak, and his son, who are among the leading Christians, were converted during the revival last fall. Shortly after our arrival here, Bro. Cole and I made a visit to Kish-ga gass, the last village on the Skeena river. We had a blessed time. These poor people have never had a missionary to live amongst them, although they have been asking for one for years. Those who made a start during the visit of the Rev. J. C. Spencer and his people last winter, have all gone back to heathenism, because no one was there to encourage or help them. They urged us to give them a missionary who would enlighten them, and promised that they would all lay aside their heathen practices if one were sent. After this urgent request it was decided that Bro. Cole should go. About three weeks ago we had a visit from Rev. T. Crosby, Chairman of the District, which greatly cheered our hearts. What is greatly needed here is a church. Hitherto the people have worshipped in the school-house but the accommodation is such that many who would like to come stay away because of lack of room. When all the people are at home the Sunday services have to be held in a large heathen house. A plan of the proposed new church has been drawn up, the size of which will be 45 x 26 ft. The building, when completed, will cost at least one thousand dollars. The people and friends of the mission cause have already subscribed \$240.00 towards it. A grant from the Missionary Society would be a great help to these people in this undertaking. To obtain lumber and other materials means money. Everything is very expensive in this upper country. We are looking forward to a blessed outpouring of God's Holy Spirit this winter.

Letter from REV. D. JENNINGS, dated PORT ESSINGTON, B.C., Oct. 14th, 1895.

ANOTHER very busy season at the mouth of the Skeena has passed, and now this polyglot hive of industry is for a time broken up, and its inhabitants have gone to their respective homes to make ready for winter.

We have seven appointments that should be supplied every Sabbath during the fishing season. Sometimes there are too few laborers on the field to supply the work efficiently. We have, it is true, many local preachers, but it is difficult for them to make long canoe trips on Sunday after a hard week's fishing, during which their rest is so much broken.

But the work of God has been full of interest. The congregations have been usually large, particularly at Es-

sington, where from early morning, say six o'clock, to near 9 p.m. the people were engaged in some religious service, excepting short intervals for refreshments. Any unprejudiced mind, knowing the composition of these gatherings and the tribal feuds that occurred among them before the Gospel of the Lord Jesus was preached to them, and seeing their present condition, that mind must say, "Here is a marvel of missions. The Gospel has not lost its power; it is still mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

Great changes have come over the Upper Skeena people. Two years ago it was hard to get them inside a house of worship. They would spend their Sabbaths lounging around, or would go into some quiet nook where they would spend their time gambling, for which they had a passionate regard. In the summer of 1893, every Sabbath a band of Christian Indians, led by a white brother, would visit these people at their cabins; stand outside at some point where all could hear, then relate their Christian experience and urge the heathen to forsake the ways of their forefathers and join themselves to Christ the Lord. These efforts, together with the earnest, faithful work of our brethren stationed on the Upper Skeena, are producing their desired results—the conversion of the Kitikshans (the name applied to the people of the Upper Skeena). The people of Kishpiax, with whom I come in close contact in summer, are deeply in earnest to build a church. Many of them have subscribed liberally, and while on the Coast they solicited subscriptions from their native brethren and others interested in the work of God. They succeeded fairly well. These people deserve much encouragement.

I was much delighted the other day when asked by an Indian to write a letter to his uncle, who has forsaken his first love to Christ and has gone back to eat the garlic of his old Egypt, and is now playing the medicine man in a village where the people are giving themselves to Christ. The head chief of that village had sent word to the backslider's nephew, saying, "Call your uncle away from here, for he is hindering the people from becoming Christians. As long as he plays the medicine man, so long will many of the people stand aloof from Christ. Call your uncle away—we want to become Christians." These are encouraging signs of the times. Let our people at home heartily support the propagation of the Gospel among the thousands yet in darkness in this land, and so enable the General Board to send more workers into this vineyard—men endued with Pentacostal power and good judgment; then results will follow eternally alone can sum up.

China.

Letter from REV. V. C. HART, D.D., dated SHANGHAI, Oct. 15th, 1895.

I HAVE been ill with malarial fever since last writing you, and am still in a very weak and uncertain condition.

It is thought best by Bros. Hartwell and Endicott, who were with me during my illness, that it would be better for me to go home for the winter than to attempt to stay here. I had fully intended to leave with Mr. Hartwell for Sz-Chuan about this time, but my sickness has prevented me carrying out this plan. I cannot explain to you in writing my disappointment, but I cannot fight against the inevitable. My strength has gone out of me, and I am convinced that, with my present stock of physical strength, I am not equal to a journey into the interior. Mr. Hartwell will proceed at once as far as Chungking, and perhaps Kiating, and be prepared to act as circumstances arise. Mr. and Mrs. Endicott will remain here for a few months longer, and be ready to go on by February, 1896, if affairs continue favorable. Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn will be here in November and will go up at the same time as the Endicotts. Dr. Hare is still at Ichang looking after the community and studying the language. The Society will receive forty odd dollars each month for the time which he daily devotes to the community. We think it best to have a slight foothold at Ichang, to further our western projects. Missionaries coming and going will find it invaluable.

I shall leave here within two weeks for Vancouver. I am hoping and praying for full restoration to health, and am convinced now that no other course is open to me but a thorough change. Our indemnity will without doubt be paid in full, and by such time as it can be used. I am more confident of a good settlement and future openings for work than hitherto. I am glad to say the brethren are in robust health, brave, and prepared to go forward as the Master's men to their great work. I have all faith in my fellow-laborers.

Our Young Folk.

Hassan and the Three Young Men.

THE wise old Hassan sat in his door when three young men pressed eagerly by.

"Are ye following after any one, my sons?" he said.

"I follow after Pleasure," said the eldest.

"And I after Riches," said the second. "Pleasure is only to be found with Riches."

"And you, my little one?" he asked of the third.

"I follow after Duty," he modestly said.

And each went on his way.

The aged Hassan in his journey came upon three men.

"My son," he said to the eldest, "methinks thou wert the youth who was following after Pleasure. Did'st thou overtake her?"

"No, father," answered the man. "Pleasure is but a phantom that flies as one approaches."

"Thou did'st not follow the right way, my son."

"How did'st thou fare?" he asked of the second.

"Pleasure is not with Riches," he answered.

"And thou?" continued Hassan, addressing the youngest.

"As I walked with Duty," he replied, "Pleasure walked ever by my side."

"It is always thus," said the old man. "Pleasure pursued is not overtaken. Only her shadow is caught by him who pursues. She herself goes hand in hand with Duty, and they who make Duty their companion have also the companionship of Pleasure."

A Japanese Lily.

A LADY, who in her girlhood was discouraged by her lack of beauty, but lived to become a leader of society, with hosts of sincere and loving friends, says; "If I have been able to accomplish anything in life it is due to the words spoken to me in the right season, when I was a child, by a wise teacher.

"I was the only homely, awkward girl in a class of exceptionally pretty ones, and, being also dull at my books, became the butt of the school. I fell into a morose, despairing state, gave up study, and withdrew into myself, and grew daily more bitter and vindictive.

"One day the French teacher, a gray haired old woman, with keen eyes and a kind smile, found me crying.

"What is the matter, my child?" she asked. 'Oh, madame; I am so ugly!' I sobbed out. She soothed me, but did not contradict me. Presently she took me into her room, and after amusing me for some time, said, 'I have a present for you, handing me a coarse lump covered with earth. 'It is round and brown as you. Ugly, did you say? Very well. We will call it by your name then—it is you. Now, you shall plant it, and water it, and give it sun for a week or two.' I planted it, and watched it carefully; the green leaves came first and at last the golden Japanese lily, the first I had ever seen. Madame came to share my delight. It was the first time that it ever occurred to me that, in spite of my ugly face, I too, might be able to win friends and make myself beloved in the world."—Selected.

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" THIS IS THE VICTORY, EVEN OUR FAITH."

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Editorial Notes.

ONCE more the glad season, bearing on its bosom its message of "Peace on earth, good will to men," has reached us. How we all love Christmas! What tender sacred memories cluster around the day! The sweet story of the Babe cradled in Bethlehem's rude manger; the Star in the East; the adoring Magi; the rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, never seem a more blessed reality than on this day of days

How near it brings us to God and heaven, and all things sacred. Gladly, yet reverently, we hail this holiday (holy-day) and attune our hearts in unison with the hour and its surroundings.

We pity infinitely the man or woman who can spend the day unmoved by tender thoughts past and present, to whom Christmas morning brings no recollections of Christmas trees and Christmas gifts, of visits from Santa Claus, of family reunions, and all the brightness and cheer that from time immemorial has marked the day. There is a woful void in the life of that one who knows naught of Christmas joys and Christmas cheer. Let us strive to make the day the *happiest and brightest one of the year* for our children. We well remember a simple little incident that happened in the gloaming of one Christmas day. A little three-year-old boy, tired out with play and happiness, was being tucked away for the night. We noted the quivering lips which had so lately been wreathed with smiles, then sobs, deep and heavy, shook the little frame. Upon an explanation of this sudden change being asked for, we were touched beyond measure to hear, "I am so sorry Christmas is over." Perhaps some of us older ones, though in less demonstrative fashion, have been privileged in being able to echo the same sentiment.

There may be some just near your own home who, because of the pitiless demands of poverty, cannot make the day, to all outward seeming, different to the ones preceding or succeeding it. Cannot you, to whom God has given so much, spare one ray of brightness out of your life to help lighten the heavy shadows surrounding theirs? Do not let us forget those whom God has surely delegated to our sympathy and attention. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Thank God for the blessed privilege of ministering to his needy ones; and if to do this our gifts to our own are of the simplest nature, and we may have to retrench in many ways, perhaps before unknown, let us do it cheerfully, gladly, because done for love of Him, whose advent upon our earth we could not commemorate in a more acceptable manner.

We would like to make a strong plea for a Christmas thank-offering from every member of our Woman's Missionary Society. Could we but spend one Christmas day as millions of our heathen sisters have spent it, and will spend it, methinks our missionary treasury might overflow with our thank-offerings. The day for them will be passed in one round of drudgery and degradation unspeakable; no rift in the heavy clouds overhanging their life, unless made by the Sun of Righteousness. Will you withhold your offering at this season to help speed the message of One who will "arise with healing in His wings," and carry balm to their tortured hearts. Let our earnest prayers accompany our gifts and the "windows of heaven shall be opened," and the heathen world shall be touched and reached, and the Spirit of the Lord will breathe upon it, and His command, "Let there be light," shall go forth as it did in the morning of the world's creation, and Christmas in its most holy, most sacred sense, will come to those who as yet know nothing of the day and its associations.

MEDICAL missions, properly understood, is the union of the healing art with the proclamation of salvation, the former but the means to an end, subservient in every particular to the actuating principle—that of winning souls for Christ. God has wondrously blessed and owned the work of the medical missionary. How much to be regretted that the Church of Christ, anxious to promote the world's redemption, did not sooner avail itself of this most important agency. We, who profess to follow in the footsteps of our Saviour have been slow to imitate Him in this particular. He was in very truth the pioneer, medical missionary to our earth. Over and over again we read in the Gospels of His miracles of healing. The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the dumb speak, and the dead are raised to life. Blessed ministry of healing, what a trail of light follows in its wake! What a wonderful tour that, when "Jesus went about all the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people." And yet it was only in 1841 that the first medical missionary society was formed. This work has met with discouragements as well as encouragements. Prejudices had to be overcome, barriers removed, obstacles overthrown, and perhaps the most serious were found just where one had least cause to expect them. One missionary society, in answer to an application from a young medical student, who felt called of God to assume the responsibilities involved in becoming a medical missionary, sent the following reply: "It is not our province to send out and support medical men on our mission fields. Our agents are sent forth to preach the Gospel to the heathen." But the light is breaking, and the Christian world to-day, though slow to act, is recognizing the inestimable aid to the cause of missions derived from the labors of the medical missionary. He has opportunities which fall to the lot of no other; while ministering to the diseased body he can point the sin-sick soul to the great Physician. He has one great advantage over the evangelist; the people among whom he labors, compelled through suffering, throng around him—they follow him, claim him and *listen* to him. Isabella Bird Bishop says, "I have come to think that the multiplication of male and female medical missionaries is the most important work in connection with missions which lies before the Church to-day, as well as the most blessed form of missionary effort to which young men and woman who are consecrated to foreign service can aspire."

The need for more laborers in this special department of Christ's vineyard is great. Physical anguish is appealing in loudest tones for relief. The doors of heathendom swing wide to admit the medical missionary. Oh, that such a spirit of consecration may fall upon our young men and women graduates from medical universities as will influence numbers of them to offer themselves to this work, the motive power impelling being love to Christ and love for His suffering ones.

Fireside Chat with Discouraged Workers.

"**F**EAR thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

One year ago to-night we gathered for the first time around our fireside. How swiftly the months have fled! and what has been or will be the outcome of our "Chats?" Have they served simply to while away an hour, or have they strengthened us for life's duties, intensified our faith in God, and made us stronger spiritually than we were a year ago? If they have not done this their mission has signally failed.

We speak though without hesitation of one good thing accomplished through them—we are nearer to each other to-night than we were a year ago,—we *know*, and therefore understand each other better.

We are glad that so many of you, who at first joined us because you belonged to the great army of discouraged workers, have not left us when you graduated from their ranks; and though your places have been filled by those who a year ago were not in harness, and to whom office-bearing in our Woman's Missionary Society seems but a series of discouragements; we will always have for you a thrice-hearty welcome. Tarry with us and help us in the future as you have in the past. How much we need you can only be gauged by our dismay at the possibility of our losing you.

Was there ever a brighter Fireside than ours to-night? How the flames vie with the holly berries in brightness and rich coloring! How beautiful our simple decorations appear, and how near they seem to bring us to the Christ King, because it is in honor of the glad Christmas season that we have intertwined the glossy leaves of the holly and mistletoe! But, ah! in the midst of joyous Christmas congratulations comes the thought that in some of the homes of our Woman's Missionary Society members there is—

"A spray of cypress twining
With the holly wreath to-night."

To all such troubled hearts, feeling in keenest measure at this anniversary of anniversaries their sore bereavement, we tender our deepest sympathy. Words fail us, but we want to tell you we have travelled over the same, lonely pathway that as yet is but new to your feet, and understand something of what this season means to you. Every joyous bell-peal, every glad Christmas carol serves but to accentuate your loneliness. How *could you* stand it all were it not for the thought that He who makes no mistakes, and seeing the end from the beginning, appointed or permitted this heavy trial, which to you has so changed the glad Christmas-tide into a season of mourning? But in the midst of your desolation can you not hear His tender words of promise? "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; *not as the*

world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." And with God's peace flooding your heart and filling your life we know you will bravely take up life's old accustomed duties.

We want to tell you of a letter received the other day from Muskoka, that ideal resting-place in the sultry summer-tide, but how wofully isolated it seems to us when King Frost reigns supreme! The letter came from a member of our Fireside Circle who, though we knew it not, has met with us from month to month. Her words of encouragement helped us. How we have longed to make our "Chats" of service to just such lonely, far-off toilers as the writer. In compliance with the request for suggestions made in last month's OUTLOOK our correspondent contributed one which we most thankfully received and which we will give in her own words. "'Could we not do without so many reports (does it not sound too much like the Pharisees blowing a trumpet before themselves?) and give us instead short, pithy accounts of missionaries and their work? Do you know what made me a missionary woman? When we were little my dear mother used often to tell us of Dr. Livingstone, Dr. Duff, Dr. Moffat, etc., and the thrilling stories of Madagascar, Erromanga and the South Sea Islands. That was long before the days of woman's auxiliaries; but the fire that was then kindled has never ceased to burn, and now mother and her four daughters, though widely scattered, are working in Woman's Missionary Societies. . . . You do not know how we backwoods folks would relish information to keep up the interest in our missionary work.'"

The writer has only asked what we have long felt the necessity of, at least aiming at, and though we do not wish to do without a *single* report, yet we feel as if the time has come for a much greater condensation of their matter. You know, dear sisters, it can only be of local interest, at best, to hear that Miss Somebody sang "most sweetly," or "excelled herself" at one of your missionary evenings; or, Mrs. So-and-so "recited exceptionally well, really in true oratorical style." Let us avoid repetition, or the telling of anything that would not be of general interest or benefit. Some of the reports received during the past year we considered model ones—so much information compressed in so few sentences. Everybody, we are sure, could find time to read them. Do not forget that if you have anything out of the ordinary to offer, as regards raising money or preparing programmes, any hints or suggestions that would help the work or workers, there will always be found plenty of space for their insertion, and will be most gratefully received. We do want to make the best possible use of every column in our Department, and hope every line will some how or other in some way or other benefit all our readers, but particularly those whose facilities for obtaining reading of a missionary character, are limited.

Our fire burns low. Again the hour for our separating has come; when we meet again this dear old year, which has brought to many of us much of sorrow,

but, thank God, much of peace and joy as well, will be no more. We wish you one and all in its truest, broadest sense, "A happy Christmas and a bright New Year."
S. R. W.

Notices.

THERE was a Christmas story in process of preparation, for we had hoped to make this edition of our Department in the OUTLOOK so "Christmasy" that its arrival in your home would have been a harbinger of the day itself, but through lack of space we thought it better to withhold it. We are also carrying over some excellent papers; be on the look out for them later.

JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL WORK.—The committee in charge of the Industrial Work regrets that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, it is impossible to supply embroidery ordered for Christmas sale. A letter from Miss Veazey, appearing in the W.M.S. column of the *Christian Guardian*, December 4th, fully explains the cause of disappointment.

Toronto Conference Branch.

THE Second Annual Meeting of the Toronto Conference Branch opened in Broadway Tabernacle, Toronto, on Tuesday afternoon, October 1st, at three o'clock.

The President, Mrs. J. B. Willmott, occupied the chair, and was assisted in the opening devotional exercises by Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Blackstock and Mrs. Langford.

Eighty-two delegates responded to the roll call, and there was, in addition, a large attendance of visitors.

A memorial service was led by Mrs. Woolsey, when testimony was borne to the Christian life and triumphant death of thirteen members, who have gone to their reward during the year.

The President's address was listened to with marked attention, and the delegates felt inspired by it to renewed and deeper consecration of time and talents to the Master's service.

The printed Treasurer's report being in the hands of the delegates was taken as read, and after an abstract had been given by Mrs. Ogden it was adopted. It showed that the gross income was \$5,487.89; expenses, \$102.99; remitted to General Treasurer, \$5,250.00; balance on hand, \$134.90. Of the amount raised \$1,162.58 was in thank-offerings.

Mrs. Williams conducted an impressive consecration service, Miss Macdonald, of Oaklands, giving a helpful Bible reading, and many of the delegates taking part in testimony, the service concluding with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. J. C. Speer, assisted by Rev. Dr. German.

From six until eight o'clock was devoted to a tea and reception, given by the ladies of Broadway Auxiliary, when a very pleasant social time was spent.

The public meeting in the evening, presided over by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. C. Speer, was very largely attended. Rev. W. F. Wilson assisted in the devotional exercises, and the Choir rendered some choice music.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was presented by Mrs. Briggs, and showed the number of auxiliaries to be 73, an increase of 15; annual members, 1,793, increase, 119; life-members, 180, increase, 18; total membership, 1,973.

The Mission Band Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bascom, reported 43 Mission Bands, with a membership of 1,007; sent to Branch Treasurer, \$804.09. These reports were both able reviews of the work, and proved most interesting to the large congregation. The feature of the evening, however, was an address by Dr. Stevenson, the

first delivered since his return from China. The trials and persecutions suffered there by himself and his fellow-missionaries, seem only to have increased his zeal, and to have made him more than ever determined to devote his life to the salvation of the Chinese.

On Wednesday, a report was presented by Mrs. Powell, of an Organizers' Conference, which had been held on Tuesday morning. It submitted some by-laws for the guidance of District Organizers, which were adopted by the Branch:

1. That District Organizers be under the direction of the Branch Corresponding Secretary.
2. That District Organizers send in a statement of their expenses before Sept. 15th of each year.
3. That District Organizers be *ex officio* members of the Branch meeting, and have all the privileges of delegates, and that their expenses be paid by the Branch meeting.
4. That District Organizers be allowed five minutes to report at the Branch meeting.
5. That in every case where practicable a District Convention be held each year.
6. That all the privileges of the District Convention be open to every auxiliary member in the district.
7. That a collection be taken at the District Convention, which shall be applied to the necessary expenses of the Organizer; any deficit to be met by the Branch.
8. That the District Organizer be nominated by ballot without debate at the District Convention; in the absence of such convention, that the nominations be made by the Branch Corresponding Secretary.

Very satisfactory reports were then given by the Organizers for the following districts: Toronto East, Mrs. Powell; Toronto Central, Mrs. Locke; Toronto West, Mrs. Hamilton; Brampton District, Mrs. Cheyne; Bradford District, Mrs. McDonald; Barrie District, Mrs. Moore (for Mrs. Barker); Collingwood District, Mrs. Fowler; Bracebridge District, Mrs. Briggs (for Mrs. Groves); Orangeville District, Mrs. Stevens; Uxbridge District, Mrs. Crosby; Owen Sound District, Mrs. Garrett.

A number of memorials were presented, but as those which were accepted will appear in the report of the Board of Managers, it is not necessary to notice them here.

An animated and very interesting discussion took place on the subject of proportionate giving, many delegates bearing testimony to the blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which had come to them in "paying what they owed" to the Lord. It was unanimously decided to establish a department of systematic giving as a part of the work of the Branch, and Mrs. Garrett, of Parkdale, was elected to act as superintendent, and to bring the subject to the attention of the Auxiliaries.

A "Conference on Methods of Work in Monthly and Public Meetings," was conducted by Mrs. McKay. Short addresses or papers were given on the best way of conducting the different exercises usually engaged in at missionary meetings. Mrs. Williams spoke of the Devotional Exercises, Miss Hodgins of the Regular Business, Mrs. Winter of the Programme for Auxiliaries, and Mrs. Garrett of that for Mission Bands. "Our Treasury and its Gifts," was spoken to by Miss Keele for Auxiliaries, and by Mrs. Young for Mission Bands. In the department of public meetings, "Missionary Sunday" was ably treated by Mrs. Locke, "Missionary Prayer-Meeting" by Mrs. Main, and "Thank-offering Service" by Mrs. W. W. Ogden. The papers were very suggestive, and provoked a good deal of helpful discussion on ways of working.

On Thursday a report was given of a Mission Band rally which had been held on Wednesday evening, with Mrs. Bascom in the chair, an interesting feature of the rally having been a parliamentary drill, prepared by Mrs. Bascom.

The question drawer was taken charge of by Mrs. Ogden, who answered a large number of enquiries relative to our work.

An invitation to hold the next annual meeting in Collingwood was received and heartily accepted.

After thanks had been voted to all who had helped to make the Convention a success, the second annual meeting of the Toronto Conference Branch was brought to a close. It was an exceedingly pleasant and profitable gathering, the only regret felt that every Auxiliary in the Branch was not

represented. So that the inspiration of the meeting might have been carried back to them by their delegates.

The officers for the year are as follows:

<i>Honorary President</i>	Mrs. J. A. Williams.
<i>President</i>	Mrs. J. B. Willmott.
<i>First Vice-President</i>	Mrs. G. P. McKay.
<i>Second</i> ".....	Mrs. Alex. Langford.
<i>Third</i> ".....	Mrs. D. G. Sutherland.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mrs. George Kerr.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Mrs. Wm. Briggs.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs. W. W. Ogden.
<i>Mission Band Cor. Sec.</i>	Mrs. Jos. Bascom.
<i>Auditor</i>	Miss M. Wilkes.

District Organizers:

<i>Toronto East District</i>	Mrs. Powell.
<i>Toronto Central</i>	Mrs. Locke.
<i>Toronto West</i>	Mrs. Hamilton.
<i>Brampton</i>	Mrs. Cheyne.
<i>Bradford</i>	Mrs. McKay.
<i>Barrie</i>	Mrs. Gibson.
<i>Collingwood</i>	Mrs. Fowler.
<i>Bracebridge</i>	Mrs. Bray.
<i>Orangeville</i>	Mrs. Langford.
<i>Uxbridge</i>	Mrs. Crosby.
<i>Owen Sound</i>	Mrs. Boland.

E. J. KERR, *Rec. Sec.*

Report of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch.

THE tenth annual meeting of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch was held in Sussex, N.B., October 1st, 1895. Clear skies, a warm welcome, and a large delegation made an auspicious opening, while the Methodist Church in which the convention met, was bright with beautiful flowers, the work of loving hands. Tuesday evening a reception service was held, when Mrs. F. W. Stockton graciously welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Auxiliary, and Rev. C. W. Hamilton cordially greeted us to the church. Mrs. Thompson, of Fredericton, responded. The Presbyterian Christian Endeavor and Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union, also brought greetings, the latter by Mrs. Trites, of Sussex, whose well chosen words made us realize the unity of the work we were engaged in. Mrs. Strong, of Summerside, gave the response. Bright music and a social half hour made a fitting preparation for the sterner duties of the days that followed. Wednesday morning the devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Chipman, of St. Stephen, after which the President took the chair. About fifty-six delegates were in attendance. Reports of Auxiliaries, appointment of committees, etc., came next in order. The President in her annual address made the work and workers very near, touching first upon the far off fields of China. With the aid of a map she described the scene of the riots, the locality of the stations, and the wonderful escape of our beloved missionaries. Then Japan, the Canadian fields, our own duty regarding them, the need for more earnest prayer and effort in this work for the Master. As she pled for these, our sisters in far off lands, and described the heroic way they have passed through this persecution, a sense of the tremendous responsibility came to us, and it is hoped that with deeper consecration we at home will endeavor to hold up the hands of those toilers in the harvest-fields. The reports of the general officers are always items of interest, although this year we regret that in both membership and finances our Branch has a decrease. Six new Auxiliaries, but the death of one more leaves us with 78. Life members, 76, increase of 7. Total membership, 1,551. Three new Mission Bands, but 3 being inactive, leave the number the same as last year. Band membership, 1,149. Treasurer reported amount raised, \$5,145.65; amount sent General Treasurer, \$4,966.14.

An admirable paper by Mrs. Thomas, of Baie Verte, on "Whom shall we send to Branch," was ordered to be printed in *Palm Branch*, and is commended to every member of the Woman's Missionary Society. Other papers

on "Easter Services," "Mission Band Work," etc., were replete with ideas bright, original, and to the point. Mrs. Macmichael conducted a Parliamentary Drill, giving us business methods for carrying on our work. Wednesday evening the Anniversary Service was held, the President occupying the chair. The church was well filled. After the opening exercises, Miss Palmer made an eloquent plea for our work, stating why we were enlisted in this work for the Master. The reports of general officers followed, after which our returned missionary, Miss Clarke, of the Coqualeetza Institute, was introduced. She very graphically described her life labors among the Indians in the far west of the Dominion where she has labored for the last five years. It was a great joy to welcome her back in health and strength, and during the Conventions she was always ready with helpful words in connection with the work. The presentation of the Mission Band Banner was then made by the Band Secretary, Mrs. Turner, "Star" Band, of Exmouth Street, St. John, being the successful winner. Mr. Hamilton gave a short address, and the choir added very largely in the success of the meeting. A special feature of the evening were two dialogues by some boys and girls, which fittingly illustrated the dark as well as the bright side of missionary life. On Thursday the editor of the *Palm Branch* gave an interesting report of work accomplished during the year. Discussion on the efficacy of the paper followed. Mrs. Howard, in seconding the motion to receive the report, congratulated the editor, and strongly recommended it as a medium of usefulness throughout the Auxiliaries. Thursday evening an innovation was made by way of a Model Parlor Meeting, led by the President, showing how the social element could be woven into an instructive hour. It is hoped this method will be introduced in the auxiliaries during the coming winter. The consecration service followed, conducted by Mrs. Essery. It was a season of special blessing, many testifying to their deepening of spiritual life since taking up this work for Christ. The election of officers on Friday resulted in the return of all who had served in the year just closed. Mrs. Strong, of Summerside, was elected delegate to the Board, Miss Palmer appointed delegate to Conference to meet in St. John. An invitation from Centenary Auxiliary, St. John, to hold the next Branch meeting there was accepted. District Organizers appointed as follows: St. John, Mrs. McKeown; St. Stephen, Mrs. H. Sprague; Sackville, Mrs. W. B. Thomas; Charlottetown, Mrs. D. Johnson; Summerside, Mrs. A. N. Wright; Mirimichi, Mrs. Wm. Harrison; Fredericton, Mrs. Coulthard; Moncton, Mrs. Forbes.

It was found that during the year 100 public meetings were held, 35 mite-box openings, 52 Easter services, over 500 OUTLOOKS taken, over 600 mite-boxes in use. Valuable suggestions for Auxiliaries and Bands were given. It would be difficult to express the generous hospitality and kindness of the Sussex citizens, their heart and houses were open to us. On Friday afternoon at the close of the session, carriages were in attendance, and a delightful drive given the ladies, being a rest after the work of the week. We missed the helpful presence of the Charlottetown District organizer, Mrs. Johnson, whose wise council has always been a strength, and others whose faces have brightened Branch meetings in the past; but a sweet spirit pervaded the Convention, and we closed this tenth annual gathering with the hope that more earnest work and a deepened consecration to the Master's service will characterize the lives of those who are spared to labor during the coming year.

J. C.

Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

THE Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society opened in Carlton Street Church, Toronto, on Tuesday afternoon, October 15th. There were present:—

Mrs. James Gooderham, President; Mrs. A. Carman, Vice-President; Mrs. J. B. Willmott, Recording Secretary; Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Gordon Wright, Editor of OUTLOOK; Miss Ogden, Secretary Literature and Publication Committee.

From London Conference Branch.—Mrs. A. Burns, President; Mrs. A. Cunningham, Corresponding Secretary; Mesdames G. N. Dickson, F. Daly, McMechan, Bond and Fowler.

From Hamilton Conference Branch.—Mrs. T. W. Jackson, President; Mrs. W. G. Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Mesdames Mitchell, Phelps, Gayfer, Williams and Hardy.

From Toronto Conference Branch.—Mrs. Wm. Briggs, Corresponding Secretary; Mesdames Bascom, McKay, Williams, Kerr, Locke.

From Bay of Quinte Conference Branch.—Mrs. G. D. Platt, Corresponding Secretary; Mesdames Kendry, Wilson, Massey, Copeland, Campbell, Grange.

From Montreal Conference Branch.—Mrs. W. E. Ross, President; Mrs. T. G. Williams, Corresponding Secretary; Mesdames Bigelow, McRossie, Sparkes, Scott, Hughes.

From Nova Scotia Conference Branch.—Mrs. S. E. Whiston, President; Mrs. W. Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Mesdames Tuttle and Crowell.

From N. B. and P. E. I. Conference Branch.—Mrs. F. E. Palmer, President; Miss H. M. Stewart, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Strong.

From British Columbia Conference Branch.—Miss Clarke, Chilliwack.

The President conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The following returned missionaries were introduced and accorded the usual privileges of the Convention:—Mrs. Large, Miss N. G. Hart, Miss Blackmore, Miss E. Hart, Miss Hargrave and Miss Morgan—all from Japan; and Miss Clarke, from Chilliwack, B.C.

The report of the Executive Committee, of business transacted through the year, was read by the Recording Secretary, and, on motion, the consideration of it was left until the following morning.

Committees were appointed on Memorials, Candidates and Courtesies.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read by Mrs. Strachan, and adopted. It expressed gratification at the work already accomplished and confidence that the future would be even more satisfactory than the past.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs. Thompson, her report was read by Mrs. Briggs.

The following is an abstract:—

RECEIPTS.	
To receipts from Toronto Conference Branch	\$5,250 00
" " Hamilton " " 	5,026 99
" " London " " 	5,022 69
" " Bay of Quinte " " 	4,865 00
" " Montreal " " 	4,990 63
" " N. B. & P. E. I. " " 	4,966 14
" " Nova Scotia " " 	3,659 71
" " B. Columbia " " 	425 20
" " Separate Auxiliaries	878 64
Government grant for Indian Schools	1,356 83
Sale of embroideries from Kanazawa	495 25
Bequests and interest	2,380 93
Donations, etc., and interest	1,061 35
Total	\$40,379 36
Amount raised last year	39,808 33
Increase	571 03

EXPENDITURE.	
By Japan Mission	\$17,595 24
French Work	5,084 00
Newfoundland Orphanage	500 00
Port Simpson Hospital and Crosby Home	2,814 40
Chilliwack Coqualeetza Institute	5,421 51
Chinese Home, Victoria	1,583 85
McDougall Orphanage	367 50
Chen-tu Mission, China	4,021 39
Raley Home, Kitamaat	200 00
Home expenses for literature, printing, etc.	1,834 02
Balance	957 47
Total	\$40,379 36

The statistical report of the Corresponding Secretary showed the number of Auxiliaries to be 619, an increase of 49; number of annual members, 13,146, an increase of 420; life members 730, an increase of 40; total rateable

membership of Auxiliaries, 13,876; Mission Bands and Circles, 290, an increase of 17; Mission Band members, 6,532, an increase of 116.

Receipts from annual fees, \$12,957; from life members' fees, \$1,459.50; from Mission Circles and Bands, \$6,828.82; from mite-boxes in Auxiliaries, \$2,635.21; from other sources in Auxiliaries, \$11,254.47. Total receipts from Branches and Auxiliaries, \$35,135.00.

This is somewhat less than the receipts from the same sources last year, but bequests and other sources of income more than made up the deficiency, so that the grand total, \$40,379.36, as shown in the Treasurer's report, is \$571.03 in advance of last year.

The President gave an informal talk instead of a regularly-prepared address. She referred to the meeting of the General Board of Missions in Montreal, and the deep spiritual influence ever present. The President spoke with deep earnestness, and the close attention given evidenced the interest and favor with which her remarks were received. Greetings were presented by Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Rutherford, representing the Presbyterian and Baptist Woman's Missionary Societies and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, respectively.

The reports of Branches were presented by their respective Corresponding Secretaries, with the exception of British Columbia, which was read by Mrs. Strachan, who also gave the reports of separate Auxiliaries. Each Branch has had a slight increase in membership. At the close of the afternoon session the ladies of Carlton Street Church gave a cordial invitation to the delegates, and all the friends present, to remain to tea, when a very pleasant time was spent in social intercourse.

The Rev. S. D. Chown, pastor of the church, presided over a public meeting in the evening. In the opening exercises he was assisted by Rev. M. L. Pearson, President of Toronto Conference, and Rev. Dr. Potts. Addresses were given by Misses Hargrave and Blackmore, of Japan, and Miss Clarke, of Chilliwack, B.C. The Choir furnished suitable and beautiful music, a solo by Miss Ronan being especially enjoyable. Mrs. Strachan gave an abstract of the Corresponding Secretary's report, and Mrs. Briggs read the report of the Supply Committee, which is always interesting.

On Wednesday morning, after the minutes of the previous session had been read and confirmed, the first order of business was the consideration of the report of the Executive.

This was the most important matter which came before the Board, as it contained the findings of the Joint Committee, which had been appointed by the Boards of the two societies, to consider the causes of friction in Japan, and the action which had been taken by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society on its recommendations. The following was the report of that Committee:

"The Joint Committee of the Executives of the two Societies having considered carefully the relation of various agents of the Societies in Japan, as shown by the correspondence, beg leave to report:

"1. That in our opinion in order to restore harmony, it is absolutely necessary that several changes be made in the *personnel* of both missions. We, therefore, recommend to the Executive of the Woman's Missionary Society the withdrawal of Mrs. Large from the Japan work not later than the end of the school year.

"2. The Rev. Dr. Eby having tendered his resignation as missionary to Japan, we recommend to the Executive of the General Society to accept such resignation, to take effect forthwith.

"3. We are further of opinion that it is not expedient that the Rev. F. A. Cassidy should return to Japan, and we recommend to the Executive of the General Board that he be retained permanently in this country."

The Executive of the General Society had accepted the report of this Joint Committee as far as it affected missionaries of that Society, and had requested the Executive of the W. M. S. to do the same. The report therefore had been accepted and Mrs. Large recalled. To provide for her after her return from Japan, and in order that her health might be fully restored, a year's furlough on full salary was

voted her. Subsequently communications were received from Japanese teachers in the Tokyo school, from Bible-women, from missionaries, and one from seventy-six Japanese ladies, all testifying to Mrs. Large's great usefulness in Japan, and expressing great regret at her removal.

Last May our Executive addressed a communication to the General Executive suggesting the expediency of a thorough investigation, in which the testimony of all the missionaries now in Canada might be received. To this the General Executive replied that it was not thought advisable to take steps in that direction, at least until the meeting of the General Board in October. As all are aware, the matter was thoroughly gone into at the annual meeting of that body in Montreal recently, and a satisfactory and harmonious decision reached. It remained with the Board of the W. M. S. at this meeting to fully consider the question as it related to our own missionaries. It was decided to have all the letters and other documents read, which had come before the Executive, pertaining to friction between missionaries of the two societies. This occupied many hours, but the time was considered to have been well spent, as the delegates, after hearing them, were more than satisfied of the truth of a letter from Dr. Sutherland, which said: "We have to congratulate ourselves that there have been no complaints concerning the doctrine and teaching of the agents of our societies in Japan, and not a breath of suspicion as to their moral and religious character. Further, their administration on the whole has been of such a spirit and nature as to meet the general approval of the Home Board. Whatever difficulties have arisen seem to have been mainly of a personal or semi-official kind."

After the documents had been read, Mrs. Large who, with the other missionaries, had been present throughout, was asked to make a statement. She replied that she had no statement to give, no complaints to make, no battles to fight. She was there by official request, and was prepared to answer any questions which might be asked her. In answer to inquiries, Mrs. Large gave an outline of the work during the last four years, in as far as it related to any friction with missionaries of the General Society. Questions were asked, and many points cleared up to the satisfaction of the delegates, and Mrs. Large said: "I do not resent a single question which has been asked me, but am only too glad to have an opportunity of making these explanations. I feel that I know my sisters better than ever before, and they understand me better. I know that to myself will come a great benefit from all I have gone through. I have learned lessons which will abide with me throughout life."

The following resolution was then moved by Mrs. Ross, president of the Montreal Branch, seconded by Mrs. Phelps, of the Hamilton Conference Branch, and heartily carried: "Whereas Mrs. Large has been recalled from Japan on account of the want of harmony existing between the Council of the General Board and the Council of the Woman's Missionary Society, and whereas a thorough investigation into the causes of the want of harmony has been made by the General Board, both as regards their own workers and those of the Woman's Missionary Society—seven of our workers having been present to testify in reference to the various causes of friction, which, from their testimony, as well as that of the Rev. Dr. Cochran, the Rev. F. A. Cassidy and others, and from official records, proved comparatively small and insignificant, in no way reflecting upon either the character of our workers or their work, although, as regards estrangements between individual missionaries acknowledgement has already been made that the wisest course has not always been pursued; therefore, resolved, That this Board again expresses its confidence in Mrs. Large and our Mission Council in Japan, and its policy, and empowers the Executive to reappoint Mrs. Large to Japan, when, in the judgment of the Executive, the way to successful work is open."

During the meeting of the General Board in Montreal, a question had been submitted by the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, asking what, in the opinion of the General Board, were the powers of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society in reference to the return of Mrs. Large to Japan. The reply from Dr. Carman on behalf of

the General Board was to the effect that it might be advisable for the Board of the Woman's Missionary Society to give their Executive Committee powers similar to those given in Mr. Cassidy's case by the General Board to its Executive Committee, viz., power to effect return in the future if found desirable, after consultation and mutual sympathy of the two Executives at home—to await developments, and be guided by the openings of Providence in the interests of the work. The resolution, moved by Mrs. Ross, was framed in harmony with this advice, and Mrs. Large said she wished the Board to know that she fully concurred in the opinion of the General Board as expressed by Dr. Carman in reference to her not returning to Japan at present.

At Mrs. Large's request, Mrs. Carman made the statement in reference to some of the causes of friction which had arisen, that if Mrs. Large had these things to do over again, she would do them differently, and if anything she had said or done had been an injury to the work, either in Japan or at home, she was sorry.

The kindest and most sisterly feeling was shown throughout, and the Spirit of the Master was so manifestly present that the business session resolved itself involuntarily into a testimony meeting. The thought was expressed by many that the Divine hand had been leading through all the dark way, and had brought the Society out again into broad and pleasant places. The Rev. Father Fawcett, who was present, bore testimony to the esteem in which he had always held Mrs. Large; to his admiration for her strong character, and for the noble work she had done in the past, and expressed the hope that many more years of service for the Master might be in store for her in the field she so much loved.

The resignations of four missionaries, which had been received by the Executive Committee during the year, and on which no action had been taken, were read by Mrs. Strachan, the Corresponding Secretary, and the young ladies referred to were invited to address the Board. It was then decided that the resignations of Miss Hargrave and Miss Blackmore be not accepted, and the time of their return to Japan was left to the Executive Committee. This applies also to Miss E. Hart, when her health is sufficiently restored. Miss N. G. Hart, for personal reasons, could not withdraw her resignation at present, so it was accepted on the understanding that if her way opens up to return to Japan she will apply to the Executive.

Mrs. Burns reported for the Committee on Indian Affairs, and Mrs. Bigelow presented the report of the Candidate Committee, which recommended:—

That Dr. Louise Hart be sent to China as soon as possible after she has passed the required examination.

That the appointment of Miss Wigle to Japan, and Miss Bowes to the Chinese Rescue Home be confirmed.

That Miss Churchill be accepted when her studies are completed.

That Miss Morse be accepted and left in the hands of the Executive.

That Miss Hawkins be accepted and placed on the reserve list.

That Miss Osler make fresh application when ready for work.

Mrs. Kerr gave a report of the Committee on Japanese Industrial Work, showing that \$251.70 had been received by the Committee for sale of embroideries, and \$249.20 paid to the General Treasurer.

Mrs. Bascom read the report of the Literature and Publication Committee, and Miss Ogden presented the financial statement.

The Committee has held thirty-one meetings during the year. The subscription list of *The Monthly Letter* has increased to 12,050. New *Leaflets* have been added to Our Work series. No. VI. "French Canadian Manners and Customs," by Rev. Mr. Lefebvre. No. II. "Our Chinese Rescue Home," by Miss Wickett. No. III. "Our Work in Japan," by Mr. Beale, formerly of that country. No. VII. "Trials and Triumphs of Early Methodism in the North-West," by Rev. D. Jennings. "Origin and Work of the Woman's Missionary Society," has been revised by Mrs. Parker, and will be issued immediately.

The list of *Leaflet* has been revised, and many new and valuable ones have been added. The increase of business

at Room 20 has made it necessary to provide a paid assistant. Miss Ogden has given gratuitously four years of indefatigable attention to the work at Room 20. The Annual report for 1894-5 will contain a good map of Japan, on which our mission stations will appear in red letters. The proposal to withdraw the "Suggested Programme" called forth the following: Resolved, "That we express our cordial appreciation of the untiring efforts and wise planning of the Literature and Publication Committee, especially in the arrangement of the Suggested Programmes, and heartily recommend that these be continued." The following was carried unanimously, "That we desire to express our high appreciation of Miss Ogden's indefatigable labors in our behalf, and to give her a most hearty vote of thanks for her excellent management of the affairs of Room 20."

These were all adopted.

Mrs. Wright read a beautifully prepared report of the editorial work of the OUTLOOK, in which she suggested several ways in which the interest and efficiency of the paper might be increased. The thanks of the Board were presented to her for the able manner in which she has filled the editor's chair during the year, and she was empowered to condense all reports which exceeded the specified limit. A vote of thanks was also passed to Miss Smith, editor of *Palm Branch*.

The reports of the various missions of the society were read and adopted—they were of a satisfactory nature and will appear in full in the Annual Report.

The following memorials were presented:

That a superannuation fund be established for missionaries who may be permanently laid aside, was not entertained.

That by-law No. 10 be changed to allow only one delegate to be sent from each Auxiliary to the Branch meeting. Not entertained.

That where there are two Mission Bands, neither with a large enough membership to be entitled to send a delegate to the branch meeting, they be allowed to unitedly send one delegate. Carried.

That Article V. of the Constitution be changed to read "Delegates from each Branch, in the proportion of one to every six hundred members," this was considered, but as a change of Constitution requires a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, it was left over to be brought before the branches next year in proper form.

That any Mission Band numbering forty members or over, or contributing \$25.00 to the Woman's Missionary Society, be entitled to send a delegate to the Branch meeting. Carried.

That the names of Mission Band presidents and corresponding secretaries be printed in the Annual Report. Carried.

That a department of systematic and proportionate giving be established by the Board. This was discussed and a resolution passed approving of the principle, but leaving each Branch to work it out in its own way. The Toronto Conference Branch has already established such a department.

A memorial from the London and Hamilton Conference Branches recommended that the Board take into consideration the advisability of adopting Miss Annie Whitfield's work in Africa.

Letters were read from the Secretary of the Dundas Auxiliary, from Bishop Taylor, and from Mr. Ross Taylor, secretary of the African Mission, speaking in the highest terms of Miss Whitfield, and of the good she has done in Liberia.

Miss Whitfield was called upon to address the Board, and gave a sketch of the work and its requirements. She is herself a member of the W. M. S., and has hosts of friends in its ranks. Through these she has, since 1892, received \$1,300, with which she has redeemed and partly supported ten little girls, who are thus saved from a horrible fate. She is very anxious to have the Board adopt her work, and in faith that they might do so she had secured an offer from the Government of Liberia, and came armed with an official letter, dated Executive Mansion, Monrovia, Liberia, offering a free site of two acres, and to pay the salary of one teacher now, and more when re-

quired, on condition that the W. M. S. would build and conduct a school there. She has plans for a building which would cost \$2,000, and has \$300 towards furnishing it.

Several delegates spoke of this as an open door, and the hand of the Lord leading the Society to work in Africa, and instances were given of the interest Methodist people have recently been taking in the work in that country.

As the Constitution provides that the W. M. S. shall be subject to the approval of the authorities of the General Society in the choice of new fields of labor, a resolution was carried most heartily commending Miss Whitfield's work, and deciding to take it up, subject to such approval, and a committee was appointed to lay it before the Executive of the General Society at the earliest opportunity. The following resolution was also carried: "That in the event of a favourable reply by the Executive of the General Society, the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated from the bequest account for the erection of a building in which to carry on Miss Whitfield's work."

It was decided that the books of the General Treasurer should close on October 9. The following appropriations were made: Japan, \$14,056; China, \$7,500; Chinese Rescue Home, \$1,500; Crosby Home, \$2,450; Nurses in Port Simpson Hospital, \$600; Coqualeetza Institute, \$2,738; French Work, \$4,582; Methodist Orphanage, Newfoundland, \$500; Literature and Publication Committee, \$625; Mr. Raley's Home, \$200.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. James Gooderham; Vice-President, Mrs. Carman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. George Kerr; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Strachan; Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Thompson; Editor Woman's Missionary Society Department of *Outlook*, Mrs. Gordon Wright; Editor, Woman's Missionary Society Department of *Guardian*, Miss Firstbrook; Editor of Woman's Missionary Society Department of *Wesleyan*, Mrs. Whiston; Editor of *Palm Branch*, Miss Smith. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Willmott (who had asked to be relieved of the duties of recording secretary), for her years of faithful and efficient service. Mrs. McMechan was requested to act as correspondent for *Onward*.

The following committees were appointed. To prepare Annual Report—Mesdames Strachan, Willmott, Briggs, Thompson, Kerr. Supply Committee—Mesdames Williams, Briggs, Ogden, Maclaren. Indian Affairs—Mesdames Burns, Sutherland, Cunningham. Literature and Publication—Mesdames Willmott, Bascom, Hamilton, Croft, Burwash, Culvert, Misses Ogden, MacCallum and Firstbrook. Japanese Industrial Work—Mesdames U. Ogden, Maclaren, Kerr.

Invitations were received to hold the next Board meeting in Brampton and Halifax; the former was accepted. The Courtesy Committee recommended a letter of greeting to our missionaries; a letter of greeting to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chu Tom; a resolution of regret at the absence of our esteemed treasurer; votes of thanks to the pastor, trustees, organist and choir, to the hosts and hostesses; to the ladies of the church for the well-arranged reception on Tuesday evening, and to the press. This was carried by a standing vote. E. J. Kerr, *Rec. Sec.*

Notes from Workers.

WINGHAM.—Another year's work for the Master has just closed, and notwithstanding the hard times, of which we have heard so much, we are able to report advancement in every department of our work. If the treasury is the thermometer by which the warmth of our devotion to the missionary cause is generally tested, then we think we are becoming devoted, as we sent to the Treasurer for this year \$75, as compared with \$51 last year. We received eight new members, but lost three by removal, making an increase of five; total membership, thirty-four. We have not accomplished all we had hoped and worked for along that one particular line, and regret that there are still so many that we have failed to interest in this work. Looking for the Master's help and guidance during the future, we

enter upon the New Year with a determination to exceed all past efforts. May His blessing crown our labor with success. D. G., *Cor. Sec.*

BETHANY.—Our auxiliary was organized about five years ago with ten members, now it has twenty-three. During the last year we have not made progress entirely satisfactory to ourselves. Some of our members have moved away, and a great many in the Church are cold and indifferent. On Sunday, Aug. 19th, Mrs. Massey came to our aid, and addressed a large audience at Hay Bay Church. All seemed interested, and at the close a number of new names were added to our list of members. In the evening she addressed a meeting at Gretna, and on the following evening one at Bethany. Collections at the three meetings, \$11.70. We feel very much indebted to Mrs. Massey for her interesting and instructive addresses. We are determined, with God's help, to go on in the work, hopefully looking forward to the time when every woman in the Church will be earnestly engaged in this work. MRS. C. B. PARKS, *Cor. Sec.*

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND (George Street Methodist Church Auxiliary, West Circuit).—It is some time since you have heard any word from us, but I am pleased to say, in our little corner, we are still doing what we can. We have just held our thirteenth Annual Meeting; another year has passed and with us it has been a very trying one. We have had so many events, sad and otherwise, and all have left an effect upon our Auxiliary. The work has gone on quietly through the year. We regret deeply that in the finances we are far behind last year, and this because of circumstances all would have wished otherwise if we could. On our role now we have fifty members. *OUTLOOK* and *Monthly Letters* full of interest to us. One of our loved and faithful members has gone to be added to the "Society Above," Sister Willycombe. As we turn over anew the page of another year's history, we still hope, by God's blessing, upon our feeble efforts. May His kingdom be advanced.

"Oh, may we love the Master dear,
And joy the Master's work to do;
And still let hope our labor cheer,
For hopeless toil is fruitless, too."

T. F. SHIRAN, *Cor. Sec.*

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