

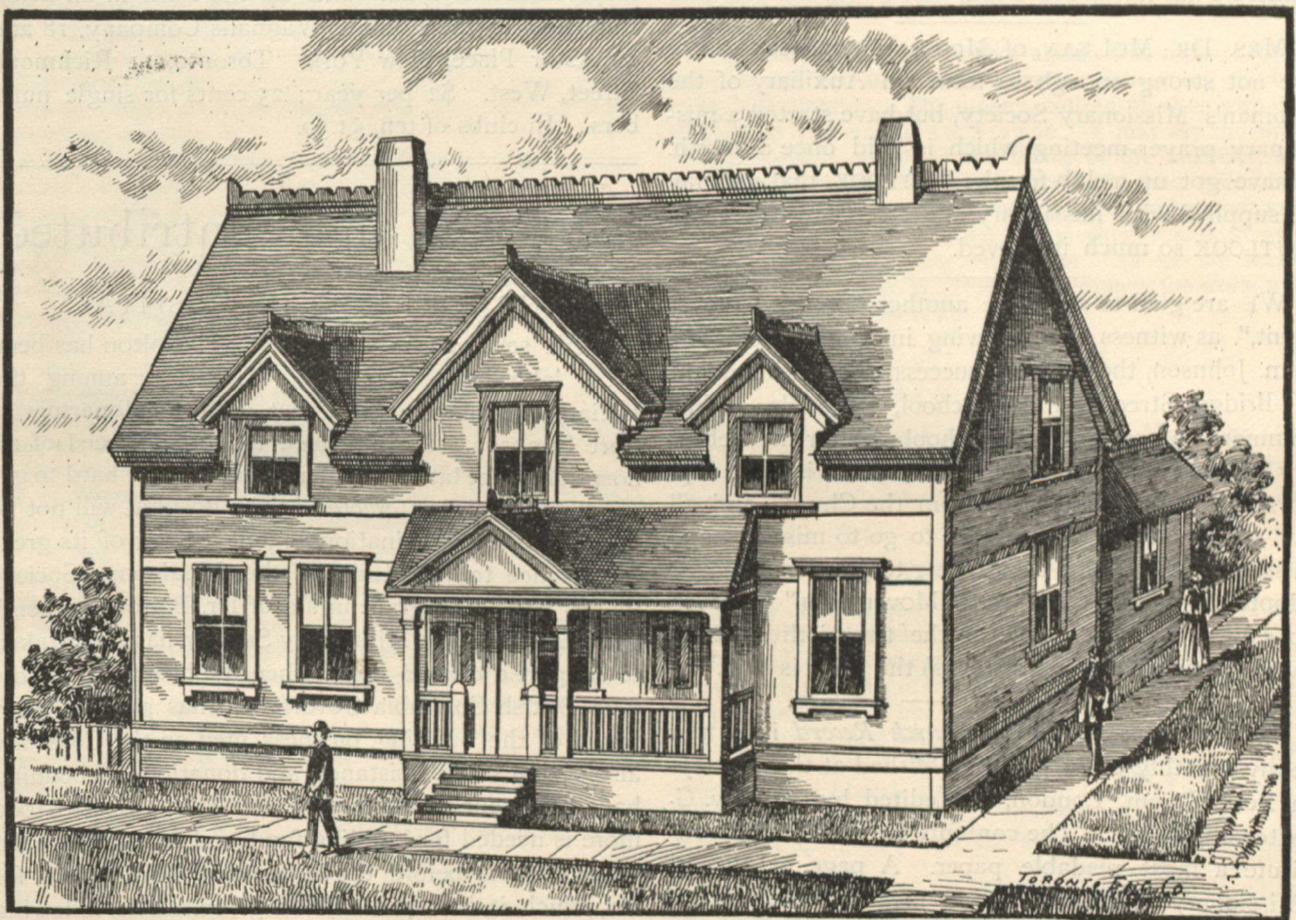
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PROPOSED PUBLIC HOSPITAL, PORT SIMPSON, B.C.

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Field Notes.

THE Department of Public Works, (Ottawa) has advertised for tenders for the erection of the new Indian Institute buildings, at Brandon, Man. This will be good news to the Church and to all who are interested in the uplifting of the Indian tribes. We trust the work will be rapidly pushed forward.

WE have received a number of interesting letters from different parts of the mission field, but cannot make room for them in this number. Also several well written papers on missionary topics, which will appear in due course. Correspondents will please exercise a little patience.

MRS. MAGGIE BATTY, teacher of the Indian School at Saddle Lake, Alta., writes as follows:—"There are

no Communion vessels at Saddle Lake. Perhaps some of your benevolent friends who have money to spare would send us a set. We were glad to receive some Christmas cards from Miss May A. Hannon, Guelph, Ont., donated by the Mission Circle. The Indian children are delighted with the bright pictures, and it encourages them to come regularly to school.

A BLESSED work of grace has been in progress for some time among the Indians of Walpole Island. A great many have been savingly converted, of all ages, from the child of six years up to advanced manhood, and harmony prevails through the entire work. Bro. Elias writes that a richer outpouring of the Holy Spirit he has never witnessed.

MRS. DR. MCLEAN, of Moose Jaw, writes:—"We are not strong enough to form an Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society, but have started a missionary prayer-meeting, which is held once a month. I have got up a club for the OUTLOOK, that we may be supplied with missionary matter. Glad to see the OUTLOOK so much improved."

WE are glad to chronicle another "forward movement," as witness the following in a letter from Mr. Wm. Johnson, the able and successful Superintendent of Bridge Street Sunday School, Belleville:—"We commence a new era in our school. After the February Quarterly Official Meeting, the school is to be supported by an appropriation from the Church, and all our collections on Sunday are to go to missions and missionaries. I have been trying to get this principle adopted for years. "Forward Movements," however, go slow, even on the eve of the twentieth century. But to patient faith (with works) the prize is sure."

The Wesleyan Methodist Church Record is a new penny monthly of 32 pages, published at the Wesleyan Book Room, London, and edited by the Rev. G. Patterson, Bristol. The contents are varied, and constitute a most readable paper. A page or two of "Missionary Notes" is by no means the least interesting feature of the *Record*. We wish it a long and successful career.

The African News, organ of Bishop Wm. Taylor's work in Africa, is a large quarto of 16 pages, published at 210 Eighth Avenue, New York, and full of interesting information respecting mission work in the Dark Continent. It is under the joint editorship of Bishop Taylor (better known in this country as "California Taylor,") and his son, Rev. Ross Taylor, the latter of whom resides in New York, and attends to the publication department, besides being Treasurer of the Africa Fund. The *News* is published at \$1.00

a year, to ministers half price, and those who desire to keep abreast of movements in Africa, cannot do better than subscribe for a copy.

The Missionary Review of the World for April opens with a fitting tribute to Charles Haddon Spurgeon, by the Editor-in-chief, Dr. A. T. Pierson, who had been supplying Mr. Spurgeon's pulpit during his illness. Rev. James Johnston, of London, England, reviews "A Generation of Christian Progress in India," picturing graphically the advancement made in the last forty years in that country. Other articles of timely interest fill the department of Literature of Missions. The "General Missionary Intelligence" Department as usual sums up the work in all fields. Published by the Funk & Wagnalls Company, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. Toronto, 11 Richmond Street, West. \$2 per year; 25 cents for single numbers. In clubs of ten, \$1.50.

Editorial and Contributed.

THE PORT SIMPSON HOSPITAL.

FOR several years past Dr. A. E. Bolton has been laboring as a medical Missionary among the Indians on the Pacific Coast, with headquarters at Port Simpson. He has seen the urgent need of an hospital at the latter point, and has striven hard to get a suitable building erected. The hospital will not be in any sense denominational; but in view of its great importance to the Indians, the Missionary Society makes an annual grant in aid of Dr. Bolton's stipend, and the Woman's Missionary Society has undertaken to support a trained nurse when the hospital is ready. The British Columbia Government has granted \$500 in aid of the building, business men on the Coast are also giving some assistance, and donations of bedding have been sent by many persons. Still, at least \$1000 more is needed for building fund and furnishing. An application is before the Dominion Government for aid, which it is hoped will be given. The following letter from Dr. Bolton gives further information:—

PORT SIMPSON, B. C., February 3rd, 1892.

DEAR DR. SUTHERLAND,—I enclose drawings of our proposed hospital. They were prepared by Mr. T. Hooper, of Victoria, from sketches that I sent him. They have been shown to the Provincial Government, which expressed approval, and handed over the five hundred dollars granted last session of Parliament, toward building expenses. We have lumber and other material in hand, but have not commenced building yet, as the arrangements are not completed about the site.

In this scheme I have asked the co-operation, not only of the missionaries in the district, but also of most of the business men, and nearly all have taken an interest and aided substantially in getting it on a good footing. We have

thought it best to make the hospital in every sense a public one, and hope for continued assistance from both Local and Federal Governments. The W. M. S. is pledged to the support of a trained nurse, and we hope to have one installed by May, when we expect to open at Port Essington, as last year, for the salmon season. From various parts of the country have come donations of bedding, etc., so that in that line we are pretty well supplied.

But we yet need about five hundred dollars to complete the building, and as much more to furnish it, besides some of the running expenses which are not assured. We are looking to friends of missions to make up these sums, and I trust there are some who have not yet helped who will see their way clear to do so at this crisis. I am sure the cause is a worthy one. No call from across the sea is loud enough to drown the cry of those of our own land who need healing for body and soul. The Indian may be numerically vanishing, physically degenerated, and morally non-aspiring—he is still our neighbor scripturally and geographically, and as such shall we give him a few crumbs from our table? Nay, the good Samaritan's way, the Saviour's way, is to make real self-denying sacrifice for his good. Who will give us five hundred dollars to finish the building and have the privilege of naming it?

It is reported that la grippe is prevalent among the tribes scattered along the west coast, and about the north end of Vancouver Island, and that in some parts they are dying by scores without any missionary to alleviate their suffering, or brighten their dying hours. It is painful not to be able to extend aid to them. La grippe has not visited us up north this winter, but we have had an unusually severe epidemic of whooping cough, which in the Indian children has been accompanied in many cases by capillary bronchitis, which often proves fatal in weakened constitutions, and in subjects of inherited disease. Fifteen of these cases were fatal, including two in the *Girls' Home*.

My total attendances in 1891 amounted to 7960, the number of different cases was 2905. About one-half of these were residents of Port Simpson, the others having their homes all the way from Alaska in the north to Bella Bella in the south, and from the Q. C. Islands in the west to as far east as Babine Lake. We never lack here for opportunity to do good, there are so many suffering ones to relieve, ignorant to instruct, heathen to enlighten, young to teach and warn against temptations, and tremendous evil influences to oppose and repress. All in the field need the prayers and sympathy of those at home. May God enable each one to see that it is his duty and privilege to help in this work.

"AN EXTRA-CENT-A-DAY BAND."

LAST month we received information of a new organization, with the above unique title, and wrote to the pastor of Picton First for further particulars. He handed the letter to the lady who had been instrumental in forming the Band, Mrs. J. Anning—who sends the following reply:—

PICTON, ONT., Feb. 11th, 1892.

REV. DR. SUTHERLAND,

DEAR SIR,—Dr. McDiarmid, our pastor, sent me your enquiry concerning our "Extra-Cent-a-Day Band." As I, naturally, know more about it than he, I will do my best to explain our little work. About fifteen months ago I saw in the *Montreal Witness* a letter from Mr. Wallace, of Belleville, recommending the plan of the "Extra-Cent-a-Day" to the churches. He said the Baptist congregation in that city had raised enough in a year to support a native worker in

India for a year, and if every Christian in Canada would give an extra-cent-a-day for the maintenance and extension of the foreign mission work, the handsome sum of four million dollars would be annually realized. A striking example of the power of littles. I cut out the paragraph and put it in my purse, and at the monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, read it in the interval allowed for new business. It met the approval of four or five at once, and I hoped the society would take it up. However, nothing definite was done, and at the second meeting, as I did not like to have it drop, permission was given me to do the best I could with it, independently of the regular work. I began by making calls. After the visiting was pretty thoroughly done, we gave an afternoon tea in our home to the members of the "Band," as we came to call it. About twenty-five were present. We had a pleasant, social time, varied with readings on the Chinese mission work—we decided, when organizing, to gather this money for China—and at the close each lady provided herself with a mite-box for her systematic savings.

In January, just past, we met again; this time to count our gains, as well as instruct ourselves concerning the land of their destination. The money realized filled us with congratulation and joy, it was \$123.20. I may say the membership consists largely of the ladies of the auxiliary, with the important addition of a number who had never been persuaded into the general society. We have had great pleasure in it, and I am sure many others would, in every town, if the ball were but set rolling. As we are leaving Picton this year, Mrs. W. Philp will continue the work, with, I trust, increasing interest.

SELF SUPPORT.

THE Missionary Committee of the Manitoba Conference is keeping steadily in view the duty of Home Missions to become self-supporting at the earliest possible date. At the last meeting of the Committee the following resolution was adopted:

In view of the large grants made to Missions in the North-West Territory, it was

Resolved,—That whereas a number of fields, especially in the western portions of the Manitoba and North-West Conference, have shown but very slow development in the line of self support; and whereas, so far as this Board can judge, the circumstances of our congregations are improving, admitting of more liberal support of the cause of God than is forthcoming; therefore, this Committee strongly, yet respectfully, urge upon our people the cultivation of a more liberal spirit.

In order to give effect to this resolution it is desirable that the Secretary of this Committee furnish the Chairmen of Districts with copies hereof for distribution where they are likely to do good.

This is a move in the right direction, and is worthy of imitation in other Conferences.

HOW THEY DID IT.

THE question, "How can we interest children and young people in missionary work?" admits of many answers. No single method will cover the ground. A wise guide of children will use any and every means that will tend to create an intelligent interest in missionary work, but especially such as by

reflex influence will help to develop a healthy Christian character in the child. In this connection, teaching the children to *earn* what they give, is most important. Christ's cause is not a mendicant whining for charity, and should not be sustained by a system of begging. Its claims are paramount, and should be a first charge upon our possessions, and we should always act upon David's principle, "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing." A brother in the Guelph Conference is teaching this principle to the children with good results, as the following letter will show:—

HENSALL, ONT., February 22nd.

On October 3rd, 1891, several of the children in my class that meets on Saturday afternoon from four to five o'clock, took five cents each to make what they could until Christmas. These children are from eight to thirteen years of age. I send a few of the letters telling how they made their money, to be published, if you choose, in *OUTLOOK*, as they may prove helpful to other children who may wish to do something in the same way for the missionary cause. Fifteen brought in \$16.77 at Christmas.

Fraternally yours,

H. S. MAGEE.

Here are some of the letters:—

"I started first at making iron-holders, and I did very well with them; but I got tired making them. Then I started to make some snowballs, and then I made some taffy. Altogether I made \$1.05; I felt so glad I did not bury my talent, like the man in the Bible."

"I only made paper flowers, and I got sixty-six cents; that's all."

"At first I made tissue-paper flowers, and sold them; then I made pop-corn balls, and altogether made one dollar."

"At first I felt discouraged, not knowing what to do, so my Ma told me she would make taffy for me, and I made \$1.05. I did it all for Jesus."

"First I took my five cents and bought carpet rags, and sold the balls for ten cents each; then I bought cotton and made handkerchiefs, which I sold at eight cents each, and made \$1.05."

"In the first place I borrowed another five cents, bought material, and made a lamp-mat, and sold it; then I bought sugar and made taffy, and paid back what I owed. I kept on selling taffy till I made the amount of \$4.40, which I handed to you."

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE AND MISSIONS.

A paper read at the Stratford Missionary Convention by REV. JOSIAH GREENE.

WE have come to a time when the cause of missions must receive the best attention and heartiest support of the *entire* Church, a time when every available element should be utilized in spreading the Gospel throughout the whole world.

Until within a few years past, the work of the Missionary Society was confined principally to the older people. Lately, however, the services of the children have been enlisted

as collectors, and they have been doing successful work. Still, a large and very vital part of the Church's life remained comparatively untouched. In the slumbering energies of our young people there lay vast accumulations of power, which only awaited the fitting opportunity to leap forth and develop into a noble army of consecrated Methodist crusaders.

The organization of the Epworth League provides for and contemplates the promotion of an earnest, intelligent, practical and loyal spiritual life in the young people of our Church, with the view of making them successful Christian workers. And I think we have, in the name which has been selected, and the motto chosen, the true missionary idea. The *real* Epworth Leaguers are those who in deepest humility, with longing desire and implicit faith, look up "right into the face of the transfigured Christ," until seeing "Jesus only," they are changed into the same image; then, with burning hearts and beaming faces they come down from the mount to reflect the divine glory in lifting others up to the same blessed experience. Thus, to my mind, this youthful movement opens up a wide and deep channel for the outflowing of boundless streams of loving Christly benevolence, while it throws upon us the tremendous responsibility of making it a potent auxiliary to our Missionary Society. Some suggestions as to how this result may be secured:

1. As in the directions for cooking the hare, "you must first catch it," so here. We, as ministers and officials, require to take vigorous steps in the organization of these forces. This work requires much patience and perseverance; there are difficulties to be overcome,—difficulties which lie frequently with the young people themselves. They are backward and timid. Many of them are quite strangers to any kind of systematic work, etc., but this state of things will soon disappear when once the work is started. Then there will arise in some places, it may be, a feeling of jealousy on the part of the older people. We must be wise in our management. The reasonable claims of the old must not be ignored; at the same time ample scope must be given for the fullest play of youthful activity. There must be no collision, there need be none, for we are one; and it is the harmonious blending of these two elements which, under God, constitute the beauty and symmetry and strength of the Church.

2. We should make the missionary cause a *distinctive* part of the Epworth League work. This the Constitution very clearly recognizes, by providing for the appointment of a missionary committee and the recommendation of courses of reading bearing specially upon missionary work. It will not do to assume that, because the underlying principle of the organization is missionary, therefore, it will necessarily work in that direction. We must *push* it. Let the members of that committee be carefully and judiciously selected, and give them work to do. In this connection I suggest a liberal interspersing of purely missionary topics into the ordinary meetings of the League. Take, for example, "Our Foreign Missions," "Our Japan Mission," "Our Indian Missions," etc.

Again, much might be done by open meetings and monthly prayer-meetings; and let the missionary committee prepare the programme. At these special meetings there might be a silver collection or small entrance fee for missionary purposes. However, the great object is the impartation of information, and the awakening of missionary enthusiasm.

The literary committee of the League can greatly increase the efficiency of the Society on this line by encouraging the systematic reading of Methodist History. As the Epworth League contemplates a more intimate association of young Methodists, and inasmuch as Methodism is essentially

missionary in its origin, character, and work ; it must follow that a knowledge of its history, doctrines, polity and methods will greatly stimulate to heroic missionary zeal and activity.

I cannot close this paper without a reference to the proposal made by our Missionary Secretary, asking the Leagues to set apart a week of self-denial, and devote the proceeds towards the establishment of a hospital in China. This proposal meets with my hearty approval, and I am thankful to say that both branches on the Circuit which I represent have concurred in the request. In this department we can do much by systematic self-denial, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye, through His poverty might become rich."

THE SELF-DENIAL WEEK.

RETURNS are beginning to come in from this special effort. We hope to hear from many more in the near future. The following have been received to date :—

Cowansville, Fordyce Corner Y.P.S.C.E.	\$4 00
Carleton, Epworth League	2 12
Hamilton, First Church C.E.S.	5 25
Bowmanville, Epworth League	2 50
Elmira, Y.P.S.C.E. (in part)	75

Along the Line.

THE INDIAN WORK.

LATE last autumn the Rev. J. F. Betts, President of the British Columbia Conference, paid a visit, at the request of the Committee of Finance, to the Indians of the Naas, and some other points on the Port Simpson District. A pressure of official and other duties prevented an immediate report, but letters have recently reached the Mission Rooms, giving details of the journey, from which we make a number of interesting extracts :—

I left Victoria on the *Barbara Boscovitz*, on the 24th of October, in company with Mr. Crosby and Mr. Buker, the latter a young man who was going to Port Simpson to relieve Mr. Stone at the school, so as to let him be free to go to Greenville. The voyage was somewhat tedious, as the boat had to call at several intermediate ports to receive or deliver freight. It gave us a very good opportunity to see several of our mission stations, which we would not otherwise have seen. We called at Bella Bella, and had about an hour with the people. The men were mostly away, but at the ringing of the bell a small congregation assembled, mostly women and children. We had a few minutes to spend in visiting the school, and in looking about the premises. There seems to be a general appearance of prosperity, and an atmosphere of spiritual life and growth. Bro. Hopkins was busy with the new church, and seems to be doing a good work generally. He is well liked by the Indians. The new church will have a very good appearance from the water, and will add much to the strength of our work in that part of the north. Miss Ross, who is in charge of the school, is an energetic, and, I should judge, a successful teacher.

At Kitamaat the frame of the new church is up, and partly enclosed. When finished it will supply a want which the teacher and preacher have felt very much in the past. Re-

turning to Hartley Bay the same day, we held a service with the people, and had the pleasure of receiving, in a very neat and earnest speech from one of the Indians, expressions of thanks for our visit, and words of encouragement, also of high appreciation and deep gratitude to the Methodist Church and the Missionary Society for the blessings of the Gospel sent to them, and a special request was made that I would convey the same to you when I returned. Geo. Edgar is the native teacher at Hartley Bay, and is a most earnest and indefatigable worker.

We arrived at Simpson on Friday, 30th October, and remained over Sunday. As it was getting late in the season it was hard to get any means of going to the Naas River. The boats had all stopped making regular trips to the far north, and the *Glad Tidings* was laid up for the winter. The only chance remaining was to get a crew of Indians to make the trip with a big canoe. On Tuesday, November 3rd, we got away, and had a good run. We camped that night on the beach, and the next night we stopped at Kincolith, and succeeded in reaching Greenville on Thursday, about 2 p.m. We made a run through the village, and called at every house. We found the people quite willing to receive us, and, indeed, many of them were greatly delighted that we had come. As we were a few days later than the time they had set for our coming, some of the disaffected ones were disposed to make a handle of the fact, and at a meeting held on the Monday previous to our arrival, they had tried to get the people finally to abandon us, and to go to a heathen feast, that was to be held at the head of the river. The advice was not accepted by the people, however, and only some three or four were induced to go. Charles Russ and Job Calder maintained that I had promised to be there, and that I would be there, and thus they held the people. We had a service in the church, and then a council-meeting in the mission house, which lasted till four o'clock in the morning. Bro. Crosby acted as interpreter, and I took notes of everything that was said.

[In the conversation which followed, the various speakers rehearsed the circumstances "where things began to go wrong," as they said. Mr. Betts reports the speeches as delivered, which are too long to reproduce here, and resumes his narrative as follows :—]

After they had finished their statement of the case, I took up the several points raised, and dealt with them as clearly and faithfully, and at the same time as kindly, as I could. I told them it was impossible to promise that missionaries would not be removed sometimes, but that the whole Church was of one mind that they should not be removed oftener than was found to be really necessary. I pointed out that their former missionary was taken away only when the requirements of the work demanded his services in another field, and when it was necessary to move a missionary in the interests of God's work, all God's people should be willing for him to be removed. I told them how deeply their friends in the east, who gave the money to carry on the work there, would be grieved to think that they should not be in harmony with the Church in trying to do them good, and to reach the rest of the people who had not yet heard the Gospel. I also read to them parts of your letter with regard to your subscriptions to the new church, and said if they did not try to act in harmony with the Society and the Church in carrying on the work, our people who gave the money every year would soon begin to feel that the Indians did not want the Gospel, and their hearts would soon get weak toward them ; but if they were faithful to God and the work we were trying to do among them, the Church would be true to them, and be their best friend in everything that was right. They seemed to be pleased with the interview, and are disposed, with perhaps two or three exceptions, to go on in harmony with the missionary and the Society.

Letters received since from Mr. Stone give us reason to believe that the worst is well over, and that it only remains for the missionary to be judicious, and the lost ground will soon be regained.

We left again for Simpson on Friday morning, and succeeded in reaching there on Saturday, about noon. I was detained at Simpson for nearly a week, during which time I was enabled to see a good deal of the work there. The Boys' Home was occupied by eight or nine boys. The school was not as well attended as it ought to be, owing, I suppose, to the fact that the Indians were just getting back from the hop fields, and to the further fact that whooping-cough was in almost every family.

I cannot speak too highly of the noble work being done by Dr. Boulton. The amount of work he does is almost incredible, and his influence with the Indians, which is very great, is used most wisely for the help of the work in every regard.

Miss Hart is a heroine. She was entirely alone, with all the care and work of the Home on her hands.

I need not speak particularly of Bro. Crosby's work. It is well known how he and his noble wife have toiled, and watched, and prayed, and pleaded, for the work on this interesting field, and it lies upon their hearts still as it did in other days. As I saw Bro. Crosby and his daughter visiting from house to house, among the poor and sick Indians, often where it could not be very congenial to the tastes of a refined young lady to go, I saw how "the love of Christ constraineth," and that the mantle of the parents was falling upon the children. Indeed, the whole family seem to be imbued with the same spirit.

Letter from GEORGE EDGAR, native teacher, dated HARTLEY BAY, B. C., January 25th, 1892.

WE are well, thanks to the Giver of all good. We have been very busy since we came here. Brother Crosby landed us here on the 26th of August last year, and a mission house was put up. We found very few people at home, so I went up to where they camp, about twenty miles from here. First the people were not quite satisfied because I was not a white man, but after a while they turned and thanked God for having answered their prayer, for this people have been asking for a teacher for a long time. The school did not commence till the 1st of October. My wife has eighteen children who attend day school and Sunday-school as well. The Sabbath services are well attended, and also weekly meetings, and Bible-class on Saturday night. Thank God for sending me to this people, for I can use my own language to them. We had only one death this winter. We do not forget the day when our brother Mr. Betts visited us here; it warmed our hearts to hear him telling of the love of God. Sorry to tell you that our church was nearly blown down this winter, for it was weakly built. Now our people made up their mind to take it down, and build a stronger one. I went out with all our men, and we got some logs and took them to the mill, and Mr. Bouner cut them for us, and the lumber was divided; we took half and the saw mill took half, for our people have no money to buy the lumber. We had a very good day on Christmas day; \$20 was collected on that day, and \$8.12½ on New Year's day. This is for lights in the church. This church is still in debt.

Letter from the REV. D. JENNINGS, dated Port Essington, B. C., February 3rd, 1892.

We are pleased to report a gradual growth of the cause of Christ on this mission. The present aspect of the work is reason for gratitude to Almighty God. We have amongst

us many truly healthy Christians, anxious to see sinners coming to the Saviour, and to hear the cry, "What must I do to be saved?"

During the past few months your missionaries have been greatly encouraged by the zeal so manifest for Christ, and by the growing piety of the people.

Some time ago we were called to visit a man, suffering intensely, apparently unconscious, and unable to speak. At length consciousness and speech returned, and he cried, "Give me water!" One in attendance gave him water; then in the most striking manner he exclaimed, "Jesus! Jesus! give me the water of life." This man evidently felt his need of more of Christ. This man has a large acquaintance with the Word of God. Although he cannot read, yet he can open his English Bible, and from marks to him familiar, he can repeat in his own tongue many passages in both the Old and New Testaments. Most of the incidents in the life of the Saviour, his parables, etc., he is familiar with, and the contemplation of them affords him much comfort. We have been cheered to hear the well formed resolutions of many of our members, and more to see these resolutions carried out in their daily lives.

Our services have been well attended this year. During the holidays there was no undue feasting and revelry, for many of our people are setting their faces against these relics of by-gone days.

What a grand step Christianity will have made when her votaries see eye to eye in the great moral questions which lie at the very foundation of our heritage. Some—too many—can see no harm in the dance, the card table and the social glass, heeding not the harvests of evil yearly reaped from these sources.

We have had no liquor cases to try since last summer. The vigorous efforts then put forth have had a salutary influence on the illicit vendors and their poor dupes.

Our week of prayer was a season of deep interest which has continued almost unabated up to the present. It pays well to continue preaching the distinctive doctrine of our Church, complete submission to the will of Christ and an entire consecration to His service, that "Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

The whooping-cough has lessened the attendance at our day and Sunday-schools, yet we rejoice to say the epidemic has been mild in type, without serious complications, excepting two or three cases brought down the river, which proved fatal. Yesterday a splendid boy of four years died of membranous croup.

Now is the time for active work among the Indians in this part of British Columbia. In conversation with one who took, in 1881, the census of the Kitikshans (the people on the Upper Skeena, speaking a dialect of the Tsimpshian language), I was told they then numbered 1,600 souls. In 1890, according to the report of the Babine Agency, there were only 1,079 Kitikshans left. In the previous nine years not only a number equal to all the children born in that period died, but 521 people besides.

One who ought to know, used to tell me that the population of Kit-lac-tamux, on the Naas, numbered a few years ago 400. In 1890 the Indian agent reports the population of Kit-lac-tamux to be 219.

In regard to the Tsimpshians, I have no reliable data on which to make a statement. This people was greatly depleted by the exodus of Mr. Duncan's followers to Alaska. The Tsimpshians proper now number about 1,200 souls.

The Hydahs, numbering thousands a few years ago, now number only 730. The present condition of the Indian, in this part of British Columbia, calls for serious and prayerful consideration on the part of the friends of the aboriginal race—a race possessing good intellect and excellent mechanical skill. Those with whom I labor I have learned to love

and esteem for their possibilities in this life, providing they stand upon a high moral platform and fling the vices of their white brethren to the winds.

THE CHINESE WORK.

INFORMATION has come to hand of the opening of the new Chinese Church and Mission House in New Westminster, B. C. Bro. Robson writes somewhat briefly, being confined to his bed at the time, but some extracts from the letter will be read with interest. He first refers to the opportune arrival of the Rev. Mr. Bridie and wife, of the China Wesleyan Mission, and goes on:—

Hearing that Mr. B. was in San Francisco, Mr. Gardner and I arranged to have him visit Victoria and Westminster, and assist at the opening of our new Chinese premises, which took place on Sunday last. In this, as in other matters, Mr. and Mrs. Bridie were very serviceable to us. Mr. Bridie not only preached in the Chinese church, but in the Central Methodist Church of the city. They both addressed the monthly meeting of the W. M. S., and Mr. B. gave an instructive and inspiring address to the Epworth League.

The opening services of the Chinese church were full of interest. Besides Bro. Bridie and wife and the resident missionary, Mr. Ch'an, Bros. Gardner, from Victoria, and Liu, from Vancouver, Miss Orchard, Miss Crake, Mrs. D. Robson and Mrs. Monck were all present, and helped to make the occasion one long to be remembered in the history and development of the mission. The morning service was taken by Mr. Gardner, the afternoon by Dr. Liu, and the evening by Mr. Bridie. All the services were well attended, the evening one overflowing both church and school-room. Great attention was paid to the preaching of the Word, as well as to the other exercises. Collections were taken in aid of the furnishing fund. The Chinese members are also subscribing for this purpose. All unite in declaring the establishment, consisting of church, school-room, reading parlor, and complete residence for missionary, consisting of eight rooms in two flats, one of the most complete, comfortable, and well finished things of the kind on the coast.

On Monday, 7th, taking advantage of the presence of so many workers in the Chinese field, we held a missionary conference, at which there were ten persons present, including the President of the Conference, Rev. J. F. Betts, and Rev. S. J. Thompson, Secretary of the Board of Examiners. The conference had to be held in my bed-room, as I have been and still am confined to bed with a severe attack of la grippe, which was a great disappointment to myself and all concerned. In our informal discussion we dealt with almost every phase of our work (Chinese) and workers, touching upon principles and methods. I trust there will good come from the interview. Had we been favored with the presence and counsels of an experienced Chinese missionary when we first took up this work, it would have helped us much, and even now will, I trust, enable us to do our work more efficiently.

There will be some "extras" in addition to the contract price of the buildings. I will send you a full statement as soon as I can get about, and believe you will heartily approve of all we have done.

You will be pleased to know that the bell for the church is being provided by the Chinese mission in Victoria.

Interesting services were held Monday and last evening in the church, in which Mr. Gardner and Dr. Liu assisted.

THE HOME WORK.

Elmore—(Manitoba Conference)—The spirituality of the people is not very profound, and owing to the extent of the field it is impossible to give that attention to the flock which is desirable. There are a few who are worthy to be called followers of the risen Christ. Were it not for these the field would be very discouraging. There are now seven appointments, and openings for three or four more which I am unable to take up now. Temporally the mission is advancing rapidly. Crops last year were good, and the people have supported connexional and local interests well. I think that Elmore, after this year, will have the honorable name of Circuit.

JOHN J. THOM.

LAST LETTER FROM BISHOP TAYLOR.

FROM THE "AFRICAN NEWS" ADVANCE SHEETS.

THE African Conference met at Careysburg on the 20th inst. No deaths of members of Conference during the past year; nor of our missionaries, except that of our dear old Captain Borella. We had an unusually large attendance of our lay people; preaching at early morn and night of each day; church thronged at all the services, and a deep, joyous, religious life pervaded the assemblies all through. The testimonies, about a hundred at love-feast, were short, clear and emphatic, and altogether we had a harmonious profitable session.

We got to seat of Conference by small boat, twenty-three miles up the St. Paul's River to White Plains, thence fifteen miles on foot to Careysburg, the most easterly Liberian town on that parallel, situated on a high ridge, bounded north and south by very steep sides and deep hollows. Most of the country round about, and on both sides of the path out from St. Paul's River is covered with orchards of coffee trees, now in full fruit, in appearance like red cherries, each cherry containing two grains of coffee. Properly cleaned, it is the "best coffee in the world," and a special boon to Liberia. The Liberian seed has been introduced into fifteen different coffee growing countries, in all of which it produces well, but inferior to its native flavor. A new industry has sprung up during the year 1891, which is now absorbing the attention of many thousands, comprising all classes of this coast. The product is called "bamboo fibre," but is really from a species of the palm, and is known by the name of "Piassava." The fibre is very coarse, and as tough as rattan, and is used in the manufacture of scrubbing brushes, brooms and chair bottoms. It abounds in African woods, and though often difficult of access, is easily prepared for the market, and is quoted in Europe at £70 per ton.

Our missionaries are all well, and the spiritual work on this coast more hopeful than ever before. I am in perfect health. Hallelujah!

WM. TAYLOR.

Muhlenburg Mission, Liberia, January 28th, '92.

REV. M. C. WILCOX writes from China that in a visit to one of the towns in the Yong-ping District he was much encouraged by receiving from one of the *literati* a note expressing approbation of a sermon he had heard the evening before, and promising in the future to befriend the Church. He had been the leader of the persecutors of the Methodist Mission in that locality.

THE Roman Catholic cathedral, in the city of Mexico, was ninety-four years in building, cost \$2,000,000, and has several candlesticks of gold, one of them too heavy for a man to lift. One statue was of gold, and cost \$1,090,000. One of the lamps was valued at \$70,000, and at one time it cost \$1,000 to clean it.

Missionary Readings.

A CONSECRATION OFFERING.

LORD, here's a hand !
 Oh, take this hand and lead me at Thy side,
 For I would never ask another guide ;
 I lift it, Lord, withdrawn from other hands,
 For Thee to grasp and lead in Thy commands.
 Lord, take this hand !

Lord, here's a heart !
 Thy temple it should be. Good Master, rout
 All mean intruders ; turn the dearest out,
 And only let Thy own true priesthood in ;
 Be Thou the keeper ; keep from every sin.
 Oh, take this heart !

Lord, here are feet !
 Feet Thou Thyself has washed from every stain ;
 Feet that have slipt and been restored again ;
 Move Thou my feet, that I may ever lift
 Their steppings at Thy will, unfettered swift ;
 Oh, take these feet !

Lord, here's a life !
 With all its possibilities of ill,
 Or boundless good—as Thou, my God, shalt will ;
 If Thou dost bless, life shall a blessing be ;
 If Thou withhold—Lord, all must come from Thee ;

Lord, here is all !
 My hope, my love, my prospects, all I bring,
 A humble offering to my gracious King ;
 My barley loaves and few small fish I place
 In Thy dear hands ; accept them in Thy grace.
 Oh, keep my all !

—*World's Crisis.*

ARE MISSIONARIES HAPPY ?

HENRY MARTIN.

I AM born for God only. Christ is nearer to me than father, or mother, or sister—a nearer relative, a more affectionate Friend ; and I rejoice to follow Him and to love Him. Blessed Jesus ! Thou art all I want !—a fore-runner to me in *all* I shall ever go through as a Christian, a minister, or a missionary !

“I do not know that anything would be a heaven to me but the service of Christ, and the enjoyment of His presence. Oh, how sweet is life, when spent in His service ! I am going upon a work exactly according to the mind of Christ ; and my glorious Lord, whose power is uncontrollable, can easily open a way for His feeble followers through the thickest of the ranks of His enemies. And now let me go, smiling at my foes ; *how small* are human obstacles before this mighty Lord !

“Whenever I can say, Thy will be done, teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God, it is like throwing ballast out of a balloon—my soul ascends immediately, and light and happiness shine around me.”

DAVID LIVINGSTONE, AFRICA.

“Nothing earthly will make me give up my work in despair. I encourage myself in the Lord my God, and go forward.” He pursued his investigation ; but at length the strong man was utterly broken down. They had reached

Llala, and, as he could go no further, his followers built a hut and laid him beneath its shade. The next day he lay quiet, and asked a few questions. On the following morning (May 4th, 1873), when his boys looked in at dawn, his candle was still burning, and Livingstone was kneeling by the bed, with his face buried in his hands upon the pillow—he was dead—and he had died upon his knees, praying, no doubt, as was his wont, for all he loved, and for that dear land to which he had devoted three and thirty years of his life ! There is a touching entry in his journal, written upon the last birthday but one of his eventful life, and it reveals the earnestness of his whole career : “My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All, I again dedicate my whole life to Thee.”

REV. JOHN HUNT, FIJI.

When those who had just united in committing their great crushing care to Him who cared for them, stood looking at the dying man, they marked how he kept on silently weeping. In a little while his emotion increased, and he sobbed as though in acute distress. Then, when the pent-up feelings could no longer be withheld, he cried : “Lord, bless Fiji, save Fiji ! Thou knowest my soul has loved Fiji ; my heart has travailed in pain for Fiji !” It was no sorrow on his own account that made the Christian weep. His own prospect was all unclouded brightness, and he had safely stored his last treasures—his wife and children—in heaven ; they were in God's keeping. But there was something that clung about his heart more closely than these. That object to which all the energies of his great soul had been devoted, was the last to be left. He had lived for Fiji, and his every thought, and desire, and purpose, and plan, and effort, had long gone in this direction—the conversion of Fiji. For some weeks he had been laid by from his work, his voice hushed and his hands powerless. Yet he had never ceased to pray for the people of the islands ; but now his prayers were also to cease ; never till then did he feel how Fiji had become identified with his very life. And, in his utter feebleness, the spirit within him strove and struggled with its great burden. Those who stood by feared to see the weak frame so tossed about, and tried to soothe him. Mr. Calvert said : “The Lord knows you love Fiji ; we know it ; the Fijian Christians know it ; and the heathen of Fiji know it. You have labored for Fiji when you were strong ; now you are so weak you must be quiet ; God will save Fiji. *He is saving Fiji.*”

At this the dying missionary was calmer for a little while, but he still wept. The burden was there yet, and his spirit strengthened with the powers of an endless life, shook the failing flesh as it rose up and cast the great load down at the Cross. He grasped Mr. Calvert with one hand, and lifting the other—mighty in its trembling—he cried aloud, “Oh, let me pray once more for Fiji ! Lord, for Christ's sake bless Fiji ! Save Fiji ! Save Thy servants, save Thy people, save the heathen in Fiji !” After this he gradually quieted down, and his peace was unbroken.—*Missionary Echo.*

NOTHING is easier than fault-finding ; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business : but those who are moved by a genuine desire to do good have little time for murmuring or complaint.

THE new Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal has added his testimony to the value of missions as judged from the standpoint of high Indian officials : “I make bold to say that if missions did not exist it would be our duty to invent them.” This is what was said by the famous men who built up the administration of the Punjab, and who, when it was annexed in 1849, wrote home to the Church Missionary Society for a supply of missionaries as a part of the necessary equipment of the province.

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N.B.—By request of Board of Managers, Auxiliary reports limited to fifteen lines.

"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

"Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth . . . for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."—ISA. lviii. 13, 14.

AS we meet and touch each day
The many travellers on our way,
Let every such brief contact be
A glorious helpful ministry;
The contact of the soil and seed,
Each giving to the other's need,
Each helping on the other's best
And blessing each as well as blest.

ARE the Auxiliaries preparing for an Easter service and thank-offering?

CANNOT each member endeavor to win another during this year? A doubled membership would be a grand year's record.

THE first church in Chicago was planted only sixty years ago by a Home Missionary.

AT the Columbian Exposition a grand Congress of Missions will be held. Its object will be to bring together representatives from the peoples who have

been the beneficiaries of missionary effort. The true purpose, and the wide scope accorded to missionary work, will be demonstrated in papers and discussions on the moral and spiritual condition of men, their intellectual advancement, the improvement of their material conditions, the opening up by missionary work of new channels of commerce, and new fields of ethnological and antiquarian research. The congress will also demonstrate that diversities of race and language have not been insuperable obstacles to the progress of the Gospel of Christ.

A MONSTER anti-opium meeting was held in Exeter Hall, London, on Dec. 4, called to welcome Mr. Cheok, Hong Cheong, and Miss Soonderbai Powar, who came to protest against the opium traffic carried on in British India. An account of the meeting presents the financial objection. It is one that does not sound unfamiliar to our ears, viz., "that it is impossible to do without the revenue." The victims themselves say that the only adequate measure is "absolute prohibition of the traffic by the Government." When missionaries go to Zenanas to preach they are told "go and convert your Christian Government first, then tell us about Christ," such is the inability of natives to distinguish between missionaries and government. The chairman very truthfully said, "If a thing be right to do, it matters not what it may cost;" and a resolution expressed the conviction that the people of the United Kingdom will not hesitate to repeat a sacrifice similar to that by which they put an end to slavery in the British Colonies.

THE above arguments are sound, and they suit a case nearer home in which we Canadian people are only too long suffering, too silent, too inactive. The licensed traffic in rum makes our citizens responsible partakers in the degradation of our people for revenue. Christian ballots entrench the foe in our midst. If the traffic lives here, it lives on Canadian sons. It could not survive the will of all who call themselves Christian citizens if they united against it. The voice of our brothers' blood crieth unto us from the ground, but we prefer revenue. Far greater would be our revenue if every man were sober! Far greater our prosperity if God-given food were used as God intended. What is the Christian pulpit about that does not echo the "Woe to the drunkards," and to him that "putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips? "The priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they err in vision, they stumble in judgment."

"I HAVE heard the remark that the people of India know nothing of taxation; but in comparison, I affirm

that the people of the United States know nothing of taxation. The revenue of India is \$375,000,000. Of this amount, the opium shipped to China brings \$32,500,000 while the people of India consume \$17,500,000. The tax on salt is \$37,000,000; stamps, \$16,000,000; and on liquor in 1883, \$17,500,000; land, \$110,000,000, and the balance from earnings of railroads, post-offices, income tax, forest department, duties on a few imports, etc. Some say the land rent is too much; others that the salt tax is oppressive; others that the income tax is an outrage and that the stamp duties are a nuisance. But of none of these do we complain. The revenue must come from some source, and these are the most legitimate. Indeed, we would say, put on still more taxes. Tax the 1,600,000 umbrellas which are brought to India each year; tax every horse, cow, and bullock, yea, put a tax on the head of every man, woman and child for the simple privilege of existence, if necessary, *but don't raise a revenue by debauching the people and pandering to their most depraved appetites and desires.*—*Selected, Missionary Helper.*

THE motto of Dr. Cuyler ought to be written in letters of gold: "No one was ever lost on a straight road."

A DYING man, referring to his property, said, "It is not much, but there is not a dirty shilling in it." Many men make piles of money, but how much blood-money, soul money, will the judgment find in it.

AMERICA has 2,350 missionaries in the foreign field.

EIGHTEEN religious newspapers are published in Tokio.

SOME knowledge of the Gospel has reached about 8,000,000 Africans. Along the western coast there are now about 200 churches, 35,000 converts, 100,000 adherents, 275 schools, 30,000 pupils.

THE Gospel work carried on among the English deep sea fishermen on the North Sea received \$100,000 from English contributions last year. Ten fully equipped evangelistic vessels, three of which are hospital ships, are employed in the work. Missionary women devote themselves with zeal and self-sacrifice to this work also.

WE have received from Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Mount Jackson, Lawrence County, a Mission Band, entitled, "A Pow-Wow," or, "Talk on North American Indians." The sheet contains seventy interesting and spicy paragraphs, containing many facts, and all numbered. The design is to cut in slips and put in the hands of members, who read them in order. Price, a nickel, and a penny for postage. Address as above.

THE attention of Auxiliary corresponding secretaries is called to the notes under the list of officers.

IN sending Mss. for this department, enclose in *unsealed envelope* or *wrapper*, and save postage.

LET no Auxiliary omit to push the OUTLOOK canvas. Reach the members of your congregation.

BRAMPTON, (March 14th, 1892)—Mrs. Rev. A. Langford writes:—"Was very much pleased to learn that a question drawer was to be opened in the OUTLOOK. If it is well used we ought to derive much information from it. There is yet so much ignorance amongst us on many points of practice. I enclose one as I can find nothing in the constitution to answer it for me. I enjoy the OUTLOOK as much as ever.

QUESTION CORNER.

WHEN life members of Mission Bands change their place of residence, does the same rule apply to them as to life members of Auxiliaries?

Ans.—A *life membership* must be honored by the Society, howsoever often the residence is changed. It would seem clear then that the same rule should apply in both cases; and certificates of life membership, which are practically the receipt for a paid fee, be given.

A SUGGESTION.

THE question of expenses is always a vexed one, and those of the W. M. S. are no exception to the rule. Some of our members are of the opinion that too much of the money contributed by earnest souls for the diffusion of the Gospel, is appropriated to the paying of delegates' expenses to the Board and Branch Meetings, and the publication of leaflets, reports, etc. Now, it has been suggested, by one to whom the interest and reputation of the W. M. S. are very dear; that, if each member of this organization would pay an additional ten cents per year, a sufficient amount would be raised to meet all home expenses, leaving the entire amount contributed in fees and donations, for the purpose for which it is given. Will our Auxiliaries kindly take this suggestion into consideration, and be able to vote on it at the next Branch Meeting?

LOUISA LEWIS,
Cor. Sec., Bridge St., Belleville.

IN MEMORIAM.

GUELPH (Norfolk Street).—Our first meeting this year was held on January 14th. There was a large attendance, and a general spirit of thankfulness was felt, that since our organization in January, 1887, not one of the members of our Auxiliary had been called away by death. Before the day for our February meeting arrived, Mrs. John Crowe, our organist, and a former president of our Auxiliary, and one of its first members, had passed from labor to reward. A short time after the January meeting she was taken ill with *la grippe*, and after some days of severe suffering, passed peacefully away. We miss her very much. She was an active worker, and her zeal was an inspiration to many. At our Branch Meeting we were called upon to mourn the death of another of our earliest members, and a former vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Walker. She has been a great sufferer from consumption for nearly two years, but she was always interested in the work, and of her it can be said, "She hath done what she could."

MRS. J. CAMPBELL, Cor. Sec.

ROCK CHAPPLE.—Our Auxiliary has been called to mourn the loss of our oldest member, Mrs. James Morden. To know her was to appreciate her worth. Her prayers and hearty co-operation made her a benediction to the neighborhood. Through weakness of body she was debarred the privilege of meeting in our Monthly Meeting, but with her substance and prayers she was always ready to aid us. We pray that her mantle may abide with us. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

RILLA MORDEN, *Cor. Sec.*
(Per F. Borer.)

BRANTFORD (Wellington Street).—It is with deep sorrow we record the death of a member, Mrs. Robinson, called from life unto death very suddenly. Her life had long been consecrated to her Master, and though we miss her, and will miss her encouraging presence in our meetings, her kindly ways and quiet unostentatious response to our appeals for help, we bow to the divine decree to God's behest, knowing that she is at rest, entered into that rest promised to the faithful.

Rec. Sec.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE EASTERN BRANCH.

WATERLOO (March 1st).—I was invited to visit Waterloo, and found, to my delight, a model Auxiliary, under the presidency of Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Graham, and a noble staff of officers. The afternoon meeting was thoroughly constitutional, and what I never heard before in any Auxiliary I have visited, the question asked, "What has been done for the good of the Society during the past month." I was told so interesting are these monthly meetings, held at the homes of the members, followed by a cup of tea, that if a non-member can be induced to attend, she invariably becomes a member. Number of members about thirty, number of monthly letters taken, thirty. In the evening I had the pleasure of addressing a Parlor Social in the Lecture Hall of the Church, the arrangements for which were perfect.

L. W. ROSS.

FROM OUR DISTRICT ORGANIZERS.

WARKWORTH.—We called the ladies of the Dartford Appointment together on February 10th, and gave them a talk in the interests of the Woman's Missionary Society. We were encouraged with the large attendance and the interest manifested. At the close we organized a society, with a membership of twenty-two, with more to follow. Officers: President, Mrs. J. Boyce; Vice-President, Miss C. Atkinson; Recording Secretary, Miss Flo Copperthwaite; Corresponding Secretary, Miss L. Massie; Treasurer, Mrs. White; *OUTLOOK* and *Leaflet*, Miss Copperthwaite.

A. T. WILSON, *Organizer.*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES are reminded of the decision of the Executive, that reports from Auxiliaries must be limited to fifteen lines, or say 150 words. While so much interesting matter is awaiting publication, brevity should be the order of the day.—Ed.-in-Chief of *OUTLOOK*.

FROM OUR AUXILIARIES.

BRANTFORD (Wellington Street).—A very pleasant meeting, one to which we look forward, is our quarterly meeting, which comes between our monthly meeting like a benedic-

tion; and not the least interesting one, was that held the first Tuesday of this month, in the lecture room of the Wellington Street Church. The three auxiliaries, Brant Avenue, Colborne Street, and Wellington Street, were well represented. The President, Mrs. Russ, presided. After devotional exercises, words of welcome spoken, reports from the auxiliaries read by the Secretary, a short programme of music, singing, a recitation and a paper was given, Miss Snider kindly presiding at the piano. Two letters from noble missionaries were read, at one time residents of Brantford, now spending and being spent on the mission-field, one Mrs. Messmore laboring in far away India, the other, Mrs. Nicolas, who is working amongst our Indians. Mrs. Phelps, the district organizer, had driven from her home in Mount Pleasant, to be present with us; her words to the meeting were helpful, full of cheer and encouragement. Before closing, the Wellington Street auxiliary had the pleasure of conferring on their Treasurer, Mrs. Sharp, a life membership, in recognition of her infatigable labor for the auxiliary, and through the auxiliary for the "Society." Thus closed this quarterly meeting. We parted, feeling mutually strengthened by the prayers offered, the words spoken, the reports read, and the service of song.

A. FORDE, *Rec. Sec.*

WICKLOW, (March 14th, 1892).—Although this is the first notice of our Auxiliary that has appeared in the *OUTLOOK*, we have not been sleeping, nay, we have been working, and our Auxiliary has been pushing its way onward, thanks to the true missionary zeal of our President, Miss Richards. Our Auxiliary was organized by Miss Richards, our President, in April, 1891, with a membership of eleven, which has since been increased to twenty. We hold regular monthly meetings, at which one of the ladies prepares a short paper on the subject given for prayer which adds greatly to the interest of the meeting. We also hold a monthly prayer-meeting. We have held two open meetings, presided over by the President. The ladies of the Auxiliary provided an entertainment for both meetings, aided by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Munteer, and Messrs Macklin and Roberts. We sent a box to the Mission Rooms, valued at \$23.90, containing clothing, bedding, books, cards and papers. We all met in the church parlors to quilt the quilts. While working, we were entertained by the reading of missionary literature by some of the members. We took our baskets and had dinner and tea eaten in true picnic style. When we separated each one went home feeling better for having been there. May the Lord prosper us.

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

ST. THOMAS, (March 13th).—A Union meeting of the three Auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society of St. Thomas, was held in Grace Church, on the 16th February. Mrs. Miner, President Grace Church Auxiliary, presided. A very interesting paper on China and the Chinese was contributed by Mrs. Butcher; one on Low Caste in India was read by Miss Pascoe of Central Church Auxiliary. An exercise on reports was conducted by Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Graham of the First Church. Much interest was manifested in all these subjects, and the meeting was very profitable to all. It was decided to hold a District Convention some time during April.

M. M. GRAHAM, *Cor. Sec.*

CAVERHILL.—Our auxiliary spent a very pleasant afternoon at the home of one of our members, Mrs. R. Miller, who provided tea for all present, on Tuesday, March 1st. The devotional exercises were engaged in heartily, a large portion of the members taking part. After being entertained with a missionary dialogue, recitations, and a reading, the

mite-boxes (eleven in number) were opened, and found to contain \$9.42. The members all wished to try the boxes for another year.

MRS. B. HALLET, *Cor. Sec.*

OSHAWA—A very successful entertainment under the direction of the Oshawa auxiliary of the Simcoe Street Church, was given in that church, Friday, February 12th. An excellent programme consisting of music and readings was well rendered. In addition to this, Mrs. McKay, of Toronto, gave a most earnest and stirring address. We feel sure that all who listened to her were awakened to the great responsibilities of living in the nineteenth century. Our auxiliary, which was organized in 1885, has been steadily growing in interest and numbers. We have now a membership of fifty-seven. Mrs. H. King, our energetic canvasser for the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK, has increased the number of subscribers to sixty-five. Each quarter a missionary prayer-meeting is held in place of the regular church prayer-meeting, at which a collection is taken up in aid of the mission fund.

S. C. S., *Cor. Sec.*

PICTON—March 12th, 1892. The regular monthly meeting of our auxiliary was held on March 9th. Besides several very interesting papers, there was read a letter from Mrs. Tucker, of the Moose Woods Reserve. She spoke of the prevailing sickness, "la grippe," but having to do the best they could as they were one hundred miles from a doctor. When we think of what our missionary sisters are depriving themselves of to tell the story of Jesus to less favored people, we should rejoice that we can by our prayers and purses do something to help along this grand work.

MRS. J. LAIRD, *Cor. Sec.*

HASTINGS.—A very pleasant open meeting was held by our Auxiliary on Monday evening, February 29th. Our President, Mrs. Fuller (not Mrs. Campbell, as is incorrectly stated in the Report), occupied the chair, and referred briefly to the encouraging progress made by the Society during the four years of its existence, before introducing the speaker of the evening, Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, of Warkworth, organizer for this District. Mrs. Wilson delivered a very able and interesting address, and stated the needs and merits of missionary work so clearly and forcibly that all who had the pleasure of hearing her should be filled with renewed zeal. A short address by Mrs. Jackson, President of the Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society of Hastings, singing recitations, and a silver collection, completed a very profitable evening.

A. E. C. FOWLDS, *Cor. Sec.*

NORHAM (March 2nd, 1892).—Our Auxiliary has nearly doubled its membership since its organization in 1889. We are taking thirty *Leaflets* and thirteen OUTLOOKS this year, and are anxious to increase our average attendance. In September we had a pleasant and profitable open meeting, at which Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, of Warkworth, and others, addressed us. We hope to help this work in more ways than one, and so have some things towards another box.

LILLIE BOYCE, *Cor. Sec.*

STONEY CREEK (March 10th, 1892).—Our Auxiliary was re-organized nearly a year ago, so we thought it time for you to hear from us. Our membership is increasing, and we pray that many more of our women may be led to look upon it as a *privilege* to help in this grand work, and join with us. We are engaged in making quilts, etc., to send to some missionaries. We have twenty-four subscribers to OUTLOOK. Mite-boxes were quite a success with us last year.

MAGGIE MCNEILLY, *Cor. Sec.*

LITTLEWOOD, (March 4th).—We held a Phonograph concert in connection with this Auxiliary on Tuesday evening last, March 2nd, which was a decided success. Twenty-four good selections were rendered most effectively to a very appreciative audience. Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Barltrop, gave a recitation through the "horn" the reproduction of which was encored amid loud applause. The following day we held our quarterly meeting, the attendance was very good. After the opening prayer, hymn and Bible reading, our President read an interesting letter from Miss Leake, acknowledging the receipt of the box forwarded from this Auxiliary last quarter to the "Chinese Rescue Home." She sent a very nicely photographed group of all its inmates which we were happy to receive and admired with pleasure, for it opened our hearts afresh to the Chinese, and made the work of our adoption seem nearer and dearer to us. After defraying all the expenses of the concert, there was \$5.80 left, which we wish appropriated for the benefit of the "Rescue Home."

A. C., *Cor. Sec.*

MAPLE, (March 14th, 1892).—Our Auxiliary was organized by Mrs. (Rev.) Brown, last September, with a membership of thirteen. We have added eight new members since then, and have good prospects of more joining us soon. The interest in the missionary work is extending, thanks to the unflinching efforts of our President, Mrs. Brown. We hold a weekly prayer-meeting and find it a great spiritual benefit. We have *Leaflets*, mite-boxes and twenty-five subscribers to the OUTLOOK. God's hand is in this work, and it will prosper.

MRS. T. OLIVER, *Cor. Sec.*

PORT HOPE.—We haste to tell our sisters of the success of our Crusade Day. As we have not heard of any other, we think we are the first to try the experiment. The 2nd of February, the day fixed upon at the January meeting, was very unpropitious as to weather, deep snow for the feet, and quite a little blizzard playing about the head; yet, seventy-four ladies faced the raging elements in response to our invitation. After a short season of singing and prayer, the President, Mrs. (Rev.) Baker, called upon our esteemed pastor, Rev. E. N. Baker, who responded in a short but touching appeal to the sympathies of the ladies present in behalf of their less favored sisters of heathen lands. Another season of song was followed by an excellent paper read by Mrs. R. Fountain (organizer of the Auxiliary) in which she dwelt upon the possibilities and responsibilities of women of the nineteenth century in Christian lands. Then came a little social conversation over a cup of tea, supplemented by bread and butter and cake. Thirteen new members were added to the Auxiliary, and four to the Mission Band. Some who could not attend the Crusade meeting came and joined at the next regular meeting of the Society. Later, our zeal was still further quickened by an interesting address by Rev. Mr. Whittington, on Woman's Home Life in Japan.

A. E. S., *Cor. Sec.*

COURTICE.—Those who are interested in the Woman's Missionary work, will, no doubt, be pleased to learn that our Auxiliary, although not having sent any report for some time, has been prospering, and God has been blessing the labors of its members. As some of you are aware, our Auxiliary was organized in the fall of 1890, comprising in all six members. For some months we labored on almost discouraged, yet feeling assured, as it was God's own work, that He would sustain us. As a result of earnest prayer and work, two others joined us in August of 1891. We continued to work "in His name," and began this year with eighteen members. We feel that our interest in the missionary cause is increasing and that our hearts are becoming

more and more interested in the great and grand work of sending the Bread of Life to our sisters who sit in heathen darkness. After much prayer and thought as to the very best way of promoting the interests of the Woman's Missionary work here, we have decided to hold our meetings on the last Sabbath afternoon of each month, from half past one till half past two. This conclusion has been attained for several reasons; we think the most important, being, that we have so many earnest little girls whom we wish to have present with us and grow up in the missionary spirit. When we think of the possibilities unfolded in such young lives, our hearts are thrilled with joy at the thought that perhaps, among them may be some upon whom God has laid his hand and set apart the privilege of carrying the sweet story of "Jesus and His love," to those who have not been so blessed as we. We have also arranged to have quarterly business meetings in connection with a quarterly united prayer-meeting in the different districts of our appointment, which we trust will prove a blessing to all. We have now a membership of twenty-three and are expecting more. Officers elected for the year, as follows: President, Mrs. (Rev.) J. Liddy; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Penfound; Recording Secretary, Miss M. Everson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss F. E. Courtice; Treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Rundle.

F. E. COURTICE, *Cor. Sec.*

WEST FLAMBORO'.—As the readers of the OUTLOOK have not yet heard from our Auxiliary, we thought it might be of interest to some to know how greatly we have been blessed in our work. On October 3rd, 1890, we organized with a membership of thirteen, which was increased to twenty-five during the year. Working faithfully, and praying earnestly, we felt God would give us still greater blessings. At the open meeting held on the anniversary of our organization, the interest of non-members was manifest, by the crowded audience assembled to hear the report and enjoy the entertainment provided by the Society. Great was our thanksgiving, that our Society was regarded with such kindly feelings, and that we had not, like many sister societies, had to struggle through so many difficulties; and now, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!" bursts from our lips. That during the past six months thirty new members have been added to our numbers, six scattered helpers, and instead of the OUTLOOK being circulated in fourteen homes, it now reaches forty, while Evangelist J. S. Jenkins has been holding services on our circuit, and the truth has burst upon us with new light; we have felt our hearts burn within us, to try and raise the needed funds to send the good news to our perishing brothers and sisters. At the open meeting, and two teas, we have realized quite a nice little sum to aid in this work. May our kind Father, who has dealt so bountifully with us, still uphold our hands in well doing.

E. M. KELLY, *Cor. Sec.*

FROM OUR MISSION BANDS.

CHATHAM (March 12).—We have been very much encouraged in our Mission Band in the past few weeks by Mr. Schiverea, the Evangelist, who addressed us in our meeting on Saturday afternoon. We thought an account of it might be interesting and helpful to others, and so we will tell all about it. The girls met at the regular time and transacted what business we had on hand, but soon had to stop, as others began to come in, they having been invited. Mr. Schiverea and Mr. Annis came about half-past, and after prayer and singing, he addressed us, and the girls were all delighted and encouraged by what he said. He then asked all who would from to-day live for Jesus to stand, and many stood. He then asked if there were any who would be will-

ing to be used by God for foreign missionaries to stand, and six young ladies stood, which action seemed to send a thrill of admiration through the people. We were all very sorry to part with him, but hope to see him again some time, and pray that such results may arise from his work wherever he goes. We are now preparing for a Wish-bone Party, which we hope to make a success. Our membership has increased twenty-five this last quarter, and we have an average attendance of forty-three.

MABEL E. RICHARDSON, *Cor. Sec.*

GUELPH (Feb. 17th, 1892).—On February 15th, Mrs. (Rev.) Cunningham met a number of the young people at the Dublin Street Methodist Church, and organized a Mission Circle with thirty-three members. Meetings to be held the second Monday in each month. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Moore; Vice-President, Miss B. Dowler; Recording Secretary, Mr. H. Cormie; Corresponding Secretary, Miss A. Tovell; Treasurer, Mr. A. L. Wheatley; Organist, Miss M. Peirson.

ADA TOVELL, *Cor. Sec.*

BLENHEIM (March 16th).—Our Mission Band, the "Gleaners," was organized by the Rev. E. E. Scott, on December 28th, 1891. The following officers were elected: Honorary President, Mr. Scott; President, Mrs. Scott; Vice-President, Miss Millns; Secretary, Maude Bell; Treasurer, Millie Grainger; Corresponding Secretary, Grace Currie. We have a membership of forty-eight. Our Bible verse is, "In due season we shall reap if we faint not." The badges for the Band are a golden head of wheat, and the letters G. F. J., which stand for our motto, "Glean for Jesus," worked on garnet ribbon; and for the officers two heads of wheat worked on green ribbon. We have a lesson on a different country each meeting, after which we have readings, recitations, singing and music. We are working with mite-boxes and talent money. Our funds amount to \$2.92. We are preparing for our first open meeting.

GRACE CURRIE, *Cor. Sec.*

JAPAN.

Letter from MISS BLACKMORE, *Yamanashi Eiwa Jo Gakko, Kofu, Dec. 26th, 1891.*

Ever since the public opening of our school, I have had it in my mind to write to you, but somehow the days have lengthened into weeks, and my letter is still unwritten. The holidays begin to-day, and I am taking this first free afternoon for its accomplishment. It does not seem possible that it is nearly four months since our annual meeting. This term has been a broken one to me, for I had to wait a month in Tokyo for my passport. That was no inconvenience, however, as the building here was not finished, and as my work was not waiting I was very glad to have so much time free for the study of the language.

I left Tokyo on the morning of October 8th, reaching Kofu the next afternoon. The trip across the mountains was lovely. The girls returned to the school on the tenth, and as the school-rooms were not ready, the lessons were taught upstairs in the girls' rooms. We did not attempt the English lessons for the first few days, then we decided to try teaching those subjects in which we could get along without a blackboard. It seemed a little strange to think of teaching English lessons with the teacher and pupils sitting round in a circle on the floor, but to the girls this was a perfectly natural state of affairs, and we found it not so inconvenient after all. The absence of blackboards, however, was a serious hindrance, and by the time the school-rooms were ready for us we were ready to appreciate them to the fullest extent.

It was planned, in the beginning, to have the public opening on the third of November, the Emperor's birthday, and also the anniversary of the *first* opening of the school; but as it was found to be quite impossible to have the building ready by that time, it was postponed until the twenty-third, which is also a national holiday—the in-gathering of the harvest. As the twenty-third fell on Monday, preparations had to be made on Saturday. Miss Wintemute, Mr. Yamana and Mr. Shinkai had a busy day (Miss Preston and I both had meetings in the country). The sliding-doors between the three school-rooms were taken out, making one large room. Then the seats and desks were all taken away and the room filled with chairs, which were lent for the occasion by a banking company, of which one of the founders is president. Chairs, facing the platform, were arranged for the accommodation of about two hundred guests; the organ and chairs for the teachers and pupils occupied the left, and seats for the more distinguished guests the right of the platform.

Monday morning was dark and cloudy, and before noon it was raining steadily. But in spite of this the room was comfortably filled. Shortly before the time appointed for the commencement of the exercises, the Governor of the province and his Secretary arrived. Then came the Mayor of the city, the President of the Provincial Assembly, and the Principal of the Normal School. These were received, and entertained in our sitting-room until two o'clock, the time for opening. When the guests were all seated, the girls formed in line in the hall upstairs, and marched down, and through the room to their places, Miss W. playing a march for them.

Miss Wintemute has translated the programme for you. I wish you could have seen it carried out, I am sure you would have enjoyed it. The girls did their parts well. But what impressed one most was the way in which Christianity was stamped upon every part of the exercises. Many of the guests probably seldom hear or think much of the religion of Christ; but they surely could not help being impressed by the singing of the hymns, the prayer, and the strong Christian sentiment of the addresses. Number seven was responded to by the Governor reading an address, and several others left their written congratulations. The founders had provided tea and cake for all, which was served at the close of the programme, while the *distinguished guests* had cake and coffee in the foreign part. Every one was invited to go through the building, and many were the approving remarks made as they went from room to room; but what excited the greatest wonder and admiration was *the foreign kitchen*. To see foreign appliances for cooking was a thing altogether new. The guests departed, evidently well-pleased with their afternoon at the school, and we felt that our school had had a most satisfactory opening.

The last half-year has been to Miss Wintemute a time of much hard work, but I am sure she feels more than repaid in the result—the tasteful and convenient building which we now occupy. To bring about this result, has been no light task. It has required the most unceasing watchfulness, and she has had every part of the work under her own constant supervision. May the blessing of God rest upon the work here as in the past.

A POOR Chinaman came to a missionary to ask for baptism. When asked where he had heard the Gospel, answered that he had never heard the Gospel, but had *seen* it. He then told of a poor man, at Ningpo, who had once been a confirmed opium-smoker, and a man of violent temper. This man had learned about the Christian religion, and his whole life was altered—he gave up the opium, and became loving and amiable. "Oh," said the candidate for baptism, "I have not heard the Gospel, but I *have seen* it."

SKETCH—PLANS FOR WORK.

WE take the liberty of presenting the following sketch by Miss Dickson, of London, to our readers. It was written for and published in the *Quarterly* for Mission Band service, but it contains so many good hints applicable to Auxiliary work that we feel sure it will be acceptable.

ON a Saturday the inhabitants of Westville usually discussed with some energy the probability of their busy town assuming the proportions of a city. When Monday arrived, with its accompanying peculiar quiet, aspirations for city fame lay dormant for another week.

"Good morning, Mrs. Robson." The speaker was a tall, clerical-looking gentleman. "Rather a cold day to be obliged to wait on a corner for a street car; if it were Saturday morning, when our country friends make the town so lively, there would be one in sight."

The pale-faced, scantily-clad woman addressed, answered in a tone of cheerful content, "I am so thankful to be taken the long distance I have to go for five cents that I do not mind the waiting."

Two girls standing directly in front of her, upon hearing the reply, involuntarily glanced toward each other. The taller of the two said to her companion, with a comic air, "Proves the statement, Marge, that 'contentment consists not in great wealth but in few wants.' Let us decently bury those visions of dogcarts and Gladstones and attend their funeral this afternoon, with the intention of being thankful for small favors in future—even a *street car*." The last sentence was delivered in a tone of melancholy resignation. A shadow of disgust flitted across the pretty face beside her: "No use trying to be content in this stupid town, with nothing to do and no place to go."

"May I suggest something to do and some place to go for one evening this week?" It was the minister of their church, who had heard Marjorie Grey.

As the girls had only lately returned from college, they were surprised their new pastor should recognize them. After shaking hands cordially, he looked expectantly at Marjorie for an answer to his question. Imagining his appointment would prove to be a week-night prayer-meeting, a service of which Marjorie had very vague and uncertain ideas, she answered cautiously,—

"You may, if you wish, make the suggestion."

"Thank you. I trust you and your friend," turning with a pleasant smile to Helen, "will accept it. To-morrow evening the Young Ladies' Mission Circle will hold their regular meeting in the church parlor, at half-past seven, and if you attend I can promise that a hearty welcome awaits you."

"A Mission Circle!" thoughtfully. Then as the idea dawned upon her, "Why, I suppose that is a kind of Society for the well—I mean—to or for—the improvement of the heathen," she ended desperately, after a beseeching look at Helen, who was vainly endeavoring to conceal her mirth.

"If so, that is the place for us, Marjorie," and Helen Livingstone laughed heartily.

"You promise to be there?" eagerly from Mr. Dowling, for the jingling car bells sounded very near.

"Yes, thank you; we shall accept your invitation," answered Helen.

"That is a bit of news for Janet," said the plainly-dressed woman as if to herself, picking up her basket and entering the car that was now standing before them. The girls followed, then the minister, silently praying that the bright, heedless couple before him might be led to devote the energy and inspiration of their youth to the Master's service.

Tuesday evening was bright, frosty and bracing. The recent fall of snow had covered every discernible object with soft, starry flakes, till the vast expanse of dazzling whiteness turned the darkness of night into luminous beauty.

"Perfectly glorious!" and Helen took a *last* breath of the fresh air before closing the church door after her.

"Yes, just the very night for tobogganing," came mournfully from Marjorie. "And to think that the first invitation of the season should come on this night when we had promised to come here."

"Shouldn't sigh after the 'flesh pots of Egypt,' my child. Submit to the inevitable gracefully, like the story-book heroines." They were walking down the aisle of a dimly-lighted lecture room toward the bright, attractively-furnished parlor. On the way the sexton was encountered.

"Mission Circle?" he said inquiringly.

"Yes, we are going there," answered Helen.

"Then you'll want to be at their first meetin', p'raps? Quarter after seven some of 'em meets in that committee room yonder," indicating it with his thumb, "for a few words of prayer before beginnin' their regular meetin'."

"No, thank you; we shall go into the parlor and wait for the general meeting, I think." Helen lead the way, and, upon entering, discovered about twenty young ladies seated within. In a short time the cosy parlor was comfortably filled, and those present, led by a young lady at the organ, joined heartily in singing three verses of that beautiful hymn, 'Lead, kindly light.' Then they knelt in prayer, and after a few short sentences from the President, bearing directly upon the work, two or three others followed.

Helen was gazing absently at an opposite window, imagining herself whirling through space upon a soft-cushioned toboggan. Marjorie, with a dimpled chin propped on the back of her chair, was examining the millinery in sight and approaching a momentous decision,—should she have her hat trimmed in the front or the back?—when a sweet, clear voice was heard, "Heavenly Father, in Thy Word Thou hast said, 'Call unto Me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.' We covet this promise—yes, Lord, *we claim it.*"

One moment they remained upon their knees, then all rose, wondering what "great and mighty things" the Lord would show them, for none doubted that prayer had been answered.

As the roll was being called, Helen wondered why the young lady next her entered in a little note-book the names of the absent members. The pleasant face of the writer was raised to meet the inquiring look.

"I am secretary of the Visiting Committee, and it is my duty to see that as many as possible of the absent members are called upon before the next business meeting, one month from to-night. Our committee always remain a few minutes, and each takes from this list the names of three or four upon whom they will call during the month. Then, at every business meeting I have to report how many calls have been made."

"Thank you. It is much more interesting when one understands."

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted, then the first three articles of the constitution read, and seven names received and the new members introduced and welcomed by the President. The Corresponding-Secretary read her report, and the Treasurer, after which time was given for those who had not yet paid their twenty-five cent membership fee to do so.

"Report from the Management Committee," said the President.

"That is our committee to arrange the best methods of work." It was Helen's neighbor again giving information.

"It consists of some of our most earnest workers, who meet and plan, often as far as three months ahead, what we shall do at our literary meetings. They are held two weeks after the business meeting, so we meet twice a month, you see."

The report was read distinctly, and in a voice all could hear: "The Management Committee met last Monday evening, and after much prayer and careful consideration, decided to recommend the following to the Circle:—

"1. That the executives of the three local Mission Circles be notified to meet and consider the advisability of holding union quarterly meetings, at which modes of work could be discussed, and through which we believe a feeling of Christian unity in the Lord's work would be created, resulting in more widespread interest.

"2. That one of the members of this Circle be appointed to report once a month all the missionary items of general interest to be found in the *Guardian* and *OUTLOOK*. Time for report not to exceed ten minutes.

"3. That this Mission Circle establish a Crusade Day, upon which every member will be expected to secure, at least one, and as many more members as her efforts can obtain. Following this a reception, to be given the new members.

"4. That we have in connection with our Circle a 'Letter Brigade,' to consist of six young ladies (new ones appointed each quarter), who will agree to write one letter every two weeks for three months to an absent member, giving a short account of the previous meeting; the object being to sustain the interest of members who cannot attend, and create interest in members who do not care to attend.

The reader paused, then added, "I move that the recommendations of the committee be accepted."

It was seconded, and, after much discussion, carried unanimously.

A remarkably dignified young lady spoke first in an undertone to the President, then addressed the Circle. "I just wish to remind you, young ladies, that our next meeting is to be conducted according to parliamentary rules." There was a little flutter of excitement and expectant pleasure. "I sent to Miss Mary Scott, 26 Albert Street, Ottawa, for the forty copies of 'Condensed Parliamentary Rules,' compiled by Mrs. A. S. Benjamin. The price you understand is five cents a copy, or ten or more for three cents a copy. This will enable each one of us, for three cents, to become conversant with many points of order that constantly come under our notice. The seventy-five cent book 'Roberts' Rules of Order,' is more explanatory, and we hope it may be the next gift to our Circle library, as it would be very useful to us."

As she took her seat the President said, "I shall also remind you, though it is hardly necessary, that this day commences our Self-Denial Week. This week only comes once a year to us, so I am sure we shall none of us grudge the little we may be able to do without during the next six days. 'Better than the conscience that drives is the love that draws to the work of missions.' This work may bring only ten cents to one and to another ten dollars, but remember the Lord counts not as we do. He looks at what is left, as well as the amount given. The consecrated money that passes through the 'mint of prayer' is the money the Lord delights to use and bless in His own cause."

"Can't go home in the street cars to-night, Marge," whispered Helen; "that will be ten cents." It was said in fun, yet she could not help thinking how many five-cent pieces Marjorie and she could save if they were members of the Circle and desired to try.

"The superintendent of the Sewing department," the President continued, "on account of illness, is not able to be with us this evening; but did not neglect to send word

to me that orders for aprons, tray cloths and other articles have been received. Eight yards of good print has also been donated by a member of the Auxiliary, so it will be necessary for us to assemble for a sewing-meeting next month. This is a means for raising money, young ladies, upon which we place great dependence. The quilts and rag carpet—"

Marjorie pensively regarded her daintily gloved hands, and prophetically pictured a small first finger decorated with ugly, dark needle pricks.

As if divining her thought, Helen accompanied a nudge with, "Don't look so forlorn, Marge. I've heard of a patent needle warranted not to prick."

This comforting assertion had the effect of making Marjorie somewhat ashamed of her trifling thought. She turned her eyes again toward the President, who was saying, "We will now devote fifteen minutes to a Drill on the Constitution and Working of the Society."

(To be Continued.)

Our Young Folk.

DEPEW AND THE CIGAR.

MR. CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW, the well-known orator and railroad president, relates the following experience of his victory over the cigar:—

I used to smoke twenty cigars a day, and continued it until I was worn out. I didn't know what was the matter with me, and physicians that I applied to did not mention tobacco. I used to go to bed at two o'clock in the morning, and wake at five or six. I had no appetite, and was a dyspeptic.

I was in the habit of smoking at my desk, and thought that I derived material assistance in my work from it. After a time I found that I couldn't do any work without tobacco. I could prepare a brief or argument without tobacco, but still I was harassed by feeling that something was amiss and the result was not up to the mark.

I also found that I was incapable of doing any great amount of work. My power of concentration was greatly weakened, and I could not think well without a lighted cigar in my mouth. Now it is perfectly clear that without this power of concentration a man is incapable of doing many things. It is this which enables him to attend to various and multifarious affairs; to drop one absolutely and take up another and give it full attention.

One day I bought a cigar and was puffing it with a feeling of pleasure which is only possible to the devotee. I smoked only a few minutes and then took it out of my mouth and looked at it. I said to it, "My friend and bosom companion, you have always been dearer to me far than gold. To you I have ever been devoted, yet you are the cause of all my ills. You have played me false. The time has come that we must part." I gazed sadly and longingly at the cigar, then threw it into the street. I had been convinced that tobacco was ruining me.

For three months thereafter I underwent the most awful agony. I never expect to suffer more in this world or the next. I didn't go to any physician, or endeavor in any way to palliate my suffering. Possibly a physician might have given me something to soften the tortures. Neither did I break my vow. I had made up my mind that I must forever abandon tobacco or I would be ruined by it.

At the end of three months my longing for it abated. I gained twenty-five pounds in weight. I slept well for seven or eight hours every night. I required that amount

because of my excessive cerebration. When I don't get it I am liable to rheumatism or sciatica.

I never smoked from that day to this; and, while no one knows better than I the pleasures to be derived from tobacco, I am still well content to forget them, knowing their effect.—*Evangelical Messenger.*

STEALING A BABY ELEPHANT.

A REMARKABLY intelligent elephant, working on a new bridge in Ceylon, says *Murray's Magazine*, had a young one to whom she was perfectly devoted. It died, and she became inconsolable. Formerly the gentlest of creatures, she grew irritable and even dangerous. One morning she broke the chain which confined her, and escaped into the forest.

One night, about ten days after the escape, the officer who had been in charge of her went out to lie in wait for bears at a pond in a jungle at some distance.

As he and his native attendant were returning, early in the morning, the native silently nudged him, and they saw in the dim, gray light an elephant with her calf making her way toward the camp. They both sprang behind trees; and when the elephants had passed, the native insisted that the older one was their old friend.

When they reached the camp they found that the truant had indeed returned, and had gone from one person to another, touching each with her trunk, as if she were exhibiting her adopted child, which she had evidently begged, borrowed or stolen during her absence.

Her good temper and usual docility returned at once, and her owner blessed the good fortune which had enabled her to steal a child.

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