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Field Notes.

\$250,000 FOR MISSIONS is asked for the current year. In view of the "Forward Movement" of a new Foreign Mission, every dollar is needed. The amount is well within the ability of the Church, and although there are rumors of "hard times," (when was it otherwise?) we are not without hope that the sum named will be forthcoming. In another column will be found some extracts from letters, showing how the "Mission to China" is regarded. Shall we not hear from a great many others? Such letters are stimulating, and help to quicken the missionary zeal of the Church. Reports of successful missionary meetings belong to the same category, and should be sent in from every quarter. The Church is in danger of going to sleep over mission work. Let us unite to wake her up.

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SPEAKING of letters, reports, etc., reminds us that of late we have received few communications from the mission field, designed for publication. This is much to be regretted. There is nothing that interests earnest Christian people more than "tidings from the front," and nothing is better calculated to wake up the indifferent. Brethren in the mission field who have become familiar with all phases of the work, and to whom "incidents" are every-day occurrences, forget that these things are new and strange to multitudes in the Church. Our people have been well drilled in the philosophy—the general principles—of missions. What they want now are the facts. What are you doing? Where and how are you doing it? What are the results of efforts and expenditure? These are questions constantly asked, and the missionaries themselves can best answer them. Send on the facts, brethren.

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A FEW weeks ago we had the privilege of spending a Sunday, or part of one, with Bro. T. S. Howard and his Indians, at New Credit, and were greatly pleased with the evidences of material progress everywhere apparent. Improvements on the church, almost equal to re-building, have been accomplished by the Indians, at their own cost, upwards of \$1,200, and now the structure is one of the very best to be found on any of our Indian Missions, and is a "credit" to the Credit

people. The mission house, too, though built many years ago, is in good condition, and the whole place has a tidy, well-cared-for look that is pleasant to behold. At the Delaware Appointment, four miles away, extensive improvements have also been made. All that is lacking now is a sweeping revival, and that, we doubt not, will come in due season, if the workers "faint not."

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OUR readers, we know, are always glad to hear of the work and the workers in Japan. Letters from that country have been somewhat scarce at the Mission Rooms, but such as have been received indicate that the work is prospering, and that the missionaries are working with a cheerful courage. At Shizuoka, evangelistic services have recently been conducted with cheering results. Large numbers attended and the interest was great. Many will rejoice to learn that Dr. Cochran, one of our two pioneer missionaries, is steadily gaining in health in the balmy climate of Southern California, and is looking forward to the resumption of his Mission work next year. Bro. Cocking is doing excellent service at missionary anniversaries in this country, and is winning golden opinions among the people. As regards foreign work, Japan is the "first-born" of the Methodist Church, and interest in it will not be lessened by new movements elsewhere.

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THE Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions has by no means spent its strength, but seems to be gathering fresh momentum day by day. It would appear that the spark from which so great a fire has been kindled, was struck at one of Moody's Northfield meetings. At all events, it was after his return from Northfield that Howard Taylor's heart was powerfully stirred, and the first impulse given to what became the Student movement. In America, including Canada, the Union embraces probably not far short of 4,000. In England there is a Union of 165, and in other countries there are similar developments. The declaration or pledge is very simple, and consists of the following words: "It is my earnest hope, if God permit, to engage in Foreign Mission Work." The three young men in our own Church who have volunteered for the foreign work are fruits of the Student movement, and they form but the ad-

vance guard of an army who are ready to take the field as soon as the Church is ready to give the word.

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THE Gospel leaven is stirring mightily among the millions of India. From the Central Provinces comes the following:—"I am persuaded, in my own mind, that the most eventful period in the history of Missionary effort in this country is rapidly approaching. The Lord is preparing for a time of glorious ingathering." From the Arcot Mission of the Reformed Church, this is the testimony:—"Never, in my somewhat long experience, were the claims of India apparently so urgent as now. A restless, almost feverish, spirit of inquiry pervades the community." A missionary of the American Board, at Madura, after showing how the missionaries are "driven to the verge of desperation and ill-health," by their inability to overtake the necessities of the work, adds:—"We thank God that we have recently received into our Mission Circle one of that large band of consecrated students. How we long, and pray, and write, and implore, that more be sent." And so it goes on all over the country.

Editorial and Contributed.

CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

BEFORE another number of the OUTLOOK makes its appearance, Christmas, with its sacred and joyous associations, will have come and gone. Gladdest of all our *holy* days—not holidays—let us hail its advent with songs of thanksgiving, and with renewed vows of loving loyalty to the "new-born King,"—now no more the Infant of days, but the Ancient of Days, acknowledged and worshipped round the whole earth. Nearly nineteen hundred Christmas suns have risen and set since the Wise Men hailed the Morning Star; but the Christmas that is about to dawn has a significance all its own, in that it stands nearest of all the series to the "year of jubilee" that is surely coming, and of which men now living will see the glory. The whole world is open, and all nations are stretching out their hands unto God. Let it not be forgotten that the great purpose for which Jesus lived, and died, and rose again, was that the Gospel—the good news—might be preached to "every creature." May the coming Christmas be signalized by the going forth of a new evangelism.

REV. ALFRED ROBERT TUCKER has been consecrated at Westminster as bishop of equatorial Africa, to succeed Bishop Parker, deceased, who succeeded Bishop Hannington, who was assassinated.

ABOUT OURSELVES.

WITH the present issue the OUTLOOK closes its tenth volume. Intended to supply the place of the *Missionary Notices*, which had been discontinued, the OUTLOOK was begun as a private enterprise, but its usefulness became so apparent that it was speedily adopted by the General Board as the missionary organ of the Church; while in more recent years, its usefulness has been increased by making it the medium of record for "Womans' Work" in connection with the great missionary movement of the day. For all these years the OUTLOOK has endeavored to fulfil its mission of keeping before the people the salient features of a world-wide evangelism, especially as affecting the Methodist wing of the missionary army, and may fairly claim some share of the credit for the steady growth of income which has characterized the past, as well as the wisely-aggressive policy that has marked the history of our mission work.

It is very desirable, as every one will admit, that the OUTLOOK should keep fully abreast of the times in all that pertains to the greatest Christian movement of the age. This will demand enlargement of size and scope, and a large increase of editorial work. Hitherto, the whole work has been done as a labor of love by the General Secretary; but it has to be done in such odd moments as can be snatched from the pressure of other duties, and work so done must be, more or less, imperfect and unsatisfactory. If the OUTLOOK is to be a power for good in arousing and directing the missionary enthusiasm of the Church, more heart and brain must be put into it than is possible under present circumstances. We would have rejoiced if some contemplated changes and improvements could have been introduced at the beginning of the ensuing volume; but as this seems to be hardly practicable at present, the paper will continue for one year more in its present shape and size, with such attempts at improving its contents as circumstances will allow.

There are two ways in which our brethren—and sisters, too—can greatly aid us at the present time; that is, by using their pens to enrich the pages of the OUTLOOK, and their best efforts to increase its circulation. In regard to articles, they must be short, for our space is very limited, and they should be crisp and to the point, or they will not be read. Further, let them be in good, vigorous prose, for we have already more poetry (?) than we can use. Such articles, supplemented by brief reports from the missions—bulletins from the field of battle—will increase the readableness, and, consequently, the interest of our missionary paper. Then as to circulation, though fairly good, as such things go (nearly 7000), it ought to be four times as

great, and this could readily be accomplished by a general effort. The price is so low (twenty five cents in clubs of eight, separately addressed, if desired), that no one need plead exemption on the score of poverty. For the circulation already attained, we are indebted, in no small degree, to the Auxiliaries of our Woman's Missionary Society. Many of those earnest women have exerted themselves nobly, and have sent in good lists from their various neighborhoods. To such we tender cordial thanks, and ask a continuance of their unselfish efforts. And to our brethren we say, "Help those women." Help them by announcements from the pulpit, by kind words among your people, and by efforts to gain subscribers for what is the only missionary publication in our Church, and which, therefore, does not conflict with any other interest. The OUTLOOK is not published for personal ends or private gain, but to help a great connexional movement. Let there be a general effort to give it a grand send-off for 1891.

OUR NEW FOREIGN MISSION.

EVERY day is bringing fresh evidence to show that the Church at large is profoundly interested in the step taken by the General Board toward the planting of a mission in China. Recently an esteemed minister of the Niagara Conference, writing in regard to one who desired to engage in the foreign work, thus expressed his feelings respecting the forward movement:—

"I have heard it rumored that there is a possibility, if not a probability, that our Church will soon join 'the forward movement' by opening another foreign mission in some heathen country, possibly in China. This would fill me with delight, as I fully believe this is necessary, not only for the conversion of the heathen, but for the prosperity and safety of the Church at home."

Shortly after, a letter came to hand from a home missionary in one of the Maritime Conferences, which breathes so much of the true missionary spirit that we give it entire, withholding the name, however, at the request of the writer:—

"DEAR DR. SUTHERLAND,—It truly rejoices my heart to know that the Methodists of Canada will send a herald of the cross to China next spring. Put down \$20 (twenty dollars) from a Home Missionary in New Brunswick—in memory of a sainted mother. Count on me for \$25 (twenty-five dollars) whenever you see fit to open a mission among the Balolos of the Congo. God speed the day when you can see your way clear to undertake this foreign work. Were it not that abler and younger men are available, I would go myself to those who 'need me most' in either India, China or Africa. While the sympathies of many are going out towards Japan, my heart deeply feels for those who need and long for our help even more than the Japanese. You understand this twenty is not to go into the ordinary fund, but directly and

solely to the China Mission—a special contribution. Unable to do all for God that is in my heart, here on a home mission field, I desire to hold up the hands of those who, in other lands, are doing more effective work than I am."

The perusal of these letters will, we are sure, kindle a glow in many hearts, and lead to other responses from both ministers and laymen. We have before intimated that the expense of planting the Chinese Mission—that is, of sending out the young men, providing necessary buildings, and fairly launching them in their work, should be accomplished by means of special donations like the above, without taking a dollar from the regular income, and we have good hope that this will be done. A sum of money, donated by a lady in Kingston, to be used "as soon as the Church is ready to begin a mission in China," has been lying in the mission treasury for several years. This will now be available, and if other donations speedily follow, it will not be long before there is enough for outfit, travelling expenses, and such buildings as are needed at the start.

Just at the present time an unusual degree of attention is focussed on China, from widely different points of view. Writers of great prominence in England and America have lately been calling attention to China as a "menace to the world" from a military point of view, while others point to the far-reaching influence of these numerous, patient and plodding people upon the industry and commerce of the world. Still more important is the theory which claims for them a great future as an evangelizing agency. It is well known that vast numbers of the Chinese, especially from the southern part of the empire, are emigrating in all directions. They are not only occupying adjacent and distant islands, but they are effecting settlements on the coasts of south-eastern Asia and up the principal rivers, holding, with characteristic tenacity, the ground they have occupied. It is becoming apparent that the Chinaman, like the Anglo-Saxon, has a genius for colonizing, and that he is destined to become an important factor in many lands besides his own. Bishop Thoburn, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who has been giving special attention to this matter, writes as follows in the *Spirit of Missions*:—

"The more I see of our mission work in this part of the world, the more do I become confirmed in the conviction which I received the first time I visited Rangoon and saw the Chinese there, mingling as they were with the Burmese, that God would use them as a great evangelizing agency all up and down these coasts. They are not only the most energetic people to be found in this region, but, strangely enough, they seem more accessible to the Gospel than any others; and those of them who are born in Malaysia will be able to speak the vernacular of the country in which they live, and this, added to their knowledge of English and Chinese, will qualify them for usefulness on the widest possible scale. Strange are the ways of Providence!"

"TO THE JEW FIRST."

THE appeal of the Rev. Geo. J. Bond, B.A., of Newfoundland, to the General Board, to establish a mission in China, and the resolution of the Rev. Dr. Potts, on the same subject, have a good deal of significance, when read in the light of recent developments in that land. We have been wont to think of Palestine as a land where everything became, not only stereotyped, but petrified, many centuries ago, and where change and growth were not to be looked for; but there are signs which show that a new and vital current has been infused where all was stagnation before, and that even Palestine is feeling the mighty pulsations of restless nineteenth-century civilization.

Changes of the most marked character are in progress, one of the most significant being the rapid increase of population in and around Jerusalem. To the west of the city the plain, formerly unoccupied, is now covered with private residences and colonies of Jews, while near the Jaffa Gate are numbers of shops already tenanted, and others in course of construction. Within the last three years the population has increased by some 20,000. Of the 70,000 in and about the city, about 40,000 are Jews, while in other parts of the country the influx of Jews has been equally marked. Public improvements, in the form of well-constructed roads, are being pushed forward—some already completed. A flour mill has proved a success, and others with steam-power are being erected. The increased amount of rain which, for several years past, has fallen in Palestine, is having a marked effect on the productiveness of the country. The recent cruel edict by which a million Jews have been expelled from Russia, will have a powerful influence on the future of Palestine, as, doubtless, vast numbers of the exiles will turn their faces towards the land of their fathers. Should this prove to be the beginning of a second Exodus, which should result in the return of Israel to his ancient heritage, we may safely conclude that the set time to favor Zion has come. Who can tell but that with the return their eyes may be opened to "look upon Him they have pierced, and mourn," and so "all Israel shall be saved." What if, after all, there should be a providential call to the Methodist Church to send forth, "upon the mountains, 'round about Jerusalem, the feet of him that bringeth good tidings," so that "to the Jew first," and to them who sit in darkness, he may proclaim Him who is the "Light of the World."

"Light for the ancient race,
Exiled from Zion's rest;
Homeless they roam from place to place,
Benighted and oppressed;
They shudder at Sinai's fearful base,
Guide them to Calvary's breast."

JAPAN MISSION.

STUDENTS of Missions, and Missionary Lectures, will find suggestive topics and lines of study in the *Minutes of the Japan Conference* for 1890, and in the "Calendar of the Toyo Eiwa Gakko." Statistics properly used are convincing, and "facts are chiefs that winna ding." A careful perusal of these acts of the saints in Japan, will give pungency to many missionary addresses during the winter. Not only will the Japan mission be benefited, but the zeal of the Home Church will be quickened, and the several departments of the mission work of the Church be greatly strengthened. "Knowledge is power" is a phrase which is true to the letter upon the missionary platform.

ROBIN RUSTLER.

MOOSE JAW, ASSA, Oct. 30, 1890.

INDIAN LITERATURE.

Primer and Language Lessons in English and Cree. By REV. E. B. GLASS, B.A. Translated by Rev. John McDougall. Toronto: Methodist Book Room. We welcome this neat and well-printed school book of over one hundred pages, as the first practical attempt to overcome some of the difficulties connected with the education of Indian children. Hitherto, teachers in Indian schools have had to depend upon books prepared for white children, whose mother-tongue is English. But "Indian children"—we quote from the preface—"must begin conversational and written English at the same time." The book comprises forty-three lessons, which include all the parts of speech, and are printed in English, with the equivalent Cree syllabics on the opposite page. The main object in Indian schools is to teach the children English, but the teacher can work to far better advantage if he is able to explain the lesson in the native tongue. Mr. Glass has done good service in the preparation of this volume, and we hope to see further contributions from his pen.

The Canadian Indian for November is on our table. This is an 8vo magazine of 32 pages, published under the direction of the "Canadian Indian Research and Aid Society," at \$2.00 per annum, edited by Rev. E. F. Wilson and H. B. Small. The object of the Society referred to is to "promote the welfare of the Indians; to guard their interests; to preserve their history, traditions and folk-lore; and to diffuse information with a view to creating a more general interest in both their temporal and spiritual progress." The current number of the magazine has a comprehensive and interesting table of contents, and is well printed. Persons who desire information on all matters relating to the Indians of this country, could not do better than subscribe for a copy. John Rutherford, Owen Sound, is the printer and publisher.

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"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." . . .

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."
—LUKE ii. 10-11, 13-14.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS! A happy Christmas!
Many happy returns of the day to you!

How these phrases greet us year after year! How they thrill our hearts with their old-time associations! The scenes of childhood, the hopes of youth, the ambitions and disappointments of later years, the precious memories of the loved and "gone before," the yearnings and wonderings as we recall the unbroken circle of some earlier time; the thanksgivings, too, that so many are with us, that life is so full of joys and blessings, so full of love and hope and peace; that God is known the Father, and Christ the Elder Brother, in our Christian homes; that amid all the cares and trials and sorrows the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, abideth with us.

How these Christmas thoughts stir our pulses into activity for the present, and generously warm our sympathies toward all our fellow-creatures.

The joy of peace and "good-will" springs up anew in this festive season, and men, women and children are moved to deeds of love and tenderness fitting the celebration of the glorious day which heralded the birth of the world's great Redeemer. Peace and good-will! How comprehensive are these words! When shall the world come to the full realization of their meaning? Shall it ever be? When good-will toward each and all abounds among men and women, the wrongs of men and women will vanish, the oppressions of the strong toward the weak will be known no more; the painful struggle between capital and labor, the employer and the employee, will cease; the cry of

justice will be heard, men will learn war no more; they will no longer enrich themselves by the destruction of their fellows, and the stripes and jealousies of earth will pass away.

Good-will to men! Not simply the Gospel of God's good-will procured by the sacrifice of His Son, but this Gospel sown, planted and growing in every human heart, bearing fruit after its kind, the rich fruit of good-will to each and all. This is the fruit for the healing of the nations; this the remedy for the wrongs of earth. This precious, everlasting Gospel of good-will to men is to bring "Peace on earth;" and he or she who bears this good-will, carries this peace—the gift of God. Thus, it becomes a personal, individual matter, as to possession, and a personal individual responsibility as to sowing this gospel seed.

We rejoice that God, who chose to give His Son to the world through the agency of woman, has let His glorious light shine into our hearts, that every day His great purposes are being unfolded and made plainer to women, and that with so great readiness and fidelity they respond to His call. How great is our heritage of privilege, how abundant our advantages, and how splendid our opportunities, to work for God. This Gospel of good-will is the manifestation of Christ's presence in the heart. To teach it, and spread it throughout the world "to every creature," is the Master's command to His followers, and the promise is unto them who obey, "Lo, I am with you alway."

To all our readers at home, to our beloved missionaries in the home and foreign field, to all we wish, A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
A. P.

NOTICE TO AUXILIARIES.—The General Board decided that the Monthly Leaflet be ordered by the auxiliaries, and paid for at the rate of five cents each, or twenty for \$1, instead of the late method of paying for them.

The annual report will be ready in a few weeks, and auxiliaries will do well to notify the Corresponding Secretaries of their respective branches as to the number required. Price, five cents.

A MOST interesting letter from Miss Cartmell, giving an account of her visit to the McDougall Orphanage, is held over on account of the pressure on our space from Annual Reports.

BRANCH ANNIVERSARIES.

THE CENTRAL BRANCH.

THE Eighth Annual Meeting of the Central Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in the Broadway Tabernacle, beginning on Tuesday, October 7th, at 2.30 o'clock. Mrs. Dr. Williams presiding.

The opening exercises were conducted by Mrs. Dr. Willmott. Prayer being led by Mrs. Blackstock.

The roll of delegates was called by the Secretary, seventy responding.

Minutes of the Executive Committee were read and approved.

Kind words of welcome to the delegates were spoken by Mrs. Dr. Carveth, and graciously responded to by Mrs. Kendry, of Peterboro'.

The President then gave her annual address, full of wisdom and encouragement.

On motion of Mrs. Willmott, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Williams for her address.

The Corresponding Secretary presented her report, showing that earnest efforts had been made during the year to extend the Society, resulting in the formation of twenty new Auxiliaries and nine Mission Bands.

Our consecrated and beloved missionary, Mrs. Large, spoke a few earnest words, urging us to be ready to be spent in any way that will help God's work.

Greetings were received from the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, through Mrs. Bates; and from the McAll Mission, through Miss Inglis. A letter was read from Mrs. Cummings, of the Anglican Church, regretting their inability to send a representative.

A Nominating Committee, composed of Miss Wilkes, Mrs. Carman, Mrs. Dr. Parker, Mrs. McKay, and Mrs. Massey, was appointed.

MEMORIALS.

Memorials were received from the Metropolitan Auxiliary, Bridge Street, Belleville, and from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch. The published changes, recommended by various Auxiliaries, were presented by Mrs. McKay.

All of these were sent on to the different committees without discussion.

Reports were received from Auxiliaries until time for adjournment, when a most cordial invitation was extended by the ladies of the church for all present to remain to tea.

TUESDAY EVENING.

A public meeting was held in the evening, Rev. Dr. Sutherland presiding, in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Philp, pastor of the church.

Rev. Dr. Potts read the report prepared by the Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Dr. Briggs and Mrs. Dr. Willmott gave a five minutes' talk on Mission Bands, which was listened to with a great deal of interest.

Miss Mason favored the audience with a solo.

Mrs. Large, who was the chief attraction of the evening, was received by the entire audience standing. She gave a most effective and instructive sketch of the work being done in Japan. A collection was taken up, amounting to \$82.82. Rev. Dr. Stafford made a few brief remarks, and this highly interesting meeting was brought to a close.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9.30.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Massey.

Mrs. Williams expressed deep regret at the absence of Mrs. Gundy, President of the Broadway Auxiliary, through illness, but she was glad to be able to say that she was improving.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read, and, after some slight corrections, confirmed.

Mrs. Dr. Carman asked that the Nominating Committee be allowed to retire.

Reports from Auxiliaries continued.

A telegram of greeting was received from the Western Branch, now in session at Chatham. The Corresponding Secretary was requested to reply to it.

The Nominating Committee then reported.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The ladies re-assembled at 2.30, when the opening exercises were conducted by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Gooderham, after which minutes were read and approved.

The reports of Mission Fields were then read by Corresponding Secretary.

McDougall Orphanage report was very satisfactory, giving all the details of their work and institution, some of which showed the need of more furniture in building, and still need for earnest effort on our part.

Mrs. Tate was then welcomed and received by ladies standing. She then entertained and intensely interested those present in the work carried on by our Society. There is accommodation in our Home for forty children, but many more needed our assistance. At the close of her address, a vote of thanks was accorded her by a standing vote.

At this juncture the President announced the presence of Mrs. J. Harvie, representative of the Presbyterian Church.

In a few well-chosen words, spoken with deep earnestness and sympathy, she referred to the work carried on in her Church, and urged each member to place great value on the prayer hour observed by all missionary workers.

The next business in order was a report from the Organizers of the various districts belonging to the Central Branch. Many expressions of opinion in reference to the success, as well as discouragement, of their work, were listened to with great interest and profit. The meeting then closed, in order to afford time for committee work.

THURSDAY, A.M.

The meeting opened by devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Addison; the President in the chair.

Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. Dr. Willmott here announced the receipt of a communication from Mrs. D. Johnson, Collingwood, enclosing a cheque for \$100, to be devoted to the work in Japan. The ladies, in acknowledgment, joined in singing the Doxology.

Reports being called, the Memorial Committee, Section A, reported. This section dealt with the recommendations from the Constitution Revision Committee, which affected the General Board.

Our space does not admit of them appearing in detail. The changes will be printed in the Annual Report as they passed the Board meeting.

The testimony meeting was conducted by Mrs. Dr. Carman. After a season of spiritual profit and pleasure, prayer was offered and the benediction pronounced.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The opening exercises were conducted by Mrs. Maybee. On motion, Mrs. Tate was asked to take a seat with delegates.

Minutes read and approved.

The Treasurer next presented her report, showing receipts for the year to be \$7,317.19, being an increase of \$591.71 over 1889. The Society has now a balance on hand of \$6,791.46.

Report adopted, and the members were asked by the President to engage in a few moments of silent prayer, by this act seeking divine guidance as to the wisest appropriation of the same.

The next business on programme was the appointment of representatives to the Annual Conferences: Mrs. Wilson to Bay of Quinte; Mrs. Dr. Willmott to Toronto Conference.

The Corresponding Secretary read a report of Supply Committee and Chinese Home.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, resulting as follows:

President, Mrs. Dr. Williams; First Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Carman; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. B. Willmott;

Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. Kendry, Peterboro'; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. Tyner; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Briggs; Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Thompson.

Then the election of delegates to the General Board, resulting as follows:

Mrs. G. Brown, Gravenhurst; Mrs. Kendry, Peterboro'; Mrs. Massey, Sydney; Mrs. Crosby, Uxbridge; Mrs. T. Thompson, Mrs. Tyner, Mrs. McKay, Miss Wilkes, Toronto; Mrs. Wilson, Cobourg; Mrs. Addison, Aurora; Mrs. Copeland, Belleville; Mrs. Blackstock, Mrs. Ogden, Toronto; Mrs. Maybee, Foxboro'.

The Organizers were nominated by Corresponding Secretary, and approved:

Napanee, Mrs. Casey; Uxbridge, Mrs. Crosby; Cannington, Mrs. Bascom; Bradford, Mrs. Walker; Barrie, Mrs. Dr. Parker; Bracebridge, Mrs. G. Brown; Brampton, Mrs. Langford; Bowmanville, Miss Tourjee; Peterboro', Mrs. Kendry; Lindsay, Mrs. Broderick; Picton, Mrs. G. D. Platt; Tamworth, Miss Hawley; Belleville, Mrs. Massey.

While the ballots were being counted, the following resolution was carried:

"We recommend that the General Board request all Auxiliaries numbering fifteen and under to send one dollar to the Literature Fund, and all others in same proportion, according to their number of members."

When the members were called upon to decide where the next meeting should be held, invitations were extended from Belleville and Brampton. The vote was very close, standing, after several countings, Brampton, 30; Belleville, 29. The Branch, therefore, will convene at Brampton next year. In deciding the question, the nearness of Brampton to Toronto, and the consequent saving in railroad fare, was an important factor.

After the usual votes of thanks to the ladies of the church, Trustees, Presidents, etc., meeting closed with benediction; the prevailing feeling being that this was the best meeting in all respects which the Central Branch had ever enjoyed.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH.

THE Fifth Annual Meeting of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in Charlottetown, on the 24th, 25th and 26th of September.

The first service was held Wednesday morning, in the Methodist Church, Prince Street, at 9.30. A large number of delegates were present, almost every Auxiliary in the Branch being represented. Mrs. McMichael, the President, presided.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Archibald, of Mount Allison College. A very gracious spirit rested upon the meetings from the beginning, and all felt that devoted Christian women had met together to do work for the Master.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Dr. Beer, and was responded to by Mrs. A. Lucas, of Sussex.

Miss Thorne read the report of the Executive Committee. After some further business matters the meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Kirby, of Winslow. "Promptness and Liberality" was the subject of prayer.

After reading and approval of minutes, greetings were received from sister societies. Mrs. Desbrisay spoke in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church.

The Treasurer, Miss Stewart, then read her report. This

was full of encouragement. The total amount raised during the year was \$3,329.42, showing an increase of \$408.30 over the receipts of last year.

In the midst of the business the meeting was pleasantly surprised by the entrance of two sweet little girls bearing a large basket of flowers, presented by the Charlottetown Woman's Christian Temperance Union. A large bouquet was presented to each of the officers, bearing the motto, "God is love," and smaller ones to each of the delegates.

The report of the Mission Bands was presented by Mrs. Chipman. Her report showed an increase of 334 in membership, and a corresponding increase in receipts.

A paper on "Methods of Work," by Mrs. Briggs, was now read, and after the Corresponding Secretary's report, the meeting adjourned.

The public meeting in the evening was in every respect a great success. After the devotional exercises, the President gave an eloquent address, followed by model reports from the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Chipman, of St. Stephen, then gave an address on "Mission Bands;" Mrs. W. A. Trueman, a recitation entitled, "Patchwork." Then an original paper, by Mrs. Archibald, Mount Allison. Her closing remarks were spoken especially to the girls, pointing out to them the beauty of a life of loving, loyal service. After collection, which amounted to \$50, Rev. Mr. Brewer gave a short address. The meeting was interspersed by excellent music furnished by the choir.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Meeting opened at 9.30, with the usual devotional services, led by Mrs. Large, of York, after which came roll call and minutes of previous meeting. After hearing some reports, a very interesting letter was read from Rev. B. Chappelle, of Japan. Perhaps there was no more profitable meeting during any of the sessions than the consecration meeting, from 12 to 1 o'clock, led by Mrs. Smith, of Woodstock. A gracious influence was felt to rest upon us all.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened at 2.30. Devotional exercises led by Mrs. R. W. Sprague.

After roll call and reading of minutes, reports from the different Bands were read. Study papers on "Mission Band Work," and the "Sale of Reports," were also read. Then followed two-minute papers on Auxiliary meetings: "How to Kill," "How to Make Alive," "Sources of Failure," "Sources of Strength."

Answers to Question Drawer were given by Miss Palmer, and the meeting adjourned till Friday.

EVENING MEETING.

A thoroughly hearty and enjoyable social was held in the lecture-room of the church. It was given by the members of several societies of Christian Endeavor, in connection with this church, in honor of the visiting members of the Woman's Missionary Society. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Mr. Brewer. The programme was exceptionally well arranged and carried out, and the whole affair was of the most enjoyable kind.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Heard, of Charlottetown, and special prayer was made for a fuller consecration of ourselves to God, and for guidance in the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved, when further reports from delegates were heard.

A paper, "How best to Organize," was read by Mrs. Dr. Johnson. The reports from Organizers were next heard,

which showed they had been very successful during the past year.

The election of Organizers for the coming year then took place. Just here we were very pleasantly surprised by the announcement of the President that a letter would be read from our missionary, Miss Clarke, of Chilliwhack, which gave encouraging accounts of the work done there. Then followed some suggestions for public meetings and the mite-box talk, which was especially helpful and full of timely suggestions, which cannot fail to bring forth abundant fruit in the future.

The report was then heard from the Literature Committee, and adopted. After a discussion as to the best kind of literature to be used in the Auxiliaries, Miss Stewart, of Sackville, read an original paper by Miss Humphrey, entitled, "Our Possessions." Session adjourned to meet this afternoon at 2.30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

For one hour devotional exercises were led by our President. The report of Committee on Mode of Work was read, followed by a lively discussion. After some further business, the meeting adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session met at 7.30. Usual devotional service led by Mrs. Getchell, of Centreville.

Report from Memorial Committee was then read, showing a careful revision of constitution, by-laws, etc., of the Society.

After the reading of other reports, the delegate from Queen Square Auxiliary, St. John, extended an invitation to the meeting to hold the next Branch Meeting at said place, which was cordially accepted.

The roll being called, the officers for the ensuing year were elected.

This being the last order of business, the Convention was brought to a close in the usual manner.

Thus ended one of the most successful, harmonious and profitable meetings yet held by this Branch, and we all felt that we would return to our homes better equipped for our work, because of the information received; and with a holy enthusiasm to do all within our power for the advancement of the kingdom of the "Prince of Peace."

H. E. VICKERSON.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, was opened in the Queen's Avenue Church, London, Tuesday Oct. 21st.

Mrs. James Gooderham, the President, in the course of her address, dwelt on the success of the missions. The signs of the times indicated that women must take a very prominent part in the education of their own sex. The pressing need for female medical missionaries for India and China was greatly felt. They could not be too thankful for the success which had characterized every department of that work. The President made touching reference to the sorrow recently sustained by Mrs. Large, assuring that lady of the heartfelt sympathy of every member of the Convention.

The Treasurer's report, read by Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh, of Hamilton, and approved by the Board, showed the receipts for the year to be \$25,560.76, of which \$6,791.46 was received from the Central Conference Branch, \$6,557.90 from the Western, \$3,020.58 from the Eastern, \$3,223.97 from the Nova Scotia, \$3,144 from the New Brunswick and Prince

Edward Island, \$182.32 from the Newfoundland, St. John's East, \$213.81 from Newfoundland, St. John's West. The expenditures were \$23,607.56, with a report that \$3,254.48 more money had been received this year than in 1889, and that \$21,195.50 balance was deposited with the Hamilton Provident and Loan Savings Co.

Kind words of greeting and earnest good wishes were spoken to the delegates by Mrs. Hon. D. Mills, Mrs. B. Tilley and Mrs. Rev. W. Rodgers, representing respectively, the Baptist, Episcopalian and Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Societies.

There was a largely-attended public meeting in the evening, at which a very cordial welcome to the members of the Convention was given by Mrs. Evans. Mrs. Dr. T. G. Williams, of Montreal, replied, dwelling upon the hospitality and kindness with which the delegates had been received by the people of London.

Addresses were given by Rev. George Boyd, pastor of Queen's Avenue Church, and Mrs. Large, widow of the late Rev. T. A. Large, who recently lost his life in Japan. Mrs. Large gave a most interesting description of the manner in which the work is conducted in that important field, and the great measure of success which had attended their efforts. Woman's work in Japan is divided into school and evangelical. During six years 900 pupils had entered three schools, of whom 300 had been converted and 140 baptized. The others were not baptized, because of the parents' refusal. Children have never been baptized without the consent of their parents. Mrs. Large concluded her interesting address by an earnest appeal for the support of the mission work.

SECOND DAY.

The morning's session opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Dr. Williams. The report of the Committee on Literature and Publication was read by the Secretary, Mrs. McKay, of Toronto, and adopted. The growing importance of this department of missionary work was self-evident. The report went on to say that a sufficient amount of letter leaflets had been printed monthly to enable the Committee to place one in the hands of each member of an Auxiliary, and one for each Mission Band, a movement that had borne good fruit in arousing greater enthusiasm and zeal. The subject of prayer for each month had been stated on these leaflets, and the prayer card done away with. The monthly issue of letter leaflets averaged 8,300, excepting the months of July and August, when many Auxiliaries held no meetings. Seven thousand copies of "Our Work," four thousand copies of "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box," and five thousand copies each of the Corresponding Secretary's Report and "Ten Reasons Why I Should be a Member of the Woman's Missionary Society," had been supplied to Organizers and Auxiliaries. The report recommended that the payments for these be made from the general funds of the Society. It also suggested that all literature, etc., be sent from a central depository and a room secured for that purpose. In concluding, mention was made of kindnesses shown by the managers of the Methodist Book Room.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of Toronto, referring to the request of the Society for more space in the OUTLOOK, a request that cannot be complied with unless the paper is enlarged. The report of the Committee on Constitution, read by Mrs. Dr. Burns, of St. Thomas, recommended several changes, which were adopted. On motion of Mrs. Crosby, seconded by Mrs. McRossie, verses three, four and five of the first chapter of First Corinthians were selected as a greeting to the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, in convention at Brantford, and a telegram to that

effect was sent. The report of the Crosby Home, read by Mrs. E. S. Strachan, shows twenty-two inmates, three being taken this year. The receipts were larger than last year's. Communications in reference to the site for a new Home in British Columbia were read and laid over till to-morrow.

Mrs. Tate, of Chilliwack, B.C., read the report of the Coqualeetza Home and School there, which was of an exceedingly hopeful tone. The number of pupils went as high as thirty. The financial statement showed the receipts from the Missionary Society for the past year had been \$2,052.50, and from donations and other sources, \$267.07, making a total of \$2,319.57. The expenditure was \$2,318.23, leaving a balance of \$1.34. Mrs. Tate made a few interesting remarks on the mission work in British Columbia. There were 3,500 Indians there, only half of whom were brought under Christian influence. Since the Missionary Society had commenced operations there, two schools were established at Port Simpson and Chilliwack respectively. It often happens when they had taught the Indians to read and write, they would be met by men with infidel literature. Whiskey was also a terrible influence for evil. Another thing practised by the parents was pressing the heads of infants by a board, thus making them flat on top, whence they derived their name—"Flat Heads." But this treatment has been done away with where the missionaries were. It was hoped to establish more schools in the future. On the whole, the mission situation was promising.

Mrs. Large answered a few questions put relative to work and life in Japan.

The report on the French work was read by Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal. Forty-three pupils have attended the new Institute during the first year. The Institute has three teachers. The east and west end schools were thriving. Receipts for the year, \$3,851; expenditure, \$3,349; balance on hand, \$502.

THIRD DAY.

The reports left over from Wednesday were read by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Strachan, of Hamilton. The report of the McDougall Orphanage stated that an addition to the home is being built by the Government, which will be of a substantial character and will accommodate forty pupils. It will probably be available by the end of the year. The year's receipts were \$2,410.95, of which the Government had granted \$1,000 and the Woman's Missionary Society \$1,200, the remainder being the results of donations and the sale of farm stock and produce. The expenditures were \$1,887.61; net value of produce raised on the farm, \$478.50; present value of real estate connected with the home, \$3,753.49. A debit of \$1,565.36 remains. The number of pupils at the last annual report was twenty-four. During the year five were discharged and three had absconded, seven had died, leaving in residence at date, nine. The report from the Chinese Home in Victoria set forth the beneficent influence which the institution was gradually gaining over the Chinese residents. The number of inmates was ten; receipts for the year, \$1,525.75; disbursements, \$1,461.65. In regard to the Newfoundland Orphanage, a letter from the President of the Methodist College, St. John's, Newfoundland, was read, explaining the objects and working of the Orphanage and appealing for a regular grant. The institution, which began with three inmates, now shelters twenty orphans, and it is found difficult to pay expenses. The sum of \$14,000 had been bequeathed for the erection of a new building, which would be carried out in the near future. The financial statements of the above reports were referred to the Appropriation Committee. The session then adjourned for committee work.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Letters were read from Rev. C. Bryant, President of the British Columbia Conference, and others, in reference to a site for the Crosby School for Girls. These letters almost unanimously expressed a preference for Port Simpson, rather than Bella-Bella. It was decided, on motion of Mrs. Dr. Carman, to retain the institution at Port Simpson. Mrs. E. S. Strachan, moved that Rev. T. Crosby be requested to purchase a suitable site for the new home for girls, at as reasonable a price as possible, subject to the approval of the ladies of the Home, the property to be deeded to the Woman's Missionary Society. On motion, this proposition was laid over for further consideration.

An interesting letter was read from Miss J. Cartmell, giving an account of her visit to the schools of other denominations in the North-West. At this juncture, the Treasurer announced having just received from Rev. Mr. Tate, of the Chilliwack (B.C.) school, a letter enclosing a cheque for \$1,000 from the Government.

The report of the Supply Committee, by Mrs. Dr. Briggs, of Toronto, showed good work done in this direction.

The editor of the Woman's Missionary Society Department of the OUTLOOK, Mrs. Dr. Parker, presented her annual report, which spoke of the Christian influence of that paper, and the spirit of unity which it tended to promote, reaching the homes of members in every section of the country. Some 6,000 copies of this paper are circulated.

Mrs. Dr. Carman, of Belleville, took charge of the question-box. To the query whether a Branch Meeting had a right to take a memorial sent from an Auxiliary to the Board, the reply was "No." To the query, "Is it not desirable to have a way by which separate Auxiliaries may be represented in the General Board meeting?" it was recommended that, when an Auxiliary is formed outside the limits of Branches, they designate the Branch they wish to be connected with, and elect a delegate to represent them at the annual meeting of the Branch, and this delegate would be eligible for election to the Board. No action was taken on this recommendation.

In connection with the report of the Memorial Committee, Mrs. Dr. Carman moved as follows: "That while we recognize the benefits derived from a large delegation to the Annual Branch Meeting, we must acknowledge that as the Branches now are constituted such delegation is cumbersome and expensive; therefore, resolved, that the Western and Central Branches be territorially rearranged to correspond with the territorial limits of the Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Niagara, Guelph and London Annual Conferences."

It was voted to refer this matter to these Branches to decide.

It being six o'clock, the meeting adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

To expedite business, the Board met again in the evening at 7.30.

Mrs. Sutherland read the report of the Memorial Committee.

The Metropolitan Auxiliary asked that a column be provided in the Annual Report, in which would appear the names of and amounts given by special contributors for general or special purposes. This was entertained. The same Auxiliary asked that the time of holding the annual meeting be changed from September and October to April and May. This was not entertained.

A recommendation that, to lighten the work of Corresponding Secretaries, a Mission Band Corresponding Secretary be appointed in each Branch, was adopted.

Miss Wilkes, of Toronto, read the report of the Literature and Publication Committee. Among the changes suggested

it was thought the prayer-card should be more in the form of a study. A quarterly publication for Mission Bands was recommended, the Bands to be asked to contribute for that purpose. The issuing of a free leaflet for Mission Bands containing appropriate hints and other information was approved.

FOURTH DAY.

The Friday morning session opened with a full attendance of delegates. After singing and prayer, led by Mrs. Blackstock, Toronto, and the reading of the minutes, the Memorial Committee reported the following, which they did not entertain: "That all moneys sent by Auxiliaries to special objects under the control of the Society, such as the Supply Committee, Literature Fund, French Institute, furnishings, etc., be credited as income, and acknowledged and passed through the hands of the Branch Treasurers."

Miss Palmer's amendment on this question was carried as follows: "That the General Board make appropriation for all their work, and no special appeals be made to our Auxiliaries, but all our funds pass through Branch and Board Treasurers."

The report of the Appropriation Committee placed the estimates for the Tokyo school, Japan, at \$5,120; for Shizuoka, \$1,550; for Kofu, \$2,400. In connection with the latter, a recommendation was included that, owing to the uncomfortable situation of the school, an appropriation of a sufficient sum, \$1,500, be made to assist the Japanese in erecting a new building for the school; also that the Committee instruct the Japanese Board to put the building in the name of the Woman's Methodist Missionary Society. The Japanese had already \$1,200 in the bank for the purpose.

The total appropriation for French Work was placed at \$4,360, of which \$3,000 goes to the French Institute. The amount appropriated for the Chinese Home in Victoria, B.C., was \$1,280.

The letter from Rev. Dr. Potts, which was brought up at the General Board of Missions, was read, setting forth the desirability of a mission in Palestine and Syria for the employment of medical missionaries, and the establishment of one or more girls' schools.

On motion of Mrs. McKay, the matter was laid over for another year. It was then decided that as the General Missionary Society intend to send a missionary to China in the near future, this Society make preparation to send at the same time two lady missionaries, one of whom shall have a medical education.

In order to allow committees to meet and finish their reports, the session adjourned at 11.20 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session began at 1.30, and steady application alone accounted for the conclusion of the business of the Executive in such short time.

Mrs. Dr. Briggs, of Toronto, continued the reading of the Appropriation Committee report. For the Crosby Home, \$7,100 was appropriated, \$5,000 of which goes towards the new building. In connection with this, it was decided that an application be made to the Government for an amount towards building and furnishing the new Crosby Home, and that the plans, etc., be prepared at once, so as to be presented with the application.

The sum of \$1,200 was appropriated to the McDougall Orphanage. A resolution was included with this to the effect that, inasmuch as the Home was in a position to care for itself, the Committee felt they must withhold their grant after this year.

The sum of \$3,350 was appropriated for the Chilliwack Home, and \$300 for the Methodist Orphanage, Newfoundland.

The Committee appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a separate paper for the Society, reported adversely, considering that the time for taking such a step had not come. The Board concurred in this opinion.

Mrs. Cunningham moved—"If it be found necessary to enlarge our building at Chilliwack during the year, the Executive be authorized to appropriate a sum sufficient for the purpose."—Carried.

Mrs. Dr. Burns, of St. Thomas, announced that a cheque for \$650 had been received by the Treasurer from the Government, in pursuance of a petition previously drawn up by the Society asking for a sum of money for the maintenance of their pupils in the Home in British Columbia.

All the present officers were re-elected for the ensuing year (the balloting being almost unanimous) as follows: President, Mrs. James Gooderham, Toronto; First Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Carman, Belleville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Willmott, Toronto; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Hamilton; Treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh, Hamilton. Mrs. Dr. Parker, of Barrie; Mrs. Whiston, of Halifax, and Miss McGuffin, of Toronto, were re-elected as editors of departments in the *OUTLOOK*, *Wesleyan* and *Guardian* respectively.

The appointment of Standing Committees, Treasurers in various fields, and a Committee to prepare reports, was decided on.

The Committee on Courtesies reported the customary resolution of thanks, and one of sympathy to Mrs. Large.

Mrs. McRossie, of Kingston, was instructed to convey greetings to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Hereafter, the meetings will commence at the end of a week, thus allowing Sunday's rest in the middle of the session.

The matter of the next place of meeting was left in the hands of the Executive.

Prayer by the President concluded the annual session.

FRENCH METHODIST INSTITUTE.

OUR school opened October 1st, under very favorable auspices, a much larger number of pupils being present than at the same time last year. Twenty-four were with us for our opening exercises, and up to the present date fifty-five are enrolled, thirty boys and twenty-five girls. In spite of beginning our school-year at so late a date, many of our pupils have been unable to come to us as yet, their parents still requiring their help in farm-work.

We hope, by November, to have with us nearly the seventy pupils whose applications have been accepted by the committee. Of the fifty-five students now with us, thirty-five are of French origin, three are Indians, eight are from French districts, and three are being trained for the French Mission Work. Twelve of our number are Roman Catholics, who have been accepted with the understanding that they attend all our religious services, and be present at the daily classes for Bible study.

During Mr. Hall's visit to the French Mission Stations, he met with some very interesting and necessitous cases. One of these is a French family who have suffered severe persecution in consequence of their having left the Roman Catholic church. Two of their daughters, aged respectively fourteen and sixteen, have been received free, but with the expectation that some Mission Bands or Sunday Schools will feel it a privilege to relieve the Missionary Society of the expense of their maintenance.

During the short time that these girls have been with us, they have manifested an eager desire to profit, to the utmost, by the advantages placed within their reach, and will, we feel sure, give much satisfaction to those who may thus interest themselves in them.

Many other interesting cases might be cited did space permit, but we will refer only to a bright little Indian girl, a niece of Chief Joseph. The happy face, delight in her surroundings and love of study, have made her a most interesting pupil, and a general favorite.

During the difficulties of our first year's work, we were greatly helped by the prayers that ascended, in our behalf, from the many friends of French Mission Work; and we trust that similar intercessions will, this year, go up from many hearts, that abundant blessing may rest upon our labors for those who are committed to us for so short a time, and that, as was the case last year, many of them may be brought from darkness into light, and from the power of Satan unto God.

ISABEL G. MARTIN.

CÔTE ST. ANTOINE, Montreal, Oct. 30, 1890.

ABOUT MISSION BANDS.

MISSION BAND WORK.

By Request of Western Branch.

IN carrying on juvenile mission Bands, a difficulty meets one; and that is, many of these Bands do good work, but not paying the full 25 cents membership fee, cannot be counted as members in the returns. This seems a pity, and the question arises, Can it be avoided? We cannot, we think, make the fee lower; so the only way will be to devise some means by which it may be possible for them to give this amount. I only purpose giving one method, which has been successfully tried, and where practicable, if well worked, I think the result would be satisfactory. If the Sunday-school is large, the plan might be worked through the teachers. Let each teacher of the intermediate and junior classes have a talk with their class, and ask who of them would take a mite-box, and save their coppers to send the Gospel to the heathen boys and girls, asking each to try and gather at least 25 cents in theirs, and that if they do it will make them a member of the Band. It must be their own money, which they have earned or saved through self-denial.

These should have their own monthly meetings. To make them interesting, a missionary paper might be distributed, so that each family having a box might receive one. From these a programme might be prepared for the next meeting, using the lesson catechism on a country which is given each month, additional information being given by the leader. Recitations might also be given by them, and they be taught to sing missionary hymns. In this way they might spend an hour once a month which would be most interesting and instructive, and should be the means of awakening in them an earnest missionary spirit, and this interest might extend to the parents.

A fine missionary paper for children is published by our Church in the States; it is called the *Little Missionary*; the price is 25 cents a single copy, 10 copies for 75 cents, or 6 cents each for 20 copies and over sent to one address. They are to be had from Hunt & Eaton, 5th Avenue and 20th St., New York. Mite-boxes may be had from Miss M. Wilkes, 84 Gloucester Street, Toronto, free; postage required is 5 cents per dozen. A small mite-box is also being prepared that is sent folded flat, and by you folded into shape. These I use, as they open readily, and I have the returns made quarterly, and the amount marked on the box. In this way they know just how they are getting on. The postage for these is about 12 cents per hundred. I make these suggestions on this method as suggested, trusting they may be of use to some in their work.

E. CUNNINGHAM.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH MISSION BANDS.—NOTES.

MRS. JAMES OWREY, of London, Ontario, has kindly offered to donate a banner similar to the one given by her to the Western Branch, for competition among the Bands of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch. It will be awarded annually to the Band having the largest number of paid members in proportion to the membership of the church with which it is connected. In presenting the banner, Mrs. Owrey has given evidence of the interest she still has in the missionary work of her native Province; this fact alone should undoubtedly be a stimulus to increased effort among the young workers.

JESSIE CHIPMAN, *Cor. Sec.*

TO NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BANDS.

DEAR BAND WORKERS,—As our hearts are open to the influences of this joyous Christmas-tide, and our thoughts clustering around the Holy Child Jesus, I have chosen this season to send a few words of greeting to you, asking that amid the restlessness and activity of preparing gifts for those about us, we do not lose sight of God's great gift to the world, and as He has called us to be co-workers with Him, we desire in the coming months to so arrange our methods of work as shall result most beneficially, and cultivate in every department that true service which is acceptable to Him, and to do our utmost to further the cause of Christian missions. It is true that experience is a good teacher, and as one year in this office has shown me many mistakes made, many opportunities lost, I desire that unitedly we stand and take a glance at the vast field of usefulness open to us. The question arises, How best can I extend the interests of the Society to which I belong? A few suggestions present themselves. Be regular in attendance at the Band meetings, show your interest by your presence, and when there remember you are part and parcel of the organization, and are expected to do your share in those meetings. Those leading in any Society know the discouragement that lukewarmness among the members gives. Hold up the hands of your office-bearers, suggest methods for carrying on the work—such suggestions will be gladly received; be prompt in the payment of dues; brighten the memory of some member likely to forget the day of meeting, and, when seeking to enlist others in this work, let your own enthusiasm be felt; do not consider your part is done when you have simply invited them to join the Band, but follow up the asking by taking them, if possible, with you, to see for themselves what is being accomplished. Have a Look-Out Committee, to hunt up delinquent members. Not until each one feels her personal responsibility can we expect this cause to prosper as it might, and as it should.

Short, bright papers, written by different ones, on some line of the work are always helpful, and make a meeting interesting, besides necessitating those preparing them to search for information on the subject. The more systematic we are in our work, the more easily the wheels will run, and as it is impossible to obtain correct returns if our year does not end with that of the Auxiliary, I ask that all Bands close their year in September. If officers must be elected this coming January, hold another election in September, and thus be uniform in this matter.

Just a word in regard to raising funds. Be careful in resorting to methods. If we give in the true spirit, there must be some denying of self, and this can be cultivated so that our offerings and our influence will not lack power in helping to bring the world to Christ. Do not forget that *prayer* is the strongest weapon we can use. A meet-

ing where several voices, as well as hearts, are lifted in sincerity and faith cannot be a failure, and until we can make our united petitioning to the Lord of the harvest, He will not "open the windows of Heaven and pour us out a blessing." See to it that these winter frosts do not chill our zeal in this service to our King, but as we have the opportunity let us be faithful in using it, gratefully bearing witness to the response our hearts have given to the Gospel message.

Dear workers, what is it that shall give to us strong hands, stout hearts, willing feet, ability to work for the Master, loving obedience to our King, but the constraining love of Christ? This should be the motive power in our service; without it we cannot do energetic, aggressive work, and expect a blessing on the cause we are seeking to build up. May this "Peace on earth, good-will to men," mean more to us this year than ever, and in the words of Frances Ridley Havergal, I will say,

"Another year for Jesus!
How can I wish for you
A greater joy or blessing,
Oh, fellow-worker, true?
Eternity with Jesus
Is long enough for rest;
Thank God that we are spared to work
For Him whom we love best."

FROM THE AUXILIARIES.

IN MEMORIAM.

GAGETOWN, N.B.—I regret to announce to our missionary friends the death of one of our number, Miss Mabel Corey, who died August 26th. She was an only daughter, and leaves devoted parents to mourn, though not without hope of her resurrection unto life.

In her the Gagetown Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society lose a cheerful and willing worker, and, while we sympathize with her bereaved parents, we rejoice that we can look beyond and count our loss her eternal gain.

L. SIMPSON, *Cor. Sec.*

CHANTRY AND HARLEM.—In renewing our work for the past year, we have reason for thankfulness, inasmuch as we can report an increase in both members and means. Yet how much more we might have done the Master alone knows. Do we, as Christian women, ever realize that we are held responsible for the work we might have done?

We have held one public meeting, and it proved a success in every particular, being the first attempt of the kind we have ever undertaken. The programme was enlivened by Mrs. Rilance (our pastor's wife) reading a paper on Foreign Mission Work, which was well received. The receipts of the evening, taken at the door by two of our young ladies, as a voluntary collection, amounted to \$14. Early last year our Auxiliary sent a box of household furnishings to the new French Institute, Montreal, valued at \$40, and could I give a list of the various articles contained in that box it would be amusing. Sufficient to add, there was almost everything from a potato-pounder to bedding. Then our friend, Mrs. Dr. Bolton (who, in company with her husband, went from this section to work among the Indians in British Columbia) wrote, asking our ladies to clothe a little Indian girl in the Crosby Girls Home, Port Simpson. We responded at once, and a box of clothing was sent to her, and we all feel especially interested in our little Indian girl. Total amount raised during the year, \$41.69. We have eight subscribers to the OUTLOOK.

RELEFE GALLAGHER, *Cor. Sec.*

OTTAWA EAST held its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 16th. There was a good attendance. The Secretary's

report showed a membership of thirty-three, with an average attendance of ten. The Treasurer reported having sent during the year just closed \$37 to Branch Treasurer. While we feel that the interest has been well-sustained, yet we hope for better things in the near future. We had the great pleasure of a visit from Mrs. James Gooderham, of Toronto, who congratulated us on what has been accomplished by this Auxiliary, and encouraged us to press on with renewed energy and zeal.

Quarterly meetings have been recommended, and we held our first on Wednesday evening, October 15th. The Sunday-school hall was well filled. We were favored with an address by Miss Wright, also by hearing the report from Branch meeting. Miss Hurdman gave us a solo, and last, but not least, our President explained why the Woman's Missionary Society was organized, reviewed the work done, and gave some of the results. A collection taken amounted to \$4.86.

Officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. W. A. Lloyd; Vice-President, Mrs. J. T. Pennock; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Thos. Langrell; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. John Burns; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. P. Bradley; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. R. Whiteside; Treasurer, Mrs. T. W. Kenny. L. A. WHITESIDE, *Cor. Sec.*

WINSLOE, P.E.I.—The second Annual Meeting of this Auxiliary was held in Winsloe Church, on Wednesday, October 29th. The chair was taken by the President, Mrs. W. J. Kirby. The meeting opened by singing the doxology, and prayer by the Rev. G. W. Fisher, of Pownall. A Bible-reading by Mrs. G. Reardon, report of Treasurer, and singing at intervals, followed. Mrs. W. J. Kirby addressed the audience, giving an account of the Woman's Missionary Convention held in Charlottetown, which was very interesting, and urged women to their duty.

A dialogue was given by five little girls, also a dialogue by five young ladies; a very interesting speech by the Rev. G. W. Fisher, a brief address by the Rev. W. J. Kirby, and the meeting closed by singing the doxology. Collection, \$6.

LILLA BRYENTON, *Cor. Sec.*

ROCKWOOD.—At the beginning of another year, it is with gratitude to the Giver of every blessing we record the growing interest of our Auxiliary in funds and membership. Our monthly meetings have been the means, in the hand of Him for whom we work, of rich blessings, and the awakening of some to more earnest life for the cause of the Master. At the last meeting of the year we gave a plain tea at the home of our President, Mrs. S. Harris, and placed an "offering-box" in the hall for a free-will offering unto the Lord. After a pleasant and profitable time our meeting closed, and the box contained \$6. We had a very successful public meeting at the close of the year. Rev. W. H. Harvey, of Guelph, gave a stirring and earnest address on the missionary work. We obtained several new members. At the beginning of the year we have much to encourage us, knowing it is "not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord."

MRS. GEO. CLARKSON, *Cor. Sec.*

WINCHESTER.—We are very thankful to note a growing interest in our Society. Since the annual Branch Meeting, which was held in Morrisburg, the ladies who attended were stimulated to greater energy, and, as a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump, each one's spirit seems to have caught the fire. We now have seven new members. We hold our meetings the second Wednesday in every month. Acting upon the suggestion of our pastor, Rev. Mr. Brown, each one in turn invites the Auxiliary to meet at her home, at the hour of 4.30; from that until 5.30 we transact our

business, after which our hostess provides lunch, for which we pay a fee of ten cents. Having members out in the country, we drove out there and held our October meeting. We made \$1.30, and enjoyed ourselves spiritually as well as socially. Our November meeting was held at the parsonage, number present 20. After business was over we had lunch. We have passed a resolution to have just bread and butter and one kind of cake or fruit, as we may feel disposed. We made \$2.89. A committee of three was appointed to make arrangements for a quarterly entertainment, to be held some time in December. The young ladies' Mission Band are doing a splendid work in this place. They gave an entertainment on the evening of the 6th of November, and realized \$25 as a thank-offering. How delightful to be able to do something for One who has done so much for us. To be co-workers with Him, the Lord of lords and King of kings, what a privilege!

MRS. WILLIAM SUFFEL, *Cor. Sec.*

FREELTON.—About March last Miss Cartmell organized this Auxiliary at Freelton, central appointment on the Mountsberg Circuit, Niagara Conference, receiving about twenty-four names, two of which are of children under three years. Our average attendance is about twelve or fourteen. Although some of the original membership withdraw occasionally, names or attendance, we still receive a new member every month. Our membership is drawn from the three appointments. Owing to convenience of meeting, we have always met at Freelton Church, until this month, when, with a view to extending the interest, we met at Brock Road Church, and next month hope (D.V.) to meet at Mountsberg. The meetings are interesting and profitable. Our President is very earnest and devoted in the work, this being, under our Heavenly Father, one means of our interest and success. Eleven copies of *OUTLOOK*, and nine reports ordered. Take up publication collection. Use mite-boxes and circulate monthly letters. Giving up? No!

M. C., *Cor. Sec.*

FRANKFORD.—A very interesting meeting was held in the Methodist Church, Frankford, on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, November 6th, in connection with the Woman's Missionary Society. The programme consisted of readings, recitations, music, and a very excellent address by the District Organizer, Mrs. L. Massey, Wallbridge; also the singing of "Keep in the middle of the King's highway," by Revs. Messrs. Taylor and Adams, was very much appreciated. Collection amounted to \$13. And with an addition of eight new members, we thank our Heavenly Father for past success, and take fresh courage, hoping by greater zeal on the part of all to accomplish more during the coming year.

MRS. J. H. WARD, *Pres.*

HOLMESVILLE.—We have twenty members, hold our meetings monthly, and have an average attendance of ten. This year our officers are all young women, and we expect great things from them. We sent to the Branch Treasurer last year \$46, not as much as formerly, but we are going to try for more this year. Last Christmas we sent a parcel of bedding to the Montreal Institute; this year we intend sending a larger one. Our meetings are not only interesting, but instructive, for we gather a good deal of missionary news. Indeed our time is often too short to get it all in. Besides this, we find that in reading, thinking, and planning for the spread of Christ's kingdom on the earth, He waters our own souls and makes it a means of grace. We have another Auxiliary at our Ebenezer Appointment, organized last April. They have eleven members, and have sent \$32 to the Treasurer. They are now making comforters, sheets, pillow-cases, and towels for the Mont-

real Institute. Evidently their hearts are in the work. May the Lord multiply the number.

M. ELFORD.

WOODSTOCK.—This is our first report to the *OUTLOOK*, and while it is not all that we would wish it to be, we are feeling encouraged and hopeful for the coming year. It is now two years since our Auxiliary was organized. Our regular monthly meetings are fairly well attended, and the interest continues unabated. Our membership is thirty-three, including life-members. We have lost some by death and removals. A very pleasant reception was given by this Auxiliary on the evening of June 4th. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. (Rev.) McLaurin, returned Baptist missionary from India; also by Mr. E. Odum, late of Japan. During the evening several solos were sung, and refreshments were served during intermission. A collection was taken at the door, amounting to \$9.35. The Rev. C. T. Cocking gave us a lecture on the "Modes and Customs of the Japanese," illustrated by beautiful lime-light views. The lecture was very interesting; the collection amounted to \$35. We have held three public meetings; also our monthly prayer-meetings are held regularly. Growth and rich fruitage are expected in the future, not only because the members are aglow with true missionary fire, but also because of the monthly visits of our excellent *OUTLOOK* and Leaflets, whose crowded pages of missionary intelligence cannot fail to add fuel to the flame. Amount sent to Branch Treasurer for last year, \$52.73.

MRS. W. S. HURST, *Cor. Sec.*

REPORTS FROM BANDS AND CIRCLES.

MISSION BAND.—The Boys' Mission Band (place not given) was organized on March 17th, 1889, with a membership of fifty-eight. The name chosen was the "Mission Cadets." During the first seven months we earned and paid to the Crosby Home, at Port Simpson, \$40, for the support of little "Johnnie," an orphan Indian boy. As it was now September, we decided to commence our missionary year at the same time as the other missionary organizations. During the year just ended we raised \$50, and sent it to the support of little "Johnnie" in the Home. We now enter upon a new year, gathering hope and inspiration from the past. Our meetings have always been pleasant and cheerful, and the greatest interest is taken by the boys in all our endeavors to carry on the good work, the chief feature being the willingness and the readiness with which the boys contribute to the Society. We have already enrolled forty-two paying members, and have held only one meeting this year. The officers for the present year were elected on September 19th, 1890, as follows: Mrs. Barfoot, President; Miss Howell, 1st Vice-President; Edwin White, Secretary; Ollie White, Treasurer; D. W. Flint, Corresponding Secretary. We hope that in the future we will be able to send some missionaries from our own Band, and that success may still continue with all the societies which are endeavoring to spread the Gospel to the ignorant and the poor.

EDWIN B. WHITE, *Cor. Sec.*

ST. JAMES' MISSION CIRCLE, MONTREAL.—At the last meeting of this Circle the yearly report was presented, which showed that the Giver of all Good has crowned the labors of the members with great success. The membership numbered sixty-one, of which forty-three were active and eighteen honorary members. At the monthly meetings, ten in number, the programme has been of a strictly missionary character, consisting of readings, discussion of business, and the perusal of letters received from the different mission fields, in which much has been found to excite our sym-

pathy. But our interest is not centred in distant lands alone, for during the past year the French Institute at Côte St. Antoine has been opened, which we hope will prove a bulwark against the Catholicism of this Province; and early in the winter a sewing-class was commenced in the mission school on St. Elizabeth Street, some of the members of our Circle acting as teachers. In order to increase the funds a "Red, White and Blue Social" was held in May, the proceeds of which were \$140.91. Our mite-boxes, distributed among the members, was found to be another very fruitful source of income, the sums from these amounting to \$72.36. Then the members' fees amounted to \$28.50, and from other sources we received \$38.18, the receipts of the year amounting in all, to \$279.95, out of which \$2.30 expenses were paid, leaving a balance of \$277.65. We have to thank God that He has spared all the members during the past year. In return for all His mercies, let us then go forth in our Redeemer's name, endeavoring to do all in our power to advance His cause, encouraged by the many promises we receive from His Holy Word.

A. L. DAWSON, *Cor. Sec.*

Our Young Folk.

A BIBLE RHYME.

FOUR evangelists tell of the birth
 And life and death of Christ on earth;
 In the Acts we may find, if we carefully search,
 How the earnest apostles founded His church;
 And then to each church, for its ordering the better,
 They wrote by the Spirit a wonderful letter.
 The first of fourteen by the holy St. Paul,
 Was written to Romans, but meant for us all;
 Corinthians first and Corinthians second,
 As they stand in the Testament next may be reckoned:
 With wholesome reproof and wise exhortations,
 St. Paul writes again to the foolish Galatians;
 To the Ephesians who sorrowed to part;
 Lovely Philippians dear to his heart;
 Urging Colossians to rise with the Lord;
 Twice Thessalonians welcomed his word;
 Two to Timothy, gracious and meet,
 One to Titus, the bishop of Crete;
 To Philemon, friend, and the Hebrews who saw
 As he taught them how Christ had fulfilled the law.
 James exhorts as to holy deeds;
 Twice St. Peter the whole flock feeds;
 Twice the loving St. John; then Jude
 Tells of the angels who fell or withstood:
 Then the whole canon of inspiration
 Ends with the glorious Revelation.

—*Missionary Visitor.*

ST. ANTONIA AND THE PIGS.

"WELL, I'm just discouraged," said Farmer Ramos to his wife, as he sat sipping his coffee after dinner; "the pigs were in the corn-field again last night, and if I cannot find some way of keeping them out, there'll be no corn left to gather."

Farmer Ramos and his wife lived in one of the interior provinces of Brazil, on the edge of the virgin forest, from which they had cleared some fields for their yearly planting of beans, rice and corn. Their house was a mud hut with thatched roof and earthen floors, and as we look in upon them now, we find them seated, each on a low bench, by their kitchen stove of beaten clay.

"Pigs in the corn-field!" exclaimed his wife. "Why don't you put St. Antonio out in the field to-night, to guard it?"

"I did put some pennies under his image the other day, but he paid no heed, and I don't believe it will do any more good to take him out to the field, but one might try and see. He might do what we want him to for the sake of getting back into the house again."

"Now, husband, how can you speak so doubtingly of St. Antonio, when you know what wonderful things he has done?"

"Well, Lucia, if one is good, more ought to be better, and I'll take the oratory with all of them out to the corn-field right away."

The next morning, bright and early, the farmer and his wife went out to the field to see how the saints had kept their charge, and great was the man's disgust and the woman's disappointment, to find the oratory lying upside down, and the saints scattered about on the ground; St. Antonio with a broken arm, St. John with a cracked head, St. Joseph without feet, and the Virgin with her tarletan and tinsel robes all torn and besmeared with dirt, while the irreverent pigs were feasting to their heart's content.

"I'll hang the whole of them on this tree and leave them here to-night to see if they will do any better," said Sr. Ramos, indignantly.

"Well, you shall not have the Blessed Virgin here any longer. It is not woman's work, anyhow, to be watching pigs," said the wife, as she gathered up the torn bits of finery, "and you had better bring in the oratory, for we cannot afford to buy another if this gets broken," she added, as she turned back to the house, musing over the failure of her household gods.

"I told husband about what great things St. Antonio can do, but I didn't remind him of the stories I know when he proved of no use at all. He is near enough now to being a heretic without that. If the truth were told, even our Blessed Lady cannot be always trusted. When Alfredo Pinto vowed to her and St. Joseph, that he would name all the sons that were born to him Joseph, and all the daughters Mary, if only his wife could be cured, it did no good, and the woman died. And there is Cousin Maricota, who says that she has never prayed to the Virgin since she took her out to the field, so that the fire, when they were burning off the woods for planting, should not pass a certain point, and instead of stopping the fire, the Virgin nearly let her get burned, not even helping her to make her way through the thick undergrowth of the forest. I wouldn't confess it to husband, but I wonder sometimes if Maricota isn't right after all, in listening to what those Protestants say about not trusting to the saints."

While the wife was thinking these thoughts to herself, as she picked over the beans and hulled the rice

for breakfast, her husband was chasing the unruly pigs, muttering all kinds of threats at them and the saints. Through the day the pigs got little of his corn, for he proved a better guard than the images, and at night these were left hanging from the tree with the hope that the discomfort of their position would bring them to do what was desired of them.

The next morning Mother Lucia took good care to be busy when her husband went out to the field, and when at breakfast she asked if the pigs got into the corn again, it was not in a very hopeful tone of voice.

"Yes," said the angry husband, "and I'll only give those saints one more trial, and then, if they fail, I'll throw the whole crowd away. I've buried them all under a heavy log to-day, and pounded it down well. Now, if that doesn't bring them to terms, nothing will."

"Pedro, you should not talk in that irreverent way about the saints," mildly reproved the wife, betraying, however, in her tone, her own failing faith.

On the following morning Pedro Ramos once more went out to his field, only to find the pigs grunting their satisfaction over the broken-down stalks of corn, while the saints still quietly reposed in their underground prison. Out of all patience with the continued loss, he hastily dug up the images, and throwing them one by one to the ground, broke them to fragments. He then gathered up a few of the pieces, and carrying them to his wife, said: "You need not expect me to keep my faith in such things as these. If all the saints put together cannot manage a few pigs, I'll not trust my soul to their keeping."

"I am afraid that you are right," agreed the wife, "and for my part, I begin to think that I would like to know more about what those Protestants teach. Cousin Maricota says that they always speak of Jesus Christ as if He were a friend always ready to help and to save, and if that is so, we do not need the saints."

"Well," sighed the farmer, "I don't see any remedy now but to mend the fence, and I wish that I had done so at first and saved my corn, instead of looking to those clay images for help."—*Children's Work.*

A MOVEMENT is on foot among the native professors of the University of Japan, at Tokyo, and others, to found at Tokyo an institute and college for women to receive about twelve house boarders and one hundred day-pupils. Many of these gentlemen have been in England, and some have studied there, and have carefully observed English life and habits of thought. Their observations have led them to propose that their ladies' college in the "England of the East" should be under the control of four English ladies, who should be perfectly free—and, indeed, welcome—to convert their pupils to the Christian faith. They openly say that Buddhism is powerless to raise a nation.

MR. JOSEPH COOK says if Christians would give one dollar to the heathen as often as they spend five dollars for their own churches, we could send one preacher to every 50,000 people on earth; and then in less than fifty years everybody in the world would hear the good news that Jesus Christ came to save sinners.

Along the Line.

THE INDIAN WORK.

THE NAAS RIVER, B.C.

SOME time ago the Exmouth Street Sunday-school, of St. John, N.B., sent a handsome copy of Henry's Bible to the church at Greenville, on the Naas River. The people were all from home at the time, and an acknowledgment could not be sent, but they were very grateful for the gift, and now request us, through their missionary, the Rev. D. Jennings, to publish the following letter:—

NAAS RIVER, B.C., *Sept. 25th. 1890.*

To the Exmouth St. Sunday School, St. John, N.B.

DEAR FRIENDS,—Through the columns of the OUTLOOK we wish to express our gratitude to you for the beautiful copy of Henry's Bible you have sent for the use of our mission. When it reached us only a few of our people were at home. The Bible, coming when it did, greatly cheered our hearts and lifted us up, for we were much cast down because our missionary was leaving us for another field of labor. His leaving was a sore trial to us, but your Bible came just then and cheered our hearts. The missionary will go, but the Bible will remain; we heartily thank God it came then. We hope this Book will be a great blessing to us and to our children. We have already learned much of God's Word. As this Bible is so beautifully illustrated, and contains so many excellent comments on the Sacred Word, we know it will be a great help to us. If your school could see for themselves the great change that has come over us since the light of the Gospel first dawned upon us, they would not grow weary in trying to spread the truth. We have now a new and beautiful church in which to worship God, for which we have to thank the Christian friends of Canada for their large contribution towards its construction. We have now two large handsome Bibles, one for our new church, and the one just received from you to be used in our weekly study of God's Word. We shall not forget the kindly spirit that prompted your school to send this grand old Bible to the Naas Mission, and we shall pray that our Father's blessing may rest upon you.

We remain, dear friends,

Yours in Jesus Christ,

GEORGE PALMER.
JAMES WESLEY.
JONATHAN MERCER.
ROBERT McMILLAN.

LETTER FROM A VETERAN MISSIONARY.

THE account in a recent number of the OUTLOOK, of the death of a faithful Christian of the Cree nation, Paul Caian by name, has stirred potent memories in the heart of the veteran missionary, Rev. Thos.

Woolsey, who, although living in retirement, maintains a vital interest in the work and the people he loved so well. Under date of November 4th, he writes as follows:—

DEAR BRO.—If you can spare a copy of this month's MISSIONARY OUTLOOK, you will oblige by forwarding one to the Rev. Robert Terrill Rundle, Warwick House, Dunstall Road, Wolverhampton, England, as I am sure he will be particularly interested in the account furnished relative to that well-known Christian Indian, PAUL CAIAN, whose mysterious removal from the church militant to the church triumphant has greatly affected my own mind, as the deceased was highly esteemed by me, and was, more or less, associated with my nine years' labors in that remote field of toil and self-sacrifice, where Bro. Rundle and myself literally entered into the import of the words:

“Why should we seek a hallow'd spot?
An altar is in each man's cot.
A church in every grove that spreads
Its loving roof above our heads.”

My successor, in writing to me, oft referred to the one who has recently passed away. In a letter received from the late Rev. Geo. McDougall he says:—“By a party passing for Red River, I shall once more try to reach an old friend. I have just returned from the plains, where the good work is progressing. Mas-ka-pe-toon, Paul, George Ke-che-as and Thomas Woolsey* are the principal agents. I received a number of Indians on trial. Many were the questions asked about Bro. Woolsey. Fortunately I had received a copy of the *Christian Guardian*, which intimated that you were returning to us, with hymn-books, etc. He then, after briefly dwelling upon the anticipated return, said, “When shall we see you again, brother? I shall look for you this summer. May the God of missions direct His servant.” More I might bring before you, but I forbear. The reference to my dear friend, *Paul*, as set forth in the account given by Bro. Glass, in the OUTLOOK, has led me to review the past.

* This was one of our adult Cree Indians, to whom I had in baptism given my own name.

Facts and Illustrations.

THERE are 500 African tongues into which the Bible has yet to be translated.

Two hundred young native women are studying medicine in the medical schools of India.

WHERE charity is not the dominant grace, faith is not the inspiring principle.—*Hannah More*.

THE King of Siam has donated to the Baptist Mission at Bankok \$240,000 for a hospital and school.

20,000,000 pages, of which 18,045,000 were pages of Scripture, were printed in the mission press at Beirut, Syria, during 1888.

THE receipts of the American Board, for the year ending September 1st, are \$617,723. This amount is \$59,025 in excess of last year. Of this increase \$22,876 is from donations, the balance is from legacies.

ALTHOUGH the Roman Catholic Church has had its missions in China for over 300 years, it has never given the Bible to the Chinese people.

REV. FRANKLIN KEYS, the evangelist, who died recently, left an estate of about \$50,000, a large part of which goes to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for foreign mission purposes.

ALTHOUGH it has been steadily decreasing for the past seven years, the drink bill of New Zealand still amounts to £3 0s. 4d. per head, the total amount being £1,996,286, or nearly as much as is spent by the whole of Christendom on foreign missions!

IT has been stated that Rome is one of the most heathen cities in the world, and will have to be won back to Christ in exactly the same way as it was by the early Christians. The average attendance in all the churches in Rome is said to be only forty each.

WHAT MISSIONS HAVE DONE.—This is how a native Hindu paper summarizes the work of Carey, Marshman and Ward, at Serampore: “They created a prose vernacular literature for Bengal; they established the modern method of popular education; they gave the first great impulse to the native press; they set up the first steam-engine in India; in ten years they translated and printed the Bible, or parts thereof, in thirty-one languages.”

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