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THE REWARD BOOKS FOR 1893-4.

Field Notes.

OWING to a severe attack of la grippe the General Secretary was obliged to cancel most of his engagements for last month. He is steadily recovering, but may not be able to undertake anything beyond office work before the middle of January.

THE Rev. J. W. Saunby, B.A., has returned from his visit to the Maritime Conferences, full of health and vigor, and much pleased with the results of his trip. The brethren were evidently determined to make the most of him, and meetings followed each other with almost bewildering rapidity; but Mr. Saunby

proved himself equal to the occasion, and is now looking eagerly forward to a similar campaign in the West, when the holidays are over.

SOME excellent illustrations form a new and interesting feature of the January issue of *The Missionary Review of the World*. This number is overflowing with first-class articles by eminent writers in other lands. The *Review* grows in interest and helpfulness with every year. The editor-in-chief opens Volume XVII. with an article on the "Columbian Exposition at Chicago." He treats especially of the Congress of Religions, in regard to its effects on the Kingdom of God. Dr. Gordon follows with an intensely interesting and instructive article, in which he

tells of "Three Weeks with Joseph Rabinowitz," that prince of Jewish converts to Christianity. Dr. Clark, the father of the Christian Endeavor movement, writes of the "Responsibility of Young People for Missions." The *Review* has become indispensable to all those who keep pace with the times. The prospects for 1894 betoken an increase in its value for the coming year.

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THE Rev. P. A. Jourdan sends words of cheer from Mattawa: "We have had a most successful missionary anniversary on this mission. Rev. Jas. Kines was with us, and gave such an account of the Society as moved the hearts of the people of this section. Result: To date we have about doubled givings of last year. Hope to do still better when the collectors have been round. One of our prominent men said, after meeting was over, 'I never heard the mission cause so clearly and forcibly explained.' What we need is missionary deputations who understand and can forcibly present the aims and claims of missions. Hope the 'shortage' will be more than made up this year."

Editorial and Contributed.

The Reward Books for 1893-4.

ON the first page will be found a picture of the good things provided for our Juvenile Missionary Collectors for the current year. They are all such books as boys and girls will take a delight in reading, —soul-stirring and full of information.

No. 1. A pretty little book of bright stories with illuminated cover for the little ones who gather the mites under one dollar.

No. 2. "ANDREW GILLON," an interesting story; for collectors of \$1 and upwards.

No. 3. "THE PILLAR OF FIRE," a realistic story of Israel in bondage and the wonders of the exodus. A charming book for Saturday afternoon or Sunday evening. This for collectors of \$2.50 and upwards.

No. 4. "CHINA AND ITS PEOPLE," for collectors of \$5 and upwards. Those who are familiar with the Rev. Dr. Withrow's fascinating style of writing need only to be told that he is the author of this beautifully illustrated volume. The book has an especial interest from the fact that it describes in part the country and people where our West China Mission is located.

No. 5. "THE STORY OF JOHN G. PATON," one of the most thrilling stories of missionary heroism that has ever been written. It is just grand, and our boys will find it as fascinating as any tale of adventure they have ever read. To secure this prize requires collections amounting to \$8 or upwards, but it's worth the effort.

No. 6. Last, but by no means least, is "PICTORIAL AFRICA: Its Heroes, Missionaries and Martyrs"; a

sumptuous volume for those collecting \$12 and upwards.

Now, let the boys and girls take hold with a will, and give us a grand advance over last year.

Please Don't.

KIND friends who are doing so much to aid us in circulating the OUTLOOK, suffer a word of exhortation.

Don't send letters enclosing money without date or signature, and then wonder why the remittance is not acknowledged.

Don't forget to indicate whether you should be addressed as Mrs. or Miss.

Don't send a list of subscribers for the OUTLOOK and fail to give the initial or initials of the christian name or names, and then be surprised if some other Mrs. Smith or Brown or Jones gets the paper.

Don't send orders for the "Book Room," for "Room 20," and for the Mission Rooms all mixed up in one letter. If you want to send orders to all three places, be good enough to write them on separate pieces of paper, and thus save confusion, delay, and perhaps disappointment.

Latest from China.

LETTERS have just reached the Mission Rooms from Rev. V. C. Hart, D.D., and the Rev. James Endicott, B.A., the latter of whom is on the way to his distant field. At the date of his first letter, October 11th, Dr. Hart had just returned from a twenty days' evangelistic tour up and down the Fuh River. Everywhere the people were friendly. A second letter from Dr. Hart, dated October 27th, conveys the unwelcome intelligence that he is suffering from malarial attacks. The other members of the mission are in good health. Some of the letters will appear in next month's OUTLOOK.

In the Right Direction.

THE following letter from the wife of an esteemed minister in the Nova Scotia Conference is timely and suggestive. We doubt not that many more are animated by a similar feeling, and will be encouraged by knowing that they are not alone in the desire to enlist the Sunday Schools in a missionary crusade:

—, N.S., Dec. 4th, 1893.

DEAR DR. SUTHERLAND.—We are trying to work up some missionary enthusiasm in the Sunday Schools of this Circuit, and will be glad to have any practical suggestions in regard to this work. Would it be advisable to publish the enclosed item in OUTLOOK, *Guardian* and each of the Sunday School papers? If not this particular item, might not a similar appeal be issued for the Sunday Schools?

I have distributed a number of the missionary pamphlets, "Information for the People," among our scholars, asking them to study them closely, and be prepared to tell us two weeks hence how many departments of work there are, how many missionaries in each, and where the several missions are established? After this we will take one *department* each month, and gain all the information we can in regard to it. Readings from "Canoe and Dog-Train,"

"Indian Wigwams and Northern Camp-Fires," have been well appreciated at our monthly missionary prayer-meeting, and have roused a spirit of enquiry among the young people. Now I want to refer them to our own periodicals for information, and since so few (comparatively) see either *Guardian* or *OUTLOOK*, I feel sure that an occasional "appeal" through our Sunday-school papers would be helpful. If in the *Banner* our superintendents and teachers were urged to bring the claims of the mission work of *our own Church* before the scholars, and to be themselves well informed on this important subject, perhaps the indifference of the past might be overcome. I may say that I am expecting great results from your published "Statement and Appeal." We are just *now beginning* the work you advocated in the *first* number of the *OUTLOOK*, 1891. We must work hard to make up for lost time!

The following is the item referred to in the above letter:

SUPPOSE.—Suppose that in all our Sunday Schools, the first Sunday in each month, a thank-offering for missions be taken, "an offering of thankfulness that I was born in a Christian land," and each child be taught to give five cents. From this one source alone, and without "drying up contributions to other things," we should collect and disburse \$25,000 each year, which now goes simply for candy and ribbons. You who know the present condition of our denominational work can easily estimate what an effect might this would produce. How our missionaries in India be cheered and our work there enlarged by the sending out of other American missionaries to their aid. How grandly that African mission might be established. How we could strengthen our theological schools and help our boys go forth to break to our churches the bread of life. How immeasurably we could enlarge our home missionary operations, and how rapidly we could plant new churches in the cities over all our land.—*Baptist Paper*.

Appreciated.

WORK done gratuitously for a good cause is not always appreciated by those who derive the benefit; and those who do appreciate a good thing seldom take the trouble to say so. Still there are exceptions to this as to every other rule, as witness the following:

ROBLIN, ONT., Dec. 20th, 1893.

DEAR MISSIONARY SECRETARY.—Though late, I send a card to let you know that I highly appreciate the pamphlet sent from the Mission Rooms entitled "The First Hundred Years of Modern Missions," by the Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A. I have read it through, much of it more than once, and regard it as something not merely to be read, but a publication to be learned and mastered like a school text-book. With nothing to encumber the learner, and yet covering the whole field, I should think it a good key to a detailed history of modern missions. For myself, it is the very thing I had long needed, and I must heartily thank you for it.

W. COOMBE.

And here is another:—

SELWYN, ONT., Dec. 9th, 1893.

"DEAR SIR,—I was out on missionary work a few weeks ago with another brother, and we had a good meeting. The brother in question had received a copy of 'The First Hundred Years of Missions,' from which he drew quite freely and made a very telling address. I would like to have a copy for similar work.

"Yours, in the Master's service,

"J. BATSTONE."

A Missionary Conference.

A YEAR ago a Conference of Missionary Secretaries, Treasurers, etc., met in New York at the invitation of the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church. Many subjects of practical importance were discussed, and those who were present were so im-

pressed with the value of the Conference that it was resolved to hold another the following year. A committee of arrangements was appointed, consisting of Rev. Judson Smith, D.D., of the American Board; Rev. J. O. Peck, D.D., of the Methodist Episcopal Board, and the Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., of the Methodist Church. A circular has been issued announcing that the Conference will take place at the rooms of the Methodist Episcopal Board in New York on the 17th of January, when the following topics, among others, will be discussed.

1. The development of self-supporting churches in the foreign field.
2. The true relation of Mission Boards to colleges on mission ground.
3. How to awaken and maintain an intelligent missionary spirit in the home churches.
4. The means of securing missionary candidates of the highest qualifications.
5. Practical provision for missionaries as to outfits, houses, salaries, furloughs, support of children, etc.
6. The proper distribution of forces in the foreign field.

From Newfoundland.

THE flame of missionary zeal burns brightly in the Newfoundland Conference. Notwithstanding the poverty of vast numbers of the people, they give to the cause of missions with a liberality that is a standing rebuke to more prosperous communities. Under date of Dec. 13th, the Rev. George P. Story, President of the Conference, writes as follows:—

At our Conference Special Committee we recommended the holding of a missionary prayer-meeting once a month, and offerings to be placed in a box for missions. I have just returned from attending twelve meetings, at each one of which I appealed for ten per cent. extra in the receipts. At Blackhead we had a most enthusiastic time—a congregation of 900, and contributions amounting to \$212, an increase of \$30 on previous year. I am writing a circular letter to my brethren asking for ten per cent. increase in missionary receipts this year, and I pray that we may realize it. I shall spare no effort to secure it if possible. My attendance at the Missionary Board has deepened my interest in our missionary work.

How the Leaven Spreads.

OUR readers will remember the worthy example of the Rev. D. V. Lucas, M.A., who undertook the education of a native boy in connection with our West China Mission, at a cost of \$50 per annum. The example thus given is already bearing good fruit, as appears from the following letter just received from Mrs. Lucas:—

FAIRHOLME, GRIMSBY, December 11th, 1893.

DEAR DR. SUTHERLAND,—Allow me to send you a word of cheer. Last week I received a letter (addressed to my husband) from a good brother, saying he had read Dr. Lucas' article in the *OUTLOOK* re our Chinese boy, and that he felt he would like to have one too, if the expense was not too great. I wrote and told him it would cost \$50 per year, hoped he would be able to afford it, and asked him to let me know his decision. To-day he writes:—"I have given the matter prayerful consideration, and since hearing from you have decided to follow the example your excellent husband has set me. I have consecrated my life

to God and His work. I am a young fellow—a boy in fact—attending High School and living alone, as my people are all in the North-West. I have had serious thoughts of entering the missionary work in China myself, and if I could have a native boy educated, he could act as teacher and interpreter for me when I go. I have been told I would be better able to get into the people's confidence if I had a good knowledge of medicine, and although I rather dislike the idea of taking a medical course, if it would be better for me I shall probably do so. I can say with Paul, 'I count not my life dear unto myself, so that I may finish . . . the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.'

God bless the dear young brother! May his example lead other young men, and older people too, to consider the needs of a perishing world, and to give as the Lord hath prospered them.

Yours in Christian work,

E. ADELIA LUCAS.

Missions among the Chinese in the United States and Canada.

By REV. A. SUTHERLAND, D.D., IN "MISSIONARY REVIEW."

(Continued from page 180.)

THE Methodist Episcopal Church began work among the Chinese on the Pacific Coast in 1868, and in the last twenty years over two thousand converts have been received into the Church, many of whom have returned to their former homes in China, carrying with them the light of the Gospel. In the report of the Society for 1892, the situation is outlined in a few sentences: "We may consider it a privilege to have a share in the evangelization of the oldest and most populous nation in the world without the necessity of crossing the seas. Heathen as dark as any to be found in heathen lands are to be found at our very doorsteps; their children, born on our soil, are growing up in our midst. To instruct them in the saving truths of the Gospel is a responsibility which God has laid upon the Churches of this land." But the work of the missionaries has been greatly hindered by anti-Chinese legislation. Many Chinese who were formerly friendly are now hostile, for they find it hard to believe that a nation that has enacted such unjust laws can be sincere in its professed concern for their spiritual welfare. In spite of these and other hindrances, however, the work has been fairly prosperous, and in San Francisco there has been a decided gain. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Pacific Coast, has also been doing a good work among the women and children. In San Francisco alone there are fifteen hundred native-born Chinese children, and these, I suppose, are by birthright citizens of the United States, born under her flag and entitled to all the privileges which that citizenship guarantees. In its annual report the Society not only protests against the exclusion bill as "unjust, unwise, and un-American," but also arraigns the Federal Government for its complicity with the opium traffic, from which it receives an annual import revenue of one million dollars, and from smuggled and confiscated opium half a million more. In New York there is also a Chinese mission under the care of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but it has not yet assumed dimensions calling for special notice.

Of the "California Chinese Mission" (Congregational), the writer has been unable to procure any recent report, but the latest information available shows that the Society is in vigorous operation, and that the results of the work are encouraging.

It is scarcely necessary to say that the Presbyterian Church has not been remiss in its efforts to reach and uplift these "strangers within our gates"; and in these efforts churches, schools and rescue homes play an important part. Splendid work is being done by the Woman's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions, with headquarters at San Francisco, Cal. The twentieth anniversary of the Society is marked by the issue of *Occidental Leaves*, a quarto of some fifty pages, the get-up and contents of which go to prove that the editors are adepts in the art of presenting missionary information in most attractive forms. Work is carried on in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Jose, Sacramento and San

Diego, all under the care of women. In San Francisco, at 911 Stockton Street, there is a handsome and commodious building known as the First Chinese Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. J. M. Condit is pastor; and at 933 Sacramento Street, there is a Mission Home where many a friendless Chinese girl has found shelter and protection, and training for future usefulness.

Across the Canadian border, in British Columbia, a chapter has been written in Chinese mission work that is full of interest. In the summer of 1893, Mr. John Dillon, of Montreal, visited the Coast, and found in the city of Victoria more than 3,000 Chinese utterly uncared for, and numbers more scattered throughout the Province. On his return home he wrote a letter to the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, asking if something could not be done for these destitute strangers, and offering \$500 toward founding a mission if considered practicable. The letter was laid before the Board, and it was resolved to begin a mission in Victoria as soon as a suitable agent could be found. But a "suitable agent" meant, in this instance, one who could speak to the Chinese in the tongue wherein they were born of the wonderful works of God, and no such person appeared in sight. A few months later a firm of Chinese merchants in Victoria had a case of some importance coming up in the courts, and they wanted a competent interpreter who could be thoroughly trusted. They knew that in San Francisco there was a young man, John Endicott Gardner, son of a Presbyterian missionary, who had been born and brought up in China, was thoroughly reliable, and spoke Cantonese like a native. He was sent for and promptly responded to the call. Seeing the spiritually destitute condition of the Chinese in Victoria, he tried to enlist the sympathies of the Churches in the form of a Union Mission, but did not succeed. There is not space to relate all that followed; but suffice it to say that Mr. Gardner was temporarily engaged by the Methodist Board, and subsequently became a regularly ordained missionary. The work took root from the very beginning. One year after the first services were held, the writer had the privilege of baptizing eleven converts, the first-fruits of the mission. Now there is a large mission church in Victoria, suitable buildings in Vancouver and New Westminster, and work has been begun at Kamloops and Nanaimo. There is also a Girls' Rescue Home in Victoria, under the control of the Woman's Board, which like the one in San Francisco, has rescued and sheltered many friendless girls. Some of these have been sent home to China, some married to Christian Chinamen, and still the good work goes on. At the present time there are over 200 Chinese communicants in the churches.

Reference has already been made to the prejudice against the Chinese, especially in the Pacific States and British Columbia. This prejudice leads many to doubt the sincerity of a Chinaman's professed conversion, and the "baser sort" do not hesitate to affirm that it is all hypocrisy, and is prompted by purely selfish motives. But when it is remembered that when a Chinaman is baptized he is ostracized by his own people, his possessions often destroyed, and his very life endangered, while on the other hand he receives scant sympathy, if any, from white men, or even from white Christians, the origin of the "selfish motive" is not easily discovered. It is not claimed that all are sincere, or that all have proved faithful, but it may be safely affirmed that cases of defection are as few among Chinamen as among the same number of any other nation, not excepting English or American. In regard to this matter, testimonies like the following should carry some weight:

The Rev. Ira M. Condit, for twenty-five years a missionary in China and California, says: "As a rule I have as much faith in the religion of Chinese Christian professors as I have in that of our own people."

Rev. J. Endicott Gardner, of Victoria, B.C., says: "In point of character, consistency, zeal and liberality, I consider my Chinese church members are on a level with the average members of any church."

Rev. W. S. Holt, of the Presbyterian Mission, Portland, says: "I have been among the Chinese in China and the United States for almost nineteen years, and am well qualified to judge. I consider the Chinese Christians compare favorably with those of any nation in character and fidelity."

Dr. Pond, Secretary of the Congregational Chinese Mission, says: "During the last seventeen years eight hundred Chinamen have been admitted to our church. . . . I affirm that by every practical test of character, by their steadfastness, zeal, honesty, liberality, growing knowledge of the truth, and increasing efficiency in teaching the truth to others, they give on an average tokens of true conversion as clear as can be found in the Christians of any land."

These are samples from a multitude of testimonies, and may be appropriately closed by the following concrete instance: In Victoria, B.C., two Chinamen, members of the Methodist mission, formed a business partnership, as merchants, and adopted certain rules for the regulation of their business. Three of the rules were as follows: 1. "We will not buy or sell anything that is injurious to our fellowmen." This at one stroke excluded opium, intoxicating liquors and tobacco. 2. "We will do no business on Sunday." 3. "Of all that we make one-tenth shall be given to the Lord's work." Such principles are not common even among white Christians, and are somewhat rare on the Pacific coast. The two men referred to found that their "new departure" was not popular, and seeing that they must change their principles or give up their business, they deliberately chose the latter alternative, and cheerfully suffered loss rather than do what they believed to be wrong. Further comment is unnecessary.

Whether, therefore, we have in view the command of the Master, the needs of these strangers, the interests of Christian civilization on this continent, or the reflex influence of our work on the millions in China, the call is urgent to push forward the work of evangelizing the Chinese who have come to our shores.

Along the Line.

The Indian Work.

Letter from the REV. JOHN SEMMENS, dated WINNIPEG, October 13th, 1893.

DEAR DR. SUTHERLAND,—Acting under instructions from your office, I proceeded to Norway House by the last steamer of the season. Instead of leaving on the first of September, as announced, it was noon of the fifteenth when the start was made. Owing to the prevalence of the equinoctial gales, Lake Winnipeg was furious, and such slow progress was made that Warren's Landing was only reached on the morning of the twentieth. Then came the descent of the river leading to Norway House proper, a distance of twenty-six miles. The wind was favorable, but the drenching rain poured down remorselessly, and not unfrequently the intrusive waves added to the weight of our cargo and provoked the alarm of our passengers. As the writer was the only one who knew the inner channel, he was put in charge of the rudder, and the experience of other days was turned to good account in guiding the frail craft through the shoals and "crooked turns" of Play Green Lake to the H. B. fort called Norway House.

A very hearty welcome was accorded to us by the chief factor in charge, Mr. J. K. McDonald, J.P., and as our stay was to be short, and the evening dark and stormy, we were cordially invited to make our home at the post, and messengers were sent to the mission two miles away to have the staff join us as speedily as possible. Dr. Strath and Mr. W. H. Fry, teacher at Cross Lake, were soon on hand; and in a couple of hours the rite of matrimony was solemnized between Miss Rose Swayze, of Belleville, now our mission teacher at Rossville, and Dr. Strath, who has been temporarily in charge of the work at this point since the lamented death of the missionary last June. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. W. H. Fry, above mentioned, and Miss Nettie Swayze, sister of the bride, who had come from Ontario to spend the winter at Rossville for the benefit of her health. There were also present Mr. Spencer, the H. B. officer in charge of Fort Churchill, his wife and daughters, and Mrs. Edward Eves of the mission.

Early next morning we were *en route* to the spot made

sacred by the work of such saintly men as Robt. T. Rundle, James Evans, Robt. Brooking, Geo. McDougall and many others, whose names will never be forgotten; a point made memorable to Methodism by more than half a century of heroic effort to civilize and educate the Swampy Crees.

A vigorous fusilade of blank cartridges greeted our arrival at the wharf, and as we passed under the folds of the "Union Jack" the swarthy villagers gathered to greet us with pleasant smiles, and hearty shake of hands, and tender words of welcome. Thos. Belton and James Halcro, our old companions in travel, Joseph Paul, the oldest class-leader in the land, and Thomas Mestakun, the chief of the band, were all kindly in their greetings, as with uncovered heads they expressed their pleasure at seeing us once again in the land of the living. Then the women came, and the children of the schools to give the bride of the hour a Christian welcome. Everybody was happy. It was a festal day, and smiles, tears and congratulations mingled until the shadows of evening fell, and the multitudes sought the quiet of their own firesides.

One could not have been long at the mission without observing the improving hand of the person in charge. A new boat-house has been erected, fences have been repaired and walks renewed; new gates have been hung, and several finishing touches added both to the house and to the out-buildings, which speak both of the energy and the skill of the directing power.

Our interview with the chief was brief but satisfactory. He was very sorry, he said, that no ordained minister could be found, as there was such constant need of the services of such a person; yet he believed that we had done our best and was quite agreed that Dr. Strath should remain in temporary charge pending the arrival of a permanent supply. He, however, expressed the wish that some ordained man might be instructed to visit the reserve, at stated times, so as to do necessary ministerial work. This we ventured to promise him, and have accordingly instructed Mr. McLachlan, the nearest neighbor to the south, to visit the reserve by the first ice. The old man, over whom the decrepitude of advancing years is gaining evident victories, spoke with enthusiasm of the work done by our mission; and, with tears in his eyes, expressed the earnest hope that we would not slacken in our efforts to help his people. Your coming to us, said he in parting, is proof that we are not forgotten by the society you represent, and this memory of us is appreciated by a loyal and grateful company of Methodist Indians.

Old Thomas, above referred to, is not the chief proper of the Tribe of Swampy Crees, but a letter just received from the chief will show them to be at one in regard to appreciation and loyalty:—

CHIEF DAVID RUNDLE,

To REV. JOHN SEMMENS.

Dear Sir,—I was very thankful to you for your kind letter to me. When I first heard of the Christian religion from my father, I did not understand it; by and by light seemed to come into my heart, and I too became a Christian, and have tried to serve God ever since as well as I could.

You, of course, know all about how and why myself and a number of my people left Norway House and came to Fisher River. At my request an interpreter was sent with us to be our teacher and minister until a regular minister could be sent, which happened in about two years, when Mr. Ross came, and after his time Mr. McHaffie came. We can all truly thank God for the true Christian men you have sent to us as our ministers. They have all labored earnestly for the good of my people, and I am very thankful for it indeed. The teachers you have placed in our schools have all satisfied us, and have done good work among our children. I feel it my duty to express the thanks I feel for the many good things which have been done for us, both by the Missionary Society and the Government.

You were kind enough to wish me long life; I too hope that you may long be spared in the good work to which God has called you, and that we may at last meet around our Father the Great Chief's heavenly home.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID RUNDLE, Chief.

Fisher River, Manitoba, Sept. 12th, 1893.

The return to the steamer was difficult in the extreme. The gale continued with unabated fury. Islets, which usually stood well out of the water, were buried in foam and spray. The lake was wild and white with rage. Snow was in the air, and frost formed on the sheltered pools. The wind was not favorable and progress was slow. Having made the run from the steamer to the Fort on the down trip in six hours, we naturally expected to sight the steamer again in a day or two; but alas for mortal hopes in the gales of the early fall. The party was large. There were several families of Hudson's Bay officers and employees returning to civilization after many years of faithful service; two or three clerks of the same service who had become dissatisfied with their work; Mrs. Eves, the wife of our late missionary and her three children; Mr. Fry, a retiring school teacher, and the writer. Besides these were several residents of Norway House, anxious to see that their goods were put off the steamer, and the men employed to navigate the six boats necessary to bring back the freight. The mission boat led the way, but did not dare tackle the open space until the morning; and as no houses were near, night was spent under the scudding clouds. The other boats in the brigade did not overtake us, and we were somewhat anxious for their safety; and, as we found afterwards, our friends at the rear were equally anxious for tidings of our welfare. On we went, risking much amid sunken rocks and dashing spray and monstrous waves, sailing under the lee of the islands when that was possible, portaging over a point of land when it was not safe to round it, taking to the oars when it was unwise to proceed under sail; and so, wet and weary, chilled to the bone but safe from disaster, we sighted the good ship on the third day from the mission. Three days later the other boats joined us, and the return journey by steamer was commenced. It is not necessary for me to tell how two days' provisions carried us through six days' hunger, or how our good doctor spent his honeymoon far away from his home and his bride. There are times when silence is the best speech, and in this particular instance there are no words known to us that quite express the situation.

Mrs. Eves and family reached Winnipeg in good health, and after a few days' sojourn and rest, passed on to her old home at Fergus, Ontario, to visit her aged mother. Her goods went on by freight the following day, and word has just come to us that she had arrived safely and well though much wearied with the long journey. Dear Sister Eves deserves the sympathy and prayers of the entire Church. Left a widow in a far-away land with three children, one of whom is but five or six months old, the counsel and support of friends and the fostering care of the Church will be needed in the next few years; and I have confidence enough in the Methodist people to believe that she will not be allowed to lack any good thing.

Beren's River people are delighted with the new parsonage which the Missionary Society has erected at that point this summer. Not only is the missionary, Mr. McLachlan, pleased with his new abode, but the Indians themselves are rejoiced to find that their Reserve is honored with such an excellent building. The premises are beautifully laid out, fenced, provided with well, and supplied with walks, landing, etc.; and anyone might be proud to have such a home, and such a work to do as that of leading these simple but blood-bought souls to the heavenly kingdom. You may be sure we have lost no chance of making the people feel the necessity of improving the type of godliness manifested in everyday life, so that to the beauty of the Mission Station there may be added that integrity of character which is the best proof of the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Measles have been the scourge of the country during the past summer. The plague has travelled from Lake Winnipeg northward until every village *en route* to Hudson's Bay has felt its death-dealing power. To the white man this is a simple epidemic easily overcome, but to the Indian, half fed, poorly clothed, unaccustomed to the care of sick people, it is an evil to be dreaded. The Nelson River Brigade on its way home from Norway House fell victims to the disease. Sick men lay on the ground in all directions, moaning and wailing in their misery, but there was no one to help or regard them. There was hardly a member of the whole brigade who could make a fire, catch a jack fish,

or cook a meal. Starvation followed, and but for the providential passing of a stranger, the whole party must have perished unattended. As it is deaths are numerous at Nelson River. The land is full of Rachels weeping for their children. Yet Bro. Gaudin's heart has been gladdened to find in the midst of much sorrow the most triumphant faith. Lamentations have mingled with glad songs of final deliverance, and the shadows of evening have lengthened into the rays of the eternal morning. Poor beggars for the Christian's bounty have gone to be guests of the King of Kings. Untutored, neglected, scorned, strugglers with hardship, familiar with want and sorrow, they have entered into the broader knowledge, the richer care, the blissful companionship, and the fuller love of the home above. Our work is not a failure, dear doctor, "Our people die well."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Letter from REV. THOS. CROSBY, dated PORT SIMPSON, Nov. 8th, 1893.

DEAR DOCTOR,—I am just back from a five weeks' trip up the Skeena. We had seventeen in the party. Had to leave the Hudson's Bay Company's steamer and take canoes, as she could not go on, the river being so low. We had a good trip, and the Lord blessed His Word; souls were saved and many others stirred. Upon the whole, it was a good trip. I had the *la grippe* badly, but am better; nearly all the people are down with it here.

It is now four years since I was up the river, and in the opinion of some of the brethren, which is my own also, the Society has lost a great deal by want of visits from the Chairman, viz., on Pierce's Mission, in building, etc. Now is a grand opening for the truth up that river. May God bless the men in the field. The blessed work of grace is going along the coast yet, and good words come from all the brethren, with the exception of the Naas. I must go up there next week and see what can be done. It might be best, if there are a few who will attend, to keep up the services till Conference.

A SABBATH AT CHRISTIAN ISLAND.

On Saturday, September 9th, the writer and Rev. Allan Salt, of Parry Island, started for the Christian Island Mission on board the steamer *Manitou*. Leaving Parry Sound at 6 a.m., we reached Midland at 2 p.m., and were immediately transferred to the steamer *Favorite*, on board of which we arrived at Christian Island about 4.30 p.m., having had a delightful trip. We were met at the dock by Rev. P. Sparling, the missionary in charge, and taken to the mission house, where we were royally entertained by Mrs. and Miss Sparling. In the evening Bro. Salt preached in Indian to a large congregation, who were greatly delighted to see and hear him, and I took charge of the prayer-meeting. It was a time of great refreshing.

On Sabbath I preached in the morning and Bro. Salt interpreted and led the fellowship meeting. At the afternoon service I preached in English without any interpreter, and had a service of great power and blessing. In the evening I preached again and Bro. Salt interpreted for me. Then followed the prayer-meeting, which was a time of wonderful refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The altar was crowded with seekers, and the cries for mercy and shouts of joy mingled together in beautiful harmony. One poor pagan woman found Jesus, and many others wept and prayed their way into the kingdom of Heaven. The good work is still going on, as Bro. Sparling writes me, November 15th, as follows: "I have baptized three pagans and some of their children, and married two, and published the banns of marriage last Sunday for two others, and have taken their names as members on trial. Nearly all the children of the pagans up the bay attend our services."

The congregations at all the services above referred to were large and the singing excellent. The church and mission house are both models of neatness and comfort, and are well kept. We visited the school on Monday morning, which is in charge of Mr. Alfred McCue, who, amid many discouragements, is doing a good work in educating the

Indian boys and girls on the island. Altogether I was delighted with my visit, and left Christian Island fully convinced that God has called the Methodist Church to preach the Gospel to the Indians; that our missionary and his family there are doing a good work; and that the "old time religion" is just what the Indian needs to make him holy here and happy forever hereafter. We wish Bro. Sparling and family and the Indians at Christian Island great prosperity and blessing.

W. A. RODWELL.

Parry Sound, Dec. 13th, 1893.

The Home Work.

Alderville.—During the past summer Richard Black, a young Indian of the Alderville band, passed the High School entrance examination at Campbellford, and is now employed as a teacher in the Indian School at Naughton, near Chapleau. It is gratifying when our young Indians give evidence of gifts and grace to qualify them for work among their own people. We would be glad to see many of our Indian missions worked by a native ministry.

St. Clair.—This has been the best year since we came to this mission. Larger evening congregations, better attended class meetings, and a general spirit of revival prevail. The cottage prayer-meetings are often times of great interest. We pardon the undue fervor when we remember that the young Indian people depend so largely on these services for the maintenance of their spiritual life. We are trying to induce them to study the Bible more, and to cultivate a more steadfast religious life. Some of them, alas,

backslide as soon as the excitement ceases. We are blessed with a very steady, reliable chief, who is also the interpreter at all our meetings. Our four-day meeting in October had a very deep and wide effect. A. S. EDWARDS.

Starratt is a comparatively new field, consisting of four preaching places, two of the appointments taken from adjoining circuits. After my arrival here two solid months were spent, from morn to evening, in hand to hand work in visiting, thus enabling me to find out the actual state of the people; to my utmost surprise, on one side of my mission (one appointment), I found not one converted person in that district. This stirred my soul to a deeper sense of my position before God, to preach the pure gospel more boldly in His name. If those who see very little of our mission work could realize the great need of the people at home and abroad, I think a deeper interest would be manifested. At one of the appointments we are right down to work; we are in the midst of seasons of blessings. Last week at our meeting ten sought salvation and found deliverance. I think this month has been the happiest of my life in God's work. A special feature of the meetings is that seekers come forward without urging. God has blessed us beyond our expectations. Next month I propose holding our missionary services. I am trying to work up a deeper interest in missions. Our work here is looking very hopeful and cheering. At another appointment we are erecting at a very small cost a neat frame church, 20 x 30, to be ready before winter. Hitherto we worshipped in an old house not fit for dumb animals. We have everything in favor of a successful year, and trust that much good will be done in His name. SAMUEL D. DINNICK.

Our Young Folk.

Glad Tidings.

A CONCERT FOR MISSION BANDS.

ARRANGED BY REV. W. H. BARRACLOUGH, B.A.

THE following concert exercise has already been used with good effect on the Springfield Circuit, Niagara Conference, in connection with mite boxes, and realized about \$60. The compiler kindly gives permission to publish the exercise for the benefit of Sunday Schools or Mission Bands who may wish to use it. To economize space we give in most cases only the first lines of the hymns to be sung. Most of the hymns are familiar, but if any are not so others can be substituted:—

1. SINGING.

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, etc.

2. PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON.

3. RESPONSIVE BIBLE READING.

Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy name.

In Thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. *All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord.*

For the kingdom is the Lord's and He is the governor among the nations.

Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

Blessed be His glorious name forever; and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

4. SINGING.

Hasten, Lord, the glorious time, etc.

5. RECITATION.—OPENING.

For all our mercies God be praised,
And for this pleasant place of meeting;
Kind friends and dear assembled here,
The "Little Workers" give you greeting.

It is not much to do for Christ;
Our talents are not great or many;
Yet what He gave He bids us bring,
Nor left the weakest without any.

We are but young; yet we have learned
That nothing from this duty frees us—
To send the Gospel o'er the seas,
To bring a heathen now to Jesus.

Perhaps I had better not say more,
Nor of our plans make further mention;
But ask that what you see and hear,
May now engage your kind attention.

6. ADDRESS.—MISSIONS.

7. RECITATION.—SO MUCH TO DO AT HOME.

I saw my brother lie
Fast in the grasp of death;
I heard his feeble, pleading cry,
"Come o'er and help me or I die;
I saw him gasp for breath;
I left him there to die alone,
There was so much to do at home.

I knew my sister fair
Was doomed to live a slave;
Her heart was full of dark despair,
No ray of light bade joy come there,
Nor hope beyond the grave,
There was for her a freedom bought
With precious blood—she knew it not.

Oh! when the time shall come,
For which I daily pray,
And Christ shall come to welcome home
His servants who His will have done,
Can I, oh! can I say:
"I could but let him die alone,
There was so much to do at home."

8. SINGING.

He needs thee every hour, etc.

9. RECITATION.—WATCH, PRAY AND WORK.

I belong to Jesus,
So I'll try to spend

All my life in pleasing
My almighty Friend.
Since He is so holy
I must watch and pray
That I may grow like Him
More and more each day.

I belong to Jesus,
Therefore I can sing,
For I'm safe and happy
Underneath His wing.
But so many round me
Are all dark and cold,
I must try to bring them
Into Jesus' fold.

10. EXERCISE FOR SIX GIRLS.

FIRST GIRL.

There's a call from a far-off heathen land;
Oh! what can you give for the great demand?

ALL.

We have not wealth, like the rich man's store,
We will give—ourselves; we have nothing more.

SECOND GIRL (Pointing to feet).

I will give—my feet, they shall go and go,
Till the heathen's story the world shall know.

THIRD GIRL (Raising hands palms outward).

I will give—my hands, till their work shall turn
To the gold I have not—*but can earn.*

FOURTH GIRL (Pointing to eyes).

I will give—my eyes the story to read
Of the heathen's sorrow, the heathen's need.

FIFTH GIRL (Pointing to mouth).

I will give—my tongue that story to tell,
Till Christian hearts shall with pity swell.

SIXTH GIRL.

We have little to give, but by and by,
We may hear a call from the Voice on high,
"To bear My Gospel o'er land and sea,
Into all the world,—*go ye! go ye!*"

ALL.

(Very slowly and solemnly.)

Though of silver and gold we have none at all,
We will give *ourselves*, if we hear *that call*.

11. RECITATION.—TELL US MORE.

In far-off India, o'er the seas,
A group of heathen women sat
And listened to the Word,—
How God so loved our sinful race,
Lost and enslaved in Eden's fall,
When our first parents erred.

That, from the bosom of His love,
God's own, His only Son went forth
To suffer and atone,
To dwell with sinners here on earth,
Who there had ruled the host of heaven,
And shared the Father's throne.

With eager eye and ear attent
See India's daughters bow and weep
For gladness at the tale,
The "Old, old story," gospel true,
How Christ laid down His life for us,—
How love can never fail!

Those cords of everlasting love
Lay hold of each poor darkened heart,
Captive to might divine—
Hearts that are hungering and void,
Although they know not of their need,
Nor of the Virgin's sign.

As once the Marys knelt to hold
His feet, unto love's clasp restored
Yon resurrection day.
So now the women, weeping, cry,
"Oh, go not yet, but tell us still
The more of this sweet way!"

O dusky sisters, won for Christ,
Your winged words swell o'er the sea,
And storm our citadel;
The Word is in our hearts a fire,
Shut up within; we may not stay
The love of our Emmanuel!

Ah! who will answer? Who will go
To win the promise of God's Word,
Of feet made beautiful—
To tread the hills of gospel truth,
Bringing the lost, the straying, home
To joy ineffable?

12. SINGING.

Far, far away in heathen darkness dwelling, etc.

13. RECITATION—A MITE SONG.

Only a drop in the bucket,
But every drop will tell;
The bucket will soon be empty
Without the drops in the well.

Only a poor little penny—
It was all I had to give;
But as pennies make the dollars,
It may help some cause to live.

A few little bits of ribbon
And some toys—they were not new;
But they made the sick child happy,
Which has made me happy too.

Only some out-grown garments,
They were all I had to spare;
But they'll help to clothe the needy,
And the poor are everywhere.

God loveth the cheerful giver,
Though the gift be poor and small;
What doth He think of His children
When they never give at all?

14. MISSIONARY ADDRESS OR THE FOLLOWING CHARACTER RECITATION.

(Three girls dressed in the costumes of China, Greenland and India.)

Enter China.

My burdened heart o'erflows with thankfulness
To greet my cherished benefactors here.
Oh, you can never know how great the work
Which you have done for me! My mind was blank;
No knowledge had I of this world of ours;
I could not trace one word on lettered page;
Of God, or Christ, or heaven I had not heard—
A gloomy state—and yet I helpless was.
For all my blunders and my sins
My body suffered untold agonies;
And yet I sinned again. I knew no way
I could be saved from my sins.
I could not long to die. The future world
Was all a dread. For, when I died,
To earth I might come back a bat,
A snake, a scorpion, a thing so vile
My friends would turn from me in horror.
And in my wickedness I was not alone,
Four hundred million souls in China
To-day cry out to you. To-day in darkness
Lift burdened, aching souls, praying
Their unknown gods for light and peace,
But Christian love has roused your sympathies.
And through your efforts and your offerings
The light of grace divine has pierced my soul.
Oh, wondrous light! If half could but be told
You'd ne'er regret your toil and sacrifice.
Oh, happy sisters, you who lifted me,
Remember them my kindred—raise them too.

Enter Greenland.

From the ice-bound regions of the pole I come
To greet the children of America,
There is no zone upon this world of ours
So cold but warm hearts throb, affection burns.
And gratitude falls down before you
That while ye cared for more favored climes
We by the frozen seas were not forgotten,
We live in huts of ice, and on us
Warm summer never smiles.
But o'er our land the Saviour reigns.
And we bow low and worship Him
Who in your hearts
Put strong desire to save all those
Who knew Him not. Speed on the work,
To distant climes send the same glad news

Until all nations and all tongues confess
The wonders of His love, His grace and mercy.

Enter India.

From "Greenland's icy mountains" you have
heard,
I come from "India's coral strand"
Where longest lingers on the western hills
The sun in burning heat and splendor.
To us the Gospel light and truth has come,
But oh, my friends, three ministers to one million
souls

Will not bring the world to Christ to-day.
Ye sit here in peace, in comfort, joy;
While children *there* are dying day by day,
Because God made them girls.
The river's rapid stream hushes the infant's wail,
And mothers turn with aching, empty hearts
Back to their idols. The father's sinful greed
Dooms many a girl like you to worse than death.
Hark! hear the Macedonian cry!
God hears above. It has pierced the sky,
Will ye be deaf? "He that loveth not his
brother,"

Hear ye these words? Harken to them
And send us help. Hear ye our cry.

15. SINGING.

From Greenland's icy mountains, etc.

16. EXERCISE FOR A LEADER AND A GROUP OF THREE BOYS AND THREE GIRLS.

LEADER.

I hear a cry from over the sea,
The idol-worshippers call to me,—

GROUP.

"God is a spirit," we hear you say;
Where shall we find Him? Show us the way.

LEADER.

I hear a sound from the houses of sin,
That little children are dwelling in,—

GROUP.

"He suffered the children to come," you say,
Where shall we find Him? Show us the way.

LEADER.

I hear a voice from the homes of want,
Where the poor are cold in their raiment scant,—

GROUP.

"He clothes the grass of the field," you say,
Where shall we find Him? Show us the way.

LEADER.

Oh, blind and sinful, and weary and poor,
We will show you the way to our open door;
For the Son will lead to the Father's face,
He has gone to prepare for us all a place,
And if you will hark you shall hear Him say,
"Come unto me, for I am the way."

17. RECITATION.—A PLEA FOR THE HEATHEN.

I plead with those whose lives are bright,
For those who dwell in gloom,
On whom there breaks no starry rift
Of hope beyond the tomb;
I plead with those whose homes are fair,
For those whose homes are dim,
O guide them in the way of Christ
That they may learn of him.

Borne far across blue-rounding waves,
A wailing voice I hear,
"Uplift us from this place of graves,
Alas! so vast and drear!"
That call from China's crowding host
Blends with the Hindoo's cry,
"O sisters of the blessed life,
Come hither ere we die!"

Turn Earthward still; the Rising Sun
Looks down on eager bands,
Sweet daughters of sea-girt Japan,
Who stretch imploring hands,
And beg with eager hearts to-day
For Christian knowledge fain:
It cannot be their earnest plea
Shall come to us in vain?

Well may we scorn for gold and gems,
And 'brodered garments fine,
To cumber Christ's victorious march,
To shame His conquering line:
The banner of the Cross shall float
From every mountain crest,
For He must reign o'er all the earth,
By all their King confessed.

He stoops to-day our aid to ask,
His name He bids us wear,
The triumph of His onward path
By sovereign grace we share:
O loiter not! to heathen gloom
Bear on the torch, His Word—
What glory for a ransomed soul
To help the Almighty Lord!

18. SINGING.

We have heard the joyful sound:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves! etc.

19. EXERCISE.—LITTLE HELPERS.

(By four or more little folks, with motions.)

Little hearts will happy be
If little eyes will always see

That little hands do work for Thee
Our God and King.

Little feet can swiftly go,
Little lips let others know
That all can love to Jesus show,
By work and prayer.

Then hearts and hands together blend
And never rest till we can send
The message of our Saviour Friend
To every shore.

20. THE RAIN DROP.

(A recitation for a little girl.)

DEAR FRIENDS,—I remember reading some time ago the fable of the Rain Drop, which I will try to tell you.

There was once a poor farmer who owned a small field of corn. He had planted and cultivated it with great care, for it was all he could depend upon for the support of his large family. The little blades of corn had come up, but the ground was parched and dry for the want of rain. One day as he was out in his field, looking anxiously for a shower, two little rain drops up in the sky saw him, and one said to the other: "Look at that poor farmer, he looks so sad and discouraged, I do wish I could help him." "What would you do?" said the other, "you are only one little rain drop, you could not even wet one hill of corn." "True," said the other, "but then I could go and cheer him a little. I believe I'll try. So here I go," and down went the little rain drop and fell on the farmer's nose, "Dear me!" said the farmer, I do believe we are going to have a shower, I'm so glad!"

No sooner had the first rain drop left, than the other said, "Well, if you go, I believe I'll go too." So down came the second little rain drop and fell on a hill of corn by the farmer's feet.

By this time another rain drop said to his companions as they came together. "What is this I hear about going to cheer some poor farmer—that is a good errand, I believe I'll go too." "And I, and I, and I," said the others. So they all went—faster and faster they came, till the whole field was watered, and the corn grew and ripened, all because one little rain drop did what it could, which encouraged many others to do the same.

Dear friends, that is just what our mission band is trying to do. We cannot do much, it is true, but we each can do a little to cheer our dear missionaries who are toiling over the sea. We affectionately ask you to help us.

"We bring the bright pennies,
They're little, we know,
But love going with them
To dollars they'll grow.
As much of His bounty
We children can see,
If there were not pennies,
No dollars there'd be."

21. SONG AND CHORUS (By Infant Class).—THE LITTLE MISSIONARY.

(Solo for a small boy.)

I am a little missionary,
I'll do whatever good I can,
And if I live I know I'll be
A missionary man.

CHORUS.

We each will be a missionary,
Working ever firm and true,
And we will tell the world of Jesus,
'Tis this we want to do.

I'll do my part to send the Gospel,
And give the largest pile I can,
And though I give but pennies, I'll
Give more when I'm a man.

I know I have a loving Saviour
I'll help His cause the best I can,
And if I love Him now, I'll love
Him more when I'm a man.

22. THE COLLECTION MAY HERE BE TAKEN UP, MITE BOXES OPENED AND REPORTS MADE.

23. RECITATION.—CLOSING.

(For a small boy.)

Kind friends a moment yet remains
For me to bid you all good-bye in,
What will you do for Jesus' cause?
The noblest work to live and die in.
Say not "So much to do at home!"
The willing heart shall soon discover,
When we give well, God giveth well—
Good measure, pressed, and running over.
God speed the day when all the world
Of small and great shall learn His story;
God brings us all to join the song
His ransomed people sing in glory.

24. SINGING.

A better day is coming,
A morning promised long, etc.

25. BENEDICTION.

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Our Monthly Reunion.

PRAYER TOPIC.

"For the baptism of the Holy Spirit that all may be led to renewed consecration to the work to which they may be called during the year. All converts under the care of our Society, that they may be strengthened by the power of God and remain steadfast in the faith; especially those who cannot make a public profession."

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I. . . . He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost."—Matthew iii. 11.

"For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost."—Acts i. 5.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."—Acts ii. 4.

THE baptism of the Holy Spirit is a positive prerequisite for acceptable and efficient service for God. This for which we pray is the realization of our Saviour's promise that He would send the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit. "He shall teach you all things," and thus we confidently claim this promised blessing.

We all are familiar with the beautiful and suggestive phraseology of Scripture in regard to the office and work of the Holy Spirit. The types and similes set forth by the inspired pen appeal so fully to the plainest understanding, that none can fail to comprehend what are the effects or fruits of the Spirit. The "communion of the Holy Spirit" is a very familiar phrase; and how tenderly, how fully, how richly it expresses the experience of those who have really given their hearts to God. It means more than prayer; it seems to imply a continuous commingling of our thought with the thought of God the Spirit. "To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge; to another faith, by the same Spirit."

A great deal of weak and foolish conduct, and very misleading teaching have been perpetrated by parties claiming to be "infallibly guided by the Spirit." All such bear with them sufficient proof of a false claim.

We have often heard the remark, "How may we know that we are guided by the Spirit?" The leadings of the Spirit must inevitably be in accordance with the Word of God. Any work or conduct that is not in strict harmony with the teachings of Christ is not of the Spirit. And, judged by this test, a good deal of profession would be found to fail. Yet this is the only standard.

We have abundant reason to thank God for the evidences we have, as a Society, of the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Growth in numbers, increase in finances, improvement in methods, have characterized the work from its inception. Remarkable fitness and adaptability on the part of our agents abroad, and singular enthusiasm and unanimity among the workers at home. The educative influences flowing from the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in our churches can hardly be over-estimated. And the fact that the Society presents to our young women opportunities of life service by which they may respond to the call of God, for particular work is worthy of note. The missionary work is kept before the thought of the Church as never before. These are evidences, we take it, of the presence and guidance of the Spirit in answer to prayer. Not only in the monthly meeting, but in the closet, at the family altar, and at all times, this work of God committed to us should be remembered with prayer and thanksgiving.

Chat With the Editor.

WITH this issue we begin the new year 1894. Fervently, heartily, we wish to every reader of the OUTLOOK a "Happy New Year." We believe the new year's dawn finds the world in a more promising condition than ever before. The forces of our holy Christianity were never more potent, never so

universally or so practically employed. Mighty movements are in progress, which mean really Christianity applied to all conditions and circumstances of life. There never was a time when so many people of so many different lands, were feeling after God. Christianity is presenting less creed, more Christ. And we believe Christ is coming more and more into our thought, customs and laws. The year just past will always be memorable as that of the World's Fair, and of that magnificent exhibit no feature will produce more enduring good than that which presented to the world the gathered thought of the world's best thinkers on moral and religious questions. The great congresses of women discussing every question of interest to women, and participated in by women of every country, have not met in vain. The results must be far-reaching and important, not only to women but to the race, and we cannot but watch the progress of events with quickened interest, and devout thanksgiving that to our day and age belong in any degree opportunities of usefulness.

The Heathen Woman's Friend for December is to hand, and presents interesting reading for missionary workers. It contains the full official minutes of the General Executive or Board of Managers. The society will reach its twenty-fifth year next March, which event will be celebrated by a silver anniversary and thank-offerings. A resolution was adopted, stating that the Executive would consider \$150,000 the desirable sum to receive, being at the rate of one dollar a member. The appropriations for the year amounted to \$310,873. Several of the reports presented mentioned open doors, and Bishop Mallalieu urged sending a dozen more missionaries as soon as possible to China. It was decided to make the building of the Woman's College at Lucknow a memorial to Mrs. W. F. Warren, so long the editor of *Heathen Woman's Friend*. Missionaries on furlough are henceforth to be exempt from public duty for three months after home-coming and three months prior to return. Miss Louise Manning Hodgkiss is the newly elected editor of the *Friend*. The meeting closed with a communion service.

How appropriate, how significant, and how beautiful the motto chosen by the graduating class of the girls' school, Tripoli, Syria, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us."

THE calendar issued by "Room 20" this year, will be found very convenient to our workers. It is prettily gotten up and presents many new features. Mrs. Walker, of Glencoe, we understand, prepared it, and certainly it has been done with great care. We hope our members will send in their orders promptly to Miss Ogden, Room 20, Wesley Building, enclosing the price, 15 cents and 2 cents for postage.

WE are gratified to read in the *Missionary Review* the following paragraph, and take pleasure in quoting it for the benefit of those of our readers who may not otherwise see it. "The agitation of the rights of women, and most properly, too, has reached the missionary societies, where, from the beginning, the

brethren have had things all their own way. The wives of missionaries have, for the most part, been little accounted of; have often been omitted in the reckoning. And woman's work as a money-gatherer was long unsuspected. The latest case of becoming feminine self-assertion is seen in the recent request of the Congregational Woman's Board, that since almost half of the contributions are derived from its efforts, a fitting proportion of its members may be possessed of voting powers in the American Board."

IN her address before the Second Biennial Convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the Twentieth Annual Convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Frances Willard notes, among the many advances of the woman's cause, the action of Rev. Dr. Moore, President of the Nova Scotia Conference, in admitting Mary Dauphinie to the position to which she was elected as regularly as any other delegate. Miss Willard notes this as the greatest advance of the year along ecclesiastical lines, and says, "Dr. Moore should receive the thanks of all awakened women for having taken a position so honorable to himself and so just to us."

An appeal against President Moore's ruling having been made, which the Court of Appeal sustained, it is expected the matter will be referred to General Conference to determine whether, in the original intention, the word *layman* was to be construed to mean woman also. We take it the word *layman* is everywhere used in contradistinction to the word *minister*, and that it is as truly applicable to women as to men. Unordained men and women being the lay members of the Church, or "lay people," the term used in the section of Discipline in regard to the giving of the "cup of the Lord."

Seeing that in the Discipline the term *men* is used where it is obvious women must also have been included in the original intention, and where the Church by usage and common-sense has always admitted them, the hesitancy to recognize their claim for representation seems strange, and the pretext rather slim. The Discipline refers to the inception of the Church as "a company of men," when there is no reason to believe that women were not included, but every reason for believing otherwise. Class leaders are everywhere mentioned in the masculine gender, when we know the Church has never been without women leaders. Sunday-School superintendents also are supposed to be men, while at least some schools are superintended by women. A writer in some recent periodical wonders why women cannot go on and do their work without calling attention to the fact that it is "woman's work." This woman is probably one of those who has come into the heritage of rich opportunity gained by "woman's work for woman," without a knowledge of the struggle of those who labored long unrecognized and unrewarded to obtain it. The membership of the churches is said to be three-fourths composed of women. They are the perpetual money-raisers for churches, parsonages, missions, etc.; they are the chief almoners for the

poor, and their administration of the various missionary, temperance and philanthropic agencies has demonstrated their power in the details of organization and their ability to carry on Christian work with harmony and success. This demonstration of power could never have been made other than by separate organizations of women. Having made it, the question is raised why this evident power must be denied a voice in Church or State. And this question can only be settled by the decision that sex shall be no disqualification for service. We covet for the Church of Jesus Christ, the Emancipator of woman, that she lead the way to this grand consummation.

The "mother of Ben Hur," Mrs. Zerelda Wallace, has truthfully said, "for all the magnificent progress of the woman's cause, we have been indebted to the justice and humanity of the best men, God's chosen instruments." And so it must continue to be. By the just use of the powers vested in them, the noblest men in the future, as in the past, will recognize the justice of woman's claim, and its rightful value in the realm of legislation.

A Peep into "Room 20."

ROOM 20! Where is it? Why should I take a peep into that particular room? Is it any different from Room 18 or 21, or any other number?

Perhaps questions such as these rise to the lips of some who hear the subject of this paper announced.

Energetic, intelligent women always do ask questions, you know. If they did not, we would not find so many cultured, well-informed women in this loved Canada of ours. Nay, more, if the Christian women of our Church had not begun to ask questions about their sisters far over the seas, who sit under the shadows of heathenism, there would never have been any "Room 20" to take a peep into.

But I must not keep you waiting longer for an answer to your questions. "Room 20" is in "Wesley Buildings"—our Book Room—Richmond Street West, Toronto.

Why should we take a peep into that particular room? Why, for the simple reason that it belongs to *us*, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society, and, some way, we always feel a *special* interest in something that is our *very own*.

Well, what does this room of ours look like? Is it a pretty, cozy room, such as women love to sit and work in? No, it is not. Let us come in and look at it. It is not very large, about 18 by 22 feet. A table or two and a few chairs compose the furniture.

So far you are not in love with it, are you? But wait a little, we are not through with our peep into "Room 20."

You know that old Mother Earth hides some of her rarest, most precious gems in very unlikely places, and sometimes God places the most beautiful souls in very homely bodies. Now, though "Room 20" is certainly not as cozy and attractive in appearance as our drawing-rooms, yet, before we are through with our peep, we will find many wonderful gems of poetry, and history, and story hidden away.

Do you notice that on two sides of the room are multitudes of pigeon-holes filled with leaflets and tracts? Well, they are the caskets where all these gems are stored.

Why, then, "Room 20" must be a sort of book and tract depository? That is just exactly what it is. It is where we may procure missionary literature.

But here comes Miss Ogden, who has charge, and spends much time in our room, and every Wednesday devotes the whole day to the literature department of our work. She is always genial and kind, and will be delighted to let us explore among the pigeon-holes to our hearts' content.

Such a number of leaflets, and all about missions and mission workers!

Why, whoever thought there were so many different persons interested enough in missionary work to take the trouble to write about it?

Ah, this world is a big place, and we are so shut in by the hills of our own narrow circle, that sometimes we do not realize what mighty strides the missionary movement has taken in the nineteenth century.

I think our peep into our literature room—will help us to climb on *top* of our hill and look away *beyond*, and so enlarge our mission.

Well, what have you got here, anything to help me? I am president of our auxiliary, but, really, I am just about discouraged. So many seem to be downright indifferent. Why, yes. Other people have been down in the missionary "slough of despond," too, and have written and told how they got out, to help some poor, discouraged worker. Here is a leaflet that *no president should be without*. It is entitled, "That Missionary Meeting," and contains a whole bookful of invaluable hints and helps boiled down to suit busy people, who cannot spend hours reading up on India or Africa, much as they may be interested in them.

Then here is a "preachment about programmes" which is excellent. Really, all of the leaflets are good, but here are some I know you will find helpful.

"Some Practical Difficulties and How to Meet Them." "How to Awaken in our Auxiliary Societies a Deeper Interest in Missions." "A Study in Preparation,"—and, by the bye, that would be a magnificent paper to read at an auxiliary meeting. It ought to act as a tonic on every sluggish member; but if any one is so hopelessly asleep as not to wake up under Mrs. Morris' soul-stirring words to the girl engrossed in every kind of literature, *except missionary*, then let "the voices of the women" wail in her ear, and if that awful shriek of misery and despair do not rouse her, nothing *human* will. God in His own way must speak to her, in *thunder* tones convicting her of neglected duty, or in a "still, small voice" asking, "What hast thou done for Me?"

Then here is an "Invitation to a Missionary Meeting," which plainly and forcibly shows "why" *every* woman *needs* to attend the meetings. It would be a good plan to invest a little money—these leaflets are ten cents a dozen—and distribute these "invitations" among the ladies of the congregation.

"An Appeal to the Women of the Methodist Church," by Miss Dickson, and "Origin and Work of the Woman's Missionary Society," by Mrs. Dr. Parker, cost nothing, and they also should be in the hands of every woman in your congregation.

"The Duties of Auxiliary Officers" should be read and pondered by every officer.

"Why no More Time for the Master's Work?" "What ye Will," "Whose Sheaves?" "Everyone Wanted," are all helpful leaflets. If you have charge of a Mission Band or Circle, you will need all your wits about you to keep restless children quiet and interested, or to raise indifferent or half-interested young ladies, who are found in every Circle, and make them real, live, active workers.

"Young People's Mission Bands" is just the thing for you to take home from "Room 20." Then you must have the Catechism especially prepared for Junior bands. It has full information of our work; the children enjoy answering the questions, and it makes a very agreeable change in the programme.

"Who will Open the Door for Ling Te?" "The Story of a Bed Quilt," and "Miss Briggs Changes Her Mind," will be sure to interest a Junior band, while "The Beginning of it," "Young Ladies Here, Young Ladies There: The Contrast," will be equally sure to interest and instruct the members of your Mission Circle.

One of the most beautiful leaflets we have is entitled "Number 599." It tells how an old-time Mary did what she could, and how wonderfully God blessed her efforts.

"The Brown Towel," "A World of Gratitude," "Ezra and Me and the Boards," and "Rare Leaves," are all wonderfully interesting, with such pathos in them that you are in a bad fix if you are minus a handkerchief when reading them, especially the two latter. They tell how some of God's lowly ones made a way to give to the mission cause.

You must be sure and take home Mrs. M. Ogden's paper

on "The Grace of Liberality." It is one of the best articles we have, written in a thoughtful, earnest strain, and thoroughly practical, and the Scripture quotations from both the New and Old Testaments so hedge us in that, try as we will, there is not a hole left for us to wriggle out of our duty in regard to giving to God's cause.

When it is time for your missionary collectors to start on their rounds, hand them Mrs. L. P. Noble's little tract on "Duties and Privileges of Solicitors," and it will show that the irksome, oftentimes *dreaded duty* of collecting is in reality a glorious *privilege*.

When you distribute your mite-boxes, place the "Experiences of Some Mite-Boxes" on top of them, and perhaps someone may think more seriously about the "mites" so often wasted on useless trifles, and be induced to use them for the mission cause.

Have we exhausted the treasures in the pigeon-holes in "Room 20"? Oh, dear no! we have just touched a very few of them. Besides leaflets on our *own* work, we will find many on work in India, Korea, China, North American Indians, etc.

I hope we have been benefited by our peep into our literature room, and I trust it will not be a look that will fade away in the dim distance of forgetfulness as soon as we leave it; on the contrary, let it be a look that will be indelibly impressed upon our memories, and that will arouse a desire to possess some of the literature to be found there.

There are no more fascinating stories than those that relate the trials and triumphs of our heroic missionaries. They interest alike the little ones clustered around a mother's knee; the schoolboy and girl; the young man and maiden; the fathers and mothers, and the wrinkled, grey-haired grandfathers and grandmothers, whose work-day is over, and who are "only waiting till the shadows are a little longer grown," and in that waiting time can do nothing but pray that God's kingdom may be established unto the very "uttermost ends of the earth."

Montreal, Oct. 2nd, 1893.

LOUIE HUNTER.

Seething Quebec.

OUR readers will welcome the following article from Mrs. John Ross, of Montreal, glad, we are sure, to know that she is able again to speak to us of the work that lies so near her heart:—

A rousing call to increased activity in our evangelical work amongst Romanists and French Canadians comes to us from an article headed as above in the *Montreal Witness* of Nov. 27th.

It is the account of a meeting of the Montreal Ministerial Association, in which the Rev. Mr. Amaron read a paper upon the growing dissatisfaction and unrest of the masses amongst Roman Catholics in this province, who are getting their eyes opened to the servile demands continually made upon them by their priests. Not only are they wearied with the incessant calls upon them in money matters, but recently some scandalous affairs have occurred leading them to see that the implicit confidence hitherto placed in their spiritual advisers has been sadly misplaced, and they do not feel safe to have their wives and daughters so completely in the hands of such confessors. Again, they begin to realize that the education of their children being under the sole control of the clergy is far behind that of the Protestant community, and their young men thus trained are far inferior in many respects. The dawning convictions are growing rapidly amongst the people, and they are demanding a good many changes which the Church of Rome can never consent to grant. "Now is the time," says Mr. Amaron, "while they are in such a state of transition, to step in and give them the Gospel in every possible way." His idea, that an undenominational evangelical French paper, wisely and prayerfully edited, carefully and largely circulated, met with a very cordial response.

Now, Mr. Amaron sees in this restless upheaving a very great danger threatening. It is in no sense a religious movement. Its leaders are men who have been led by Rome's tyranny to the very verge of infidelity, and unless

these and their followers are brought to find rest, where true rest alone *can* be found, we may ere long find fully developed in our midst, as did France at the revolution, a nation of skeptics and infidels.

In view of this it behooves us as Christians, custodians of the pure, unadulterated Word of God, to give them the light of God's own truth, and more persistently than ever work and pray, that the Holy Spirit may guide their hitherto darkened and enslaved minds; that they may be emancipated into the true liberty and joy of the sons of God.

Mr. Amaron declares that the work of reforming these thousands that Rome can no longer keep is entrusted by God to us, the representatives of Protestant evangelization. He goes on, "I have no hesitation in saying, however much I am opposed to Romanism, that I would not spend one cent, nor expand or exert an energy to destroy that system without at the same time replacing that which I destroy by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, here is the situation in Québec, a law-abiding, long-suffering religiously inclined people, after a night of more than ten and a half centuries, are beginning to get their eyes open. They see they have suffered, as a nation they have been kept ignorant, they have been bled by an enormously wealthy clergy. For thousands religion has been a mere form, void of power and life, whilst the educated class have become out and out skeptics. The day of reckoning is coming, history is repeating itself. The outraged conscience and intellect revolt, and infidelity and its attendant evils are sure to follow.

Father Chiniquy, who was present, was an eye-witness to all this. Romanism is crumbling in this province. We send missionaries to China, etc., and he would not say send less, but it was not consistent to neglect the idolatry at our own door. Dr. McVicar referred the ministers to the "Glories of Mary," a book by St. Alphonsus Ligurrie, and very popular in the province. A copy is in possession of the writer, and for idolatrous teachings and rank blasphemy, no writings of Braminical lore could surpass it.

MRS. J. ROSS.

"The Use of the V. P."

"WHY in the world did you elect Mrs. B— vice-president of your society?" asked one lady of another. "Oh," was the reply, "we had to give her an office to keep her in the society, so we put her there and she will have nothing to do."

The above true incident probably describes a rare occasion, but the reason given seems to express a prevailing opinion. The office of vice-president is generally regarded as one which imposes few duties and no responsibilities; but we think that this is a mistake, and that a faithful and efficient vice-president can add very much to the interest of a meeting and the success of a society.

To do this she must be faithful to two things, her duties and her opportunities. Under the first head we would place attendance, preparation, active participation in meetings, and welcoming new comers. It will be a great relief to the president to have her lieutenant take charge of one or two of the meetings during the year, and the vice-president *should come to all* the meetings prepared to take any part that her natural gifts will allow; to fill any gap caused by absence of the regular appointees. Outside of the meetings she should keep her eyes and ears open for items of interest, and new ideas and methods of work, and her heart and hand always open to receive and welcome new members.

As to her opportunities. If she has the time, she may attend presbyterial meetings, and thus relieve the president, who is usually a very busy woman. She can recommend the society, praise its meetings, and urge attendance of its members, as the president cannot; for she is not hampered by the consciousness of commending what is largely her work, and inviting people to come to *her* lecture. She may act as chairman of important committees, and can in general show that she occupies the vice-president's chair, not merely to keep it filled, but to uphold the hands of the president.

The vice-president is often the official representative of the minority in the society, as the president is of the majority, and is still more frequently a connecting link

between the older and younger elements. Either of these situations afford a fine opportunity for good Christian work in pacifying the discontented, cheering the discouraged and harmonizing the discordant elements. As she is generally regarded a mere figurehead, she escapes the criticism so often leveled at the president; and being free from the latter's responsibilities, should be able to present to growlers a cheery front that will dispel clouds.

Many other things will suggest themselves, which she may do in different societies; but we have taken up enough time and space. Now, dear vice-presidents, I, for one, am tired of being a figurehead; are not you? Then let us all make an earnest effort to redeem our title from the ignominy into which it has fallen, and instead of being a synonym for good-natured inefficiency, let the name of vice-president be the badge of quiet, faithful helpfulness.

ANNIE HENDERSON.

What Some Little Girls Did for "Missions."

LAST spring, in order to get the children of my Sunday School class interested in this great work, I gave each of them five cents to invest. Faithfully and persistently they labored, some in one way and some in another, until, when it was time to collect it, they had earned no less than \$4.81. These amounts, we doubt not, represent much more labor and self-denial than do many of our larger donations. Following is a list of the names with the profits accruing from the investments:

Beatty Foster	\$1 05
Gertie Carter	1 60
Jennie Fraser	1 21
Ethel Searight.....	40
Emma Hampton.....	25
Carrie Livingstone.....	30
	\$4 81

These amounts were used to buy warm clothing, such as hoods, mittens, stockings, mufflers, etc., and some dolls and candies, to be sent to the children in the Indian home for girls at Chilliwack, B.C.

That the hearts of the children who may have the use of this clothing may be led up to God the great giver of all "good gifts," and that the hearts of the dear girls who labored so faithfully to procure it may be blessed and encouraged to do still more in future for the blessed Master, who has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me," is the earnest prayer of their Sunday School teacher.

MRS. N. BEAVIS.

Annual Meeting.

LONDON (Queen's Avenue Auxiliary).—The Annual Meeting of this Auxiliary was held in September, and I forward you a brief synopsis of the year's work.

While it has been a year of very deep trial to quite a number of our members, yet with all it has been one of spiritual blessing, earnest work and financial prosperity, perhaps greater than any year preceding. Our new pastor, Rev. Mr. Annis, has come among us with a warm interest in our work. His presence is an inspiration to us. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Mrs. Dr. Fowler, President; Mrs. Dr. Eccles, Mrs. Rev. Geo. Boyd and Mrs. Rev. J. W. Annis are our Vice-Presidents; Mrs. James Owrey, Treasurer; Mrs. A. B. Powell, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. J. C. Hazard, Corresponding Secretary.

Our membership numbers ninety-seven, with an average attendance of thirty-two. The usual number of meetings have been held, and have been unusually interesting and profitable under the direction of our beloved and able president. We are particularly indebted to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Saunby, and Mrs. Cassidy, of Japan, who occasionally attended our meetings and told the story of trials and triumphs in the Island Empire. Our sympathies were aroused and our interest always intensified at the visit of our sisters. God's Spirit has been manifestly present. Our hearts have been touched with tender solicitation for those

"sitting in darkness," that the light of the glorious Gospel of God should shine unto them.

The receipts of the year amount to the sum of \$650.63. Of this amount \$605 were placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Branch. Lectures from Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Hamilton, Rev. E. R. Young, of Toronto, also a garden party on the grounds of Dr. and Mrs. Eccles were the only sources of revenue by way of entertainment we had during the year. These were all successful, but we are, nevertheless, convinced that "systematic beneficence" is the more scriptural, and consequently the wiser method for our Society to adopt.

Mite-boxes, donations, thank-offerings, and membership fees, with the annual gift of \$60 from our first vice-president for the support of a Bible-woman, are our regular sources of income. Of the total amount raised, the sum of \$214 was generously contributed by our Mission Circle, and we greatly appreciate the united effort and the interest manifested by this most successful band of workers.

Just as we entered upon our year's work our hearts were made very sad on account of the removal by death of our faithful and much-beloved pastor, Rev. Geo. Boyd. His loving interest in all our work bound him very closely to our hearts, and "we did miss him." The memory of his gracious, earnest words will always linger with us, and we pray that God's choicest blessings may ever rest upon his bereaved family.

With faith in ourselves and each other, and above all in God, we look for a year of advancing prosperity and larger conquests in the name of our Immanuel.

S. L. HAZARD, Sec.

Words from Workers.

PORT PERRY.—We are thankful indeed to report a very successful year. Our membership has increased, both in interest and numbers, for which we are very thankful to our Heavenly Father. Our Society has raised \$70 during the year. We have started the new year praying that other sisters may join, so that His work may not be hindered abroad, and we may enjoy more His love at home.

A. G. BROWN, Cor. Sec.

BLOOMFIELD.—Our Auxiliary, which has a membership of thirty-five, an increase of seven over last year, is steadily growing in interest. The members, especially those who attend the monthly meetings and read the OUTLOOK and other missionary literature, manifest a zealous missionary spirit. We find more interest taken where there is a special object to work for. During the year we have raised from mite-boxes, self-denial offerings, autograph quilt, and entertainments, the sum of \$60 to support a native Bible-woman in Japan for a year. As we send this amount to the Treasurer we pray that some souls from a benighted land may shine with everlasting brightness when the Saviour comes to make up His jewels, on account of the efforts of Bloomfield Auxiliary.

MARY E. SAYLOR, Cor. Sec.

KIRKTON.—Although there has been no report from this Auxiliary for some time, we are pleased to be able to say that our Society is still prospering. Our monthly meetings have been held regularly and have been fairly well attended. At our annual meeting we packed a box valued at \$28.50, and have since sent it to the Home in Chilliwack. Last year we sent to the Branch Treasurer, \$59.34; this year, \$85.00. We are hoping for better things in the future—"We shall reap if we faint not."

A. E. BRAGG, Cor. Sec.

FOREST.—The regular business meeting of the Forest Auxiliary was held on the 14th September, when the officers of last year were re-elected. President, Mrs. Crosby; Vice-President, Mrs. Schofield; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Frazer; Treas., Mrs. Hayhurst. On Friday, Sept. 22nd, a missionary tea was held at the parsonage, and, considering the small number that take any active interest in the missionary work, it was a success. The Auxiliary has now been organized a year, and although not as much has been accomplished as was expected, we have great hopes for the coming year. We have at present eight subscribers to the OUTLOOK, with good prospects of doubling the number in the near future. Two new members have been added, making the total number eleven.

A. L. LAWSON:

ST. JOHN'S, WEST NEWFOUNDLAND.—A public meeting was held in the basement of George Street Church, on Tuesday, September 5th. There was a very good attendance, and the meeting was a very interesting one. The President opened the meeting with singing and prayer, and responsive Bible reading by members of the Society followed. The annual reports were read by the Recording Secretary and Treasurer respectively; both of which showed very gratifying results for the year's work. Two very interesting addresses were given, one by our pastor, the Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, and one by a member of the Society. Other items in the programme consisted of sacred songs, readings and recitations. The collection amounted to \$10.65.

C. M. WEST, *Cor. Sec.*

CASTLETON.—Our Auxiliary held a public meeting in September, which was well attended and very interesting. We cannot report an increase in members, but the interest in the work is greater than at any former period. We held ten monthly meetings during the year, with an average attendance of thirteen. Sent a missionary box last year, and are preparing another for this; also a missionary carpet, which is ready for weaving. Altogether the outlook is favorable, and we thank God and take courage.

MARY RICHARDS, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM.—The twelfth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held on Tuesday, 19th September, in the lecture-room of Park Street church. There was a good attendance. Reports of the year's work were satisfactory. Number of members, forty-five; number of meetings, ten; average attendance, fifteen; amount realized, \$107,—by membership fees, mite-boxes, quarterly teas, and donations. Officers elected for this year:—President, Mrs. Hadley; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Snook; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Marquand; Treasurer, Mrs. McKeough; Recording-Secretary, Miss Medcalf; Corresponding-Secretary, Mrs. Gardiner. Executive Committee, Mrs. W. J. Martin, Mrs. W. Wing, and Miss Lamont; Pianist, Mrs. W. Snell; canvassers for OUTLOOK, Mrs. J. W. Snell, Mrs. Doherty. Thanks are due Mrs. C. Fleming for so kindly taking charge of mite-boxes, which add so materially to the income. In the evening Mrs. Saunby, of London, gave an interesting address on Japan. We are anticipating that this will be our brightest and best year for *the Master*. M. J. GARDINER, *Cor. Sec.*

JERUSALEM, N.B.—On Friday evening, September 15th, Miss Palmer, of St. John, N.B., addressed an audience in the Methodist Church at Jerusalem, on behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. At the close of the address a Society was formed, which held its first meeting on Tuesday 19th inst. The officers are, Mrs. A. Teed Harrison, President; Mrs. Frizzel, Vice-President; Miss Lina Sleep, Recording Secretary; Emeline L. Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. John Smith, Treasurer. The meeting was very interesting. The membership numbers eleven. We hope that this society may be instrumental in helping to advance the work of the Redeemer's kingdom.

EMELINE L. SMITH, *Cor. Sec.*

TORONTO, NEW RICHMOND.—Our annual meeting has been held, and we are just commencing a new year, looking back with gratitude and forward with hope. During the last year our membership has increased from twenty-three to thirty-three. We sent to the Branch Treasurer \$110.49, an increase of \$34 over the preceding year. Quite a number of our ladies take the OUTLOOK. We sent to the North-West two boxes of clothing. We also sent a subscription to Shidzuoka, Japan, towards rebuilding their church.

A. B. WOOLINGS, *Cor. Sec.*

COLLINGWOOD.—We are pleased to report success in our work. Our membership has increased this year from thirty-eight to fifty. Our President, Mrs. Towler, has encouraged straight giving, without depending on entertainments, etc. Some of our members have given donations, viz.: Mrs. Johnson, \$2.00; Mrs. Towler, \$1.00; Mrs. Watson, \$2.00. We have also had donations in envelopes. During the winter we sent a box of clothing to the Indians on Christian Island, which the missionary there, Rev. P. Sparling, kindly distributed.

C. GREAVES.

PRINCETON.—On Wednesday evening, 13th September, Miss Lund, lately returned from Japan, addressed a meeting in the Methodist Church here, after which Mrs. Fletcher, of Woodstock, formed an Auxiliary with the following officers: President, Mrs. Rev. Bowers; Vice-President, Mrs. H. Beamer; Treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Staples; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Thorn; Corresponding Secretary, Lizzie E. Nott. We organized with eight members, but hope soon to have a large increase.

L. EVELYN NOTT, *Cor. Sec.*

OSHAWA.—At the September meeting of the Simcoe Street Methodist Church, Oshawa, a very interesting letter from our Chinese boy correspondent was read, and the following officers were elected: President, Miss H. M. Dingle; Vice-President, Miss F. Luke; Recording Secretary, Miss A. H. Ellis; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Jennie Keddie; Treasurer, Miss A. Luke. JENNIE V. KEDDIE, *Cor. Sec.*

WATFORD.—The faithfulness of those who regularly attend the monthly meetings, who seek to make them interesting and endeavor to obtain new members, leads us to believe that we shall be blessed and made a blessing. We have had one open meeting during the year.

Cor. Sec.

BELLEVILLE, BRIDGE STREET.—A very pleasant re-union of our societies was held in the school rooms of the Bridge Street Church, Friday, December 1st. Mrs. Elliott presided with her wonted ability. The meeting opened by singing the doxology; then followed a short prayer by the President, and a few words of greeting to the sister societies. The subjects of prayer for the month were read with the texts bearing on them, followed by short prayers; several members taking part in this exercise. A duet was sung by Mesdames Flower and Dingman, followed by a paper on the "Man With One Talent," by Mrs. T. Holden, with a selection from the pen of Mark Guy Pearse. Mrs. McCurdy also gave a reading on the "Grace of Liberality." The reports from the Auxiliaries all showed progress and increasing interest in this great and glorious work. Mrs. Dr. Carman gave us a very full and interesting report of the General Board Meeting, and received a cordial vote of thanks.

SALEM.—Our annual public meeting was held Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. The church was filled, and we feel sure all must have gone away delighted, and with a greater interest in this grand work. Rev. Mr. Muxworthy, pastor, occupied the chair. Miss McLellan gave the annual report. \$27 were sent to the Branch Treasurer last year. A box of clothing, quilts, etc., has been prepared and sent to the St. Clair Mission for Christmas. Interest in mission work is steadily increasing, and we have a few new members. Mrs. Wright, of South London, and Mrs. Ridsen, of St. Thomas, were the speakers of the evening. Mrs. Wright presented the great needs of the work in beautiful and touching language, that must have reached all hearts. Mrs. Ridsen gave many bright, practical suggestions, and strongly urged systematic giving. Rev. Mr. Quance, of Dorchester Station, added greatly to the pleasure of the evening with his singing, Master E. Quance was organist. Rev. Mr. Dewey, Messrs. York and McCallum, with Miss McCallum as accompanist, also contributed to the musical part of the programme. A recitation by Miss Young was well given. Collection, \$11.

D. T.

CHATHAM.—As Corresponding Secretary of the Boys' Mission Band of Park Street Methodist Church, it affords me great pleasure in reporting to our many friends the success which we have had during the past year. From the proceeds of an excursion and a concert we have netted about \$80, \$50 of which goes to the Crosby Home of Port Simpson. This fall, after vacation, a meeting was called for the purpose of election of officers for the coming year. The following were elected: President, Mrs. S. Banfoot; 1st Vice-President, Miss J. Martin; 2nd Vice-President, S. Horning; Secretary, A. Kelly; Treasurer, H. C. Shupe; Corresponding Secretary, W. S. Verrall; Pianist, Miss N. Gammage. We are at present preparing a programme for a concert to be given the second week in December, more of which we shall let you know later on.

W. S. VERRALL, *Cor. Sec.*

WICKLOW.—The interest of our Auxiliary in missionary work is steadily increasing, and our prayer is that God may

enter each heart and home so that each individual may be constrained to do all they can for the spread of the Gospel. We had a public meeting on Friday evening, October 20th. A good programme was given, consisting of readings, recitations and music. Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Wilson, gave an interesting and instructive address. Miss Doolittle, who had just returned from the Branch meeting held in Toronto, gave a very interesting report of the meeting. We are preparing a box for a needy mission. The little boys and girls of our school, of which Miss Richards, our president, is the teacher, deserves special notice. The girls have a quilt prepared for the ladies to quilt, for which the boys, desirous of doing something too, have contributed money to buy wadding and lining. God bless the little workers!

MRS. J. W. ROBERTS, *Cor. Sec.*

CAPE TRAVERSE, P.E.I.—I send you a short account of our Mission Band. It is called the "Cheerful Givers." It was organized November 6th, 1893, by Mrs. Rev. Kirby, of Bedeque, P.E.I. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lewis Muttart; 1st Vice-President, Miss Bessie Muttart; 2nd Vice-President, Villa Cairns; 3rd Vice-President, Ethel McLean; Cor. Sec., Addie Irving; Treasurer, Lena Bell; Auditor, Janey Bell; Rec. Sec., Hattie Clarke. We organized with a membership of fourteen. We meet the first Saturday in every month.

ADDIE S. IRVING, *Cor. Sec.*

NIAGARA FALLS.—We are thankful that our Society still exists and is increasing in interest. We have nineteen annual subscribers and sent to Branch Treasurer \$48.50; and forty subscribers to OUTLOOK. We are grateful for what has been done, but anxious for increased effort and success in the coming year.

MRS. STEER, *Treas.*

OAKWOOD.—At our last annual business meeting, our Auxiliary appointed the following officers: President, Mrs. R. G. Webster; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. F. G. Hardy; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. R. P. Butler; Rec. Sec., Miss Mina Foster; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Rev. T. Webster; Treasurer, Mrs. G. O. Hogg. Five names were added to our membership roll. Mrs. Kendrey, of Peterboro', Rec. Sec. of Central Branch, addressed a public meeting. The address was much appreciated. We shall be pleased to hear our dear sister again. Collection \$3.86 We intend preparing a box for the Supply Committee.

H. E. W.

RUSCOMB STREET.—An Auxiliary of the W. M. S. was organized at this place Nov. 13th, by Mrs. Wright, of London, organizer for the London Conference. We have secured eighteen members, with the prospect of several more at our next meeting. The prospect is encouraging, as all seem interested. Mrs. Wright, gave a very eloquent address. The following are the officers: President, Mrs. Berchiel; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Betts; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Leak; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. Berchiel; Treasurer, Mrs. Woods; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wilson.

L. WILSON, *Cor. Sec.*

MOUNT PLEASANT.—The programme for our November prayer-meeting was composed of suitable passages of Scripture, appropriate hymns and prayers, and the reading of the editorial of our W.M.S. department of the OUTLOOK for November, which had come to hand just in time, and the article by the General Secretary on Chinese Missions in Canada, in the *Missionary Review*, both of which were interesting, timely and helpful. Some remarks on our new mission in the west of China were added, and the meeting closed, leaving a deeper interest in the mind and a warmer desire in the heart for the salvation of that great nation. Wishing our editors a happy and prosperous year, and all a blessed time of joyful service.

J. D. P., *Cor. Sec.*

OTTAWA EAST.—Our Auxiliary has recently been strengthened by the addition to its membership of Willie Kenny, son of our Treasurer. It is thought that this departure from the rules of the Society will be overlooked, when it is considered that our new member is but two years old. It may be added that he has been a regular attendant of the Auxiliary for some time past.

Cor. Sec.

ADDISON.—Though this is the third year for our Auxiliary, and our numbers have not increased in that time as

we would like, yet our hearts are in the work. Our meetings are interesting, and we find them a benefit, as we usually take some subject on missionary work. We feel encouraged to go on and pray that God will bless our feeble efforts.

MRS. S. DUCOLON.

SARNIA.—Our Quarterly Meeting was held on December 13th, and was conducted much the same as the regular monthly meetings. Our meetings are quite interesting without any very special effort. It is much easier to overrun the hour than to close at the appointed time. We have had the honor of making the acquaintance of one more of our missionaries. Miss Preston visited us on December 6th. Owing to counter attractions a small but appreciative audience greeted her.

E. J. LAWRENCE, *Cor. Sec.*

KAMLOOPS, B.C.—Our Auxiliary here not having met for several months, in August last, hoping in this way to awaken more interest in our work, we arranged for a missionary prayer meeting instead of the regular prayer-meeting, the pastor kindly leaving the arranging of the programme with us. One of our ladies gave a short sketch of what our Society is doing; another gave an excellent reading, besides which we took up the subject of prayer for the month. At its close all felt that the meeting had been an interesting as well as a profitable one, several ladies promising to join with us. We next arranged a meeting for the election of officers, with the following result: Pres., Mrs. J. D. Gordon; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Moody; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. F. Betts; Rec. Sec., Miss Bessie Savage; Treas., Mrs. B. Goddard. In October we held a parlor meeting in the parsonage, with good results, and this week we expect to hold our first quarterly meeting, when our president will take the chair. We have secured twelve subscribers to the OUTLOOK, and are at present taking twelve copies of the *Monthly Leaflet*. We hope soon, however, to so increase our membership as to require more *Leaflets*. At present we have but ten members, four of whom have taken mite-boxes. It is the day of small things with us, but we all enjoy coming together in our regular monthly meetings, and we trust that our prayers and givings, poor and small though they may be, will help just a little in carrying on this glorious work.

ALICE A. BETTS, *Cor. Sec.*

QUEEN'S AVENUE, LONDON.—The Young Ladies' Mission Circle held a very successful bazaar in Wesley Hall on the afternoon and evening of December 12th. The hall was tastefully decorated. Several tables were artistically arranged on which were displayed many useful and fancy articles, dressed dolls, etc., all the work of the young ladies of the Circle. Refreshments were served during the evening, and a choice programme rendered. This, together with a social at the home of one of the members, will increase our treasury considerably. Our meetings are well attended, and deeper interest than ever is taken in the work. Under our energetic and enthusiastic President, Mrs. A. Screaton, we look forward to a very prosperous year.

MAY L. FOWLER, *Cor. Sec.*

DUNNVILLE.—Our Auxiliary is now entering upon its fourth year, and I do not think you have heard from us yet. We have quite a flourishing Society consisting of twenty-one members, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month, at the residence of our oldest member, Mrs. Walkley, who is 87 years of age, takes a lively interest in the work of the Society, and throws open her home for the meetings. In 1892 we made forty-eight yards of rag carpet and sent it to the McDougall Orphanage, Alberta. We had the pleasure of hearing Miss Whitfield, returned missionary from Africa, deliver a very profitable address. The collection (\$10) was given to her to help purchase an African girl. A missionary prayer-meeting is to be held once a quarter under the auspices of the W. M. S. One has been held already, and was attended with marked success. In this prayer-meeting a—to us—novel plan was adopted, viz., each person who came was invited to bring an envelope with a favorite text of Scripture written on the outside and an offering placed inside. The leader read the texts and announced the amounts enclosed. This formed a new and interesting part of the evening's programme—proceeds, \$6.75.

MRS. JOHN A. COOKE, *Cor. Sec.*

SCARBORO'.—Our Society has been organized nearly two years, but have never yet reported to the *OUTLOOK*. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at the members' homes in rotation. After the opening exercises we call the roll, and each member is expected to answer with a text of Scripture. After business we have our work, for as soon as we send away one bundle we commence another, and so far we have made mostly bedding. We have only eleven members but the interest is well kept up. We sent \$19 to Central Branch last year, and hope to do better this year.

MRS. J. MASON, *Cor. Sec.*

BETHEL.—Our Auxiliary was organized by Mrs. Platt in April, 1892, with a membership of six, which has since increased to eleven. The regular monthly meetings are well attended. In September our President gave a missionary social, at which refreshments were served, and a good missionary programme rendered—proceeds, \$10.17. Last winter our members pieced a quilt, which was sent, with some warm clothes, to a Muskoka mission. The last to join our Auxiliary was a little girl, Ethel Ferguson, who took a mite-box and saved until she had a dollar, with which she made herself a member. We are praying for a deeper interest in missionary work in our locality.

M. L. C. R., *Cor. Sec.*

KIPPEN Auxiliary was organized July, 1892, by Mrs. Leach, on the Kippen camp-grounds. We have nine members. Our meetings have been held regularly, and have been both interesting and profitable. We take nine *OUTLOOKS* and twelve *Leaflets*. We sent two quilts to the McDougall Orphanage. We have an earnest and zealous worker for our President, Mrs. Rev. Walker, so we are looking forward to greater success this year, trusting that God will bless us in our feeble efforts in doing a little for the good of our fellow-creatures and for the advancement of His kingdom.

MRS. GEO. TAYLOR, *Cor. Sec.*

MEDICINE HAT, N.W.T.—A new Auxiliary of the W.M.S. was organized in the Medicine Hat parsonage November 16th, with seven members. Officers elected as follows: President, Mrs. Rev. F. W. Locke; Vice-President Mrs. J. C. Colter; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. J. Porter; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. A. Luno; Treasurer, Mrs. W. McF. Evans. We hope for an increased number at our next meeting.

C. LUNO, *Cor. Sec.*

In Memoriam.

FRANKVILLE AUXILIARY.—Death has entered our circle for the first time, and claimed from our midst a dear sister, Mrs. G. A. Dixon, who died Saturday November 4th. Through weakness of body she was debarred the privilege of attending our monthly meeting, but with her substance and prayers she was always ready to aid us. She was much beloved by all, as was shown by the number of floral offerings. We will long remember her cheerful submission to suffering and that expression, "Not one pain too many." But our loss is her eternal gain.

F. M. RICHARDS, *Cor. Sec.*

New Auxiliaries.

THE following Auxiliaries have recently been organized on the Woodstock District: One at PRINCETON, in September last, with eight members and the following officers: President, Mrs. Rev. Bowers; Vice-President, Mrs. Beamer; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Thorn; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lizzie Nott; Treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Staples. One at BRIGHT, on October 2nd, with ten members and the following officers: President, Mrs. Rev. Vollick; Vice-President, Mrs. Currie; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. Wilson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Bromlee; Treasurer, Mrs. Johnston. One at EASTWOOD, on November 8th, with twelve members and the following officers: President, Mrs. Jordan; Vice-President, Miss Schell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Lampman; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lazenby; Treasurer, Mrs. Ripp.

R. FLETCHER,
District Organizer.

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