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## *Field Notes.*

WE beg to call special attention to the announcement on the last page of this issue, concerning the "Missionary Review of the World." The surest

trust his generous offer will meet with a ready response.

So far the reports of missionary meetings have been encouraging. We have been cheered in receiving cards and letters ending with the intimation that



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way to create missionary interest is to spread missionary information, and for this purpose there is no medium equal to the "Review." Mr. Holmes has undertaken this task as a labor of love, and is contributing freely of his own means to carry it out. We

there is an increase over last year. We have no returned missionaries, and hence the brethren at home will have to come to the front. But if all give "a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull altogether," we need have no fears for the Missionary Fund.

THE annual report of the Missionary Society has just been issued, and is being shipped from the Mission Rooms as rapidly as possible. Circuits failing to receive their supply within the next two weeks will kindly notify the General Secretary.

THE Rev. G. W. Dean, formerly pastor of the Emerald Street Church, Hamilton, has been transferred to the Manitoba and North-West Conference, to take charge of the work at Banff. This is an important field, and we wish Bro. Dean a pleasant and successful time in his new sphere of labor.

REV. G. F. HOPKINS, of Port Essington, B.C., has been forced to take a furlough on account of the ill-health of his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins are at present staying with relations in Chicago, where we hope that rest and relaxation from all anxiety will prove beneficial to both.

WHILE the Rev. Dr. Cochran and Rev. J. W. Saunby were on a missionary trip, Dr. Cochran was taken seriously ill. The symptoms developed into low typhoid fever, and for several weeks he was unable to return to his home in Tokyo. By the last mail a letter from Bro. Saunby has been received, stating that the Doctor has arrived home, and is recovering as rapidly as could be expected. He adds: "We, as a mission, have been intensely anxious about him because the loss of him now, especially with his literary work incomplete, would be almost irreparable, to say nothing of the sorrow to his family. It is, therefore, with great thankfulness we hail his recovery and return." We are sure the Church at home will join with the brethren in Japan in heartfelt praise to the Great Head of the Church for His loving-kindness in again restoring Dr. Cochran to his family and work.

WE give an extract from a letter of the Rev. Jos. Hall, Chairman of the Victoria District, B.C., which will be read by very many with thankfulness:—

"I hope that arrangements will soon be made for the Chinese building on Fisguard street. This mission is very prosperous. Within the past few weeks—since occupying the new hall—there have been several conversions. And what a noble Christian work is being done by the Chinese Girls' Rescue Home! A visit to that Home, so orderly and Christian, where the contrast between heathenism and Christianity is made so evident, and which is pervaded by the harmonious and industrious spirit which the religion of the Saviour engenders, is a means of grace to any one imbued with the missionary spirit of the Gospel. May these young girls be made a great blessing to their countrywomen."

## Editorial and Contributed.

### THE FRENCH INSTITUTE.

THE cut on the first page of this issue gives a very good idea of the new building recently erected at Côte St. Antoine, Montreal, for educational work among the French. A large "helio-type" engraving, 15 x 18 inches (of which the cut referred to is a reduced copy), has been printed on drawing paper, 20 x 24 inches, and will make a handsome ornament for any parlor. Any one sending to the Mission Rooms One Dollar or upwards in aid of the Institute will receive a copy of the picture by mail, post paid.

### NOTES FROM JAPAN.

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

ON Monday morning, June 24th, I joined Drs. McDonald and Cochran on board the train, bound for Kioto. This was in accordance with a resolution of the Mission Council, and the object of the journey was not only to visit the missions on the Shidzuoka District, but to explore the country to the south, in view of the possible extension of the work in that direction. It has already been remarked that the cars on Japanese railroads are inferior, of which we had ample proof on this journey. Motives of economy prescribed second-class fare; but as similar motives have led the railway authorities to construct these cars without cushions, a continuous ride of fifteen hours is somewhat fatiguing. Showers fell at intervals during the day; but the varied scenery of hill and valley, low-lying rice-fields and terraced slopes, flowing rivers and open sea, was very interesting, especially to the stranger. At 9 p.m. we reached Yagohama, and immediately went on board a small steamer on Lake Biwa. About 10 o'clock a start was made. The night was very dark, but still, and the run of forty miles was made in less than four hours. At 2 a.m. we reached Otzu, and put up at a native hotel, kept in foreign fashion, where we got a comfortable bed and a fair breakfast at a moderate price.

If "misery makes one acquainted with strange bed-fellows," as saith the proverb, it is no less true that travelling brings one into contact with all varieties of character. In the cabin of the little steamer were two young men, both dressed in foreign fashion, and one of whom spoke English fairly well. His companion gave a practical illustration of the extent to which foreign customs have invaded Japan, by ensconcing himself in a corner of the cabin and producing a bunch of cigars and a bottle of beer, both of which were

finished by the time we reached Otzu. Our English-speaking fellow-traveller was inclined to be social. He informed us that he and his friend were on the way to Osaka to start a newspaper, of which the friend was to be editor-in-chief. Then, with a view of making the most of his opportunities, and getting into practice, he proceeded to "interview" Dr. McDonald:

"Gentlemen," said he, "what may be your business on this journey?"

"Oh," said the Doctor, "we are simply travelling to see the country."

This seemed to surprise our Japanese friend a little, and he looked incredulous, but soon returned to the charge.

"What is your religion?" was the next question.

"We are Protestants," said the Doctor.

"Yes, but what denomination? You know there are many kinds of Protestants."

"We are Methodists," said McDonald.

"Methodists?" was the reply; "these must be people who live methodically." And I fancy it would have puzzled a theological student to give a better definition.

"I am a Radical," was the next piece of information volunteered. Now, I had heard of a small political *coterie* known as "Radicals," and thought this must be one of them, although he lacked their characteristic of long hair; but it soon appeared he had used the word in an ecclesiastical sense, for he further explained by saying, "I'm a Unitarian." Whether he knew what Unitarianism meant is a question; but it was something "Western," and that goes a long way in Japan just now. Then followed some questions as to Dr. McDonald's opinion of Mr. Gladstone's scheme of Home Rule, and other questions of like nature. But the climax was reached when he asked,

"How long have you been in the country?"

"Sixteen years," said the Doctor.

To which our Japanese friend responded, in the most agreeable and cheerful manner,

"You speak a lie!"

Next morning we took train for Kobe, passing Kioto on the way. Kobe, in some respects, may be called the Liverpool of Japan. It has a fine harbor, where flags of many nations were flying, and the town—the foreign concession especially—gives token of commercial push and enterprise. Here we spent a pleasant hour with Rev. Dr. Lambuth, of the M. E. Church South, and talked over the proposed basis of union. By afternoon train we returned to Kioto, passing Osaka on the way, where a large number of new factory chimneys shows the transition that is going on in Japan. Kioto was formerly the capital

of the nation and had a population of half a million, but now has probably not more than half that number. The American Board of Missions is strong here in school-work, but I could not learn that much impression had been made by evangelistic effort. Kioto impresses one as a place that "has been" but will not be again. Much of the city has a "run down" look, and it is just the kind of place where resistance to the new order of things is likely to be strong and stubborn. If anything is undertaken here by Methodism, it ought to be by the agents of the M. E. Church South, who have a good centre at Kobe, not very far away.

The "Yaami" hotel, at which we stopped, is very comfortable. The restaurant and a large new building adjacent are in foreign fashion, and as the whole occupies a beautiful site high up the mountain-side, the view is very fine. But if the comforts are foreign, so are the charges—\$2.50 for supper, bed and breakfast; but as this represented only \$1.87½ in gold, things might have been worse. Before leaving the town at noon, we got lunch in a native restaurant, but cannot say I relished it. Fried fish, native soup, made of fish and sea-weeds, rice and tea, were the staples; no bread, no vegetables. But they knew how to charge; \$1.25 for the three of us, ultimately reduced to \$1. To natives the charge for the same meal would have been about 45 *sen* for three, or less than half a dollar.

We reached Otzu by train about two o'clock, and again embarked on Lake Biwa. The wind was fresh from the north, and we had quite a sea, but reached Nagohama at 6 p.m., and at once took train for Nagoya, where we arrived at 9 p.m. Here we found a good native hotel, part of which has been fitted up in foreign fashion. On asking if we could get some supper, we received a courteous answer in the affirmative, and in a short time a bill of fare was brought, written in good English, and we were informed that everything advertised was at our service. I brought away the list as a curiosity, and print it here, *verbatim et literatim*:

## DINNER BILL OF FARE.

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| 1. Mock Turtle Soup. | 7. Boiled Potatoes. |
| 2. Boiled Fish.      | 8. Grilled Chicken. |
| 3. Beef Cutlets.     | 9. Roast Beef.      |
| 4. Stewed Beef.      | 10. Ice Cream.      |
| 5. Tomatoes.         | 11. Fruits.         |
| 6. Mushrooms.        | 12. Tea and Coffee. |

Such provision for the comfort of foreigners in this interior town was quite a surprise, and when we found the cooking and service was quite equal to the promise, Dr. McDonald complimented the house by saying to the girl who waited on the table, "You have everything very nice here;" to which she instantly replied, "Ah, sir, it is only ~~in~~ intention we do well; our per-

formance is very poor." Just think of a Canadian or American waiter talking that way.

Nagoya is evidently a live town. Many of the streets are broad and well kept; the shops are good, and the people generally have a pushing, wide-awake air, that tells of enterprise. But if reports can be relied upon, the morals of the place are low, even for Japan. Toward this city our brethren have been turning their eyes for some time. Several other missions are already established, but as the place contains a population of over 200,000, there is abundant room for more Christian workers. Moreover, Nagoya seems to be regarded, by tacit consent, as a place which any missionary society is at liberty to enter without being regarded as an intruder.

This ends our exploring tour, as to-morrow we shall be among the missions of the Shidzuoka District. There are fields in this southern country that are white unto harvest, and if the union of the Methodist Churches in Japan should be accomplished, they will be able to work to better advantage in supplying these destitute fields.

#### THE GENERAL BOARD AND ITS WORK.

THOSE who have never attended a meeting of the General Board of Missions can form but a very imperfect idea of the amount of work that is done. When crystallized into "Minutes," the record occupies comparatively small space, but the scope of the work itself is very large, and many of the subjects treated are of great importance. From the carefully prepared records of the Journal Secretary, A. J. Donly Esq., we make a number of extracts, which will keep our readers informed of the results of the Board's deliberations, although they give little or no idea of the time and care bestowed upon the various questions submitted.

#### JAPAN AFFAIRS.

A Report was presented by a sub-committee of the Board, and after careful consideration and some amendments, was adopted as follows:—

1. We recommend that the Rev. H. Johnston, D.D., be requested to prepare a suitable reply to the letter addressed to the Board by the native members of the Japan Conference, and that the reply be signed by the Secretary of the Board, and forwarded by the General Secretary.

2. In reference to the appointment of an additional Professor for the Theological College, and a Science Teacher for the Academy, inasmuch as your Committee are informed that these appointments may be deferred for a time without embarrassment to the Educational work, we recommend that this matter be referred to the Committee of Consultation and Finance with the suggestion that competent persons be secured, if possible, as soon as needed; provided that

no appointment be made to the Theological College during the present year, unless an efficient man can be obtained from those now laboring in Japan.

3. Touching the question of the Union of the Mission work of the several Methodist Churches in Japan, your Committee, believing that the accomplishment of the union proposed would conduce to the progress of the work of God in that land, recommend the adoption of the basis of union as agreed upon by the Joint Committee of the three Methodist bodies in Japan. We recommend also that the officers of the Missionary Board be instructed to place themselves in communication with the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in order to facilitate as far as practicable the accomplishment of the union.

4. We recommend the adoption of the full and interesting report of the General Secretary touching his recent official visit to Japan. We rejoice in the results of his mission, in cheering and strengthening the hearts of our brethren in Japan by his kindly sympathy, and in directing affairs at this somewhat critical period in the history of the mission by his wise counsel—especially in the organization of the new Conference, and in regard to the proposed scheme of union with other Methodist laborers in that field. We rejoice in the Providential mercies which attended him throughout his long and eventful journey, and have brought him back in the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of Peace to resume his important work at home.

5. In view of the marked success which has attended our mission work in Japan, and the bright prospect opening up for the extension of pure Christianity in that distant field of missions, your Committee with profound gratitude to God, desire to express their warm appreciation of the earnest toil, wisdom and devotion of our brethren, through whose instrumentality these results have been accomplished, and to assure them of our continued confidence, sympathy, and prayers for increased success.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

The Committee on Miscellaneous Business presented the following report, which was adopted:

#### METHODS FOR INCREASING THE INTEREST IN MISSIONS IN OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We recommend that, inasmuch as no one method can be said to be the best for all schools, owing to the great diversity which exist among them, we advise the adoption of one of the following plans in every case. (a) Juvenile Cards. (b) Monthly offerings by the School. (c) The Blake System.

We would urge the pastors on every circuit to give special attention to the matter, and to see that in each school some one of these plans of systematic giving for missionary objects be adopted throughout our entire work.

2. Memorial from the Newfoundland Conference in reference to their Parsonage Aid Fund, asking a grant, in view of the abolition of appropriations for rent by this Board.

The Committee learns with pleasure that the Newfoundland Parsonage Aid Society has done so nobly, and has been so successful in the building of parsonages; having succeeded in acquiring \$50,000 worth of property, with only \$6,000 of debt upon it. It is with sincere regret that we are obliged, in view of the state of the Mission Treasury, and the heavy and most pressing demands upon it, to say that we are at present unable to recommend any grant to the said Parsonage Aid Funds, though in full sympathy with its objects, and rejoicing in its success.

3. Memorial from Montreal District relative to the Sustentation Fund, and its relation to the Superannuation Fund.

Inasmuch as this Board does not diminish grants to Conferences because of the Sustentation Fund, no action appears to be necessary by this Board. We are of opinion that the Schedules ought to contain all available information respecting the financial circumstances of each mission. In respect to the relations of the Sustentation and Superannuation Funds, the subject may come properly before the Board having charge of the latter fund, to which we understand a copy of the memorial has been sent.

4. In reference to the claim of Mr. Clipsham, (1) Inasmuch as the matter has been repeatedly before the Committee of Consultation and Finance, which made an offer to the claimant, and said offer was refused; (2) After having been brought into court, the claimant's solicitor agreed to accept a smaller sum than the Committee's offer, and the court confirmed the settlement, but said settlement was repudiated by the claimant, who again had a personal hearing before the Committee and again refused their offer; we respectfully recommend that no further action be taken in the matter.

5. Memorial from Montreal Conference Missionary Committee, complaining that our basis of distribution of grants is inequitable in granting too much to French, Indian, and Foreign work, to the serious hurt of the missionaries in the domestic fields. We recognize the apparent inequality complained of, but must at the same time state that the Board endeavors to deal justly with all interests committed to its care; having regard as much as possible to the very different circumstances of the various departments of our work. Inasmuch as these special circumstances are all carefully reviewed by the Board before the several grants are made, we cannot recommend any change in the method of distribution.

#### EXPENDITURE ON MISSION PREMISES.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas serious embarrassments have occurred in consequence of unauthorized expenditure by missionaries on mission premises, which expenditure has afterwards been made a claim upon the funds of the Society, *Resolved*,—That this Board emphatically reaffirms the standing rule published in each annual report relating to such expenditure, and that it be a standing instruction to the General Secretary not to bring before the Board any claim in regard to which the standing rule has not been observed.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

The Revs. Drs. Williams and Sanderson were unable to attend the sessions of the Board, the former on account of severe illness, the latter on account of a bereavement in his family. The following resolutions were adopted:

That we, the members of the General Missionary Board, in session assembled, desire to express our deep affection for and profound sympathy with the Rev. Dr. Williams in the prolonged and severe affliction through which he has been called to pass. We mourn his absence from our midst, and feel the loss of his wise and fatherly counsel. We assure him of our continued prayer to the Great Head of the Church that all grace may be given to sustain, to comfort and to fill with abounding joy and blessed rest in the will of the Father divine, whose he is, and whom he has faithfully served as a revered minister of the Lord Jesus.

That this Board deeply sympathize with our beloved brother, Rev. Dr. Sanderson, in the great sorrows of his recent bereavement in the death of his estimable daughter, and regret that through this afflictive dispensation we have been deprived of the wise counsels of our dear brother in our sessions and deliberations. The Secretary is hereby instructed to convey to Dr. Sanderson this expression of our sincere sympathy, together with an assurance of our growing esteem.

#### NEW MISSION IN THE WINDWARD ISLANDS.

A report was presented by a sub-committee respecting the proposal to establish a new mission in the islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe. After some discussion the following resolution was adopted:

The General Board of Missions having learned through the Hon. Senator Macdonald that an interesting and valuable field for missionary labor is open in the islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe, desire to invite the attention of our Church to its duty and the providential opening by the Head of the Church, and refer the consideration of the whole subject to the General Conference of next year at Montreal. In the meantime the General Secretary is authorized to conduct the necessary correspondence, to bring all facts and provisional arrangements forward to the consideration of the General Conference.

#### INDIAN AND NORTH-WEST AFFAIRS.

A carefully-prepared report touching Indian affairs, and some other matters in the North-West, was presented. The following paragraphs were adopted:—

The Committee learn with very great regret that the Oka Indian matter has not yet been adjusted, and is still one of considerable difficulty and embarrassment. It is also learned, on apparently reliable authority, that those Indians who have removed to the Reserve in Gibson, Ontario, are prosperous, contented and happy, a condition that can scarcely be hoped for regarding those still on the Reserve at Oka till the unhappy differences between the Indians and the Seminary of St. Sulpice are settled. It is, therefore, recommended

that the General Secretary be instructed to visit at the earliest possible date the Reserve at Gibson, and ascertain the condition of the Oka Indians there and afterwards those still remaining on the old Reserve; and in case he finds that the case of the latter would likely be improved by removal, then that he shall counsel with and advise them to accept the terms now offered for their removal, and thus put an end to this irritating and unprofitable difficulty.

2. Your Committee have learned with profound regret that no substantial advancement has been made toward the establishment of an Industrial Institute in Manitoba, the North-West, and British Columbia. It is well known that other religious denominations have secured very distinct advantages in this matter, which will, without doubt, exercise an increasingly beneficial influence upon the operations of the respective denominations thus favored. It will be remembered that at the last meeting of the Board a request was preferred that proper representations should be made to the Dominion Government regarding the interest of the Methodist Church, with a view of securing just recognition of our rights. Your Committee is aware that the Dominion of Canada rests under an obligation to the Methodist Church for the patriotic zeal and devoted loyalty uniformly manifested by her missionaries and people that it is not able to repay. It is, therefore, felt that something more definite and efficient must, if possible, be accomplished. Further delay, however occurring, should not be tolerated. Your Committee would advise the appointment of a committee which shall be specially charged with the conduct and adjudication of all matters affecting the interests of the Methodist Missionary Society with which the Dominion Government may have in any way to deal, and report from time to time the result of their operations to the Committee of Consultation and Finance.

4. Your Committee has gone into the letters and papers affecting the Memorial of the British Columbia Conference, and the matters involved therein, and would recommend an expression of approval by your Board of the action taken by the Committee of Consultation and Finance. There has been an apparently unnecessary delay in getting the matter finally settled, which cannot but be regretted. It does not seem advisable that the inquiry should be protracted any longer than is absolutely necessary. It is, therefore, recommended that the Committee of Consultation and Finance be instructed to press the matter with all urgency, that an authoritative deliverance may be had without delay, in order that the progress and development of our Church on the Pacific Coast may no longer be impeded by the non-settlement of the question involved in this matter.

5. Your Committee is advised that differences between your missionaries, teachers, and Indian agents have arisen at different points, apparently from the absence of respective jurisdiction being properly defined. It is also stated that questions have arisen as to the extent and use of property which teachers and missionaries may have in their possession. It cannot be questioned that every missionary and teacher sent out by the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church should feel, and the rest of the community should

feel, that the Methodist Church is fully committed to secure the recognition and enjoyment of every right that can be properly demanded for her officials and people. It is, therefore, recommended that immediate steps be taken by the Committee of Consultation and Finance to have properly ascertained and defined the rights and jurisdiction of the missionary, teacher, and Indian agent upon or connected with each Reserve; that each missionary and teacher may be secured in the enjoyment and use of his own personal property without interference; that the Dominion Government may be induced to undertake the maintenance of the schools on the Reserves; and that generally a distinct understanding and agreement may be had on all matters likely to arise in connection with the work and operations of your officials and agents on any of the different Reserves.

## Woman's Missionary Society

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"Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth."—MICAH iv. 13.

DECEMBER! The Christmas season! The time of all others, the year round, when kind words and good deeds stir all hearts. The time when, for a little, busy men and women pause, and recall joyous memories of a youth too fast slipping away, and strive to invest the present with the old-time enthusiasm. With the joyous tone which we all love to hear there mingles the minor key. Wishing a merry, a glad and happy season to all our readers, we cannot forget that over many homes dark clouds may hover, unbidden sorrow will overwhelm many hearts, vacant chairs will cause bitter tears to flow; yet through all this painful experience God may, and to His children does, come so near, with His comforting presence and His sure and faithful promises, that even in sorrow we may rejoice. The poor and neglected, the vicious and degraded, who know not God nor fear man, these need

and should have our earnest prayer, our kind words and gifts; and it is a pleasing thought that to such the Christmas season, the Christian's festival, is not without good cheer.

The ringing chorus of the angels' song sounds in our ears, at once the prediction and the fulfilment, "Peace on earth and good will to men." As never before, the world is being attuned in grand harmony. Slowly, too slowly it may be, but surely, Christians are drawing nearer to each other, sectional barriers are dropping out of sight, and Christian agencies of all sorts are permeating and leavening society with the principles of the New Testament. This is the fulfilment we expect. "The government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government there shall be no end."

IN entering upon the fourth year of our work in this department, we desire to express our hearty thanks to the members of the General Board, through whose all but unanimous ballot this work is again committed to our care. The privilege of working for a cause you love, in the way you like the best, is indeed a happy one, and such we feel this to be. The meeting with our readers once a month in more than six thousand homes is an opportunity we take as from God, and one to be used for Him; and the letters coming in monthly keep our heart in touch and sympathy with the work from all parts of the country. Many of these letters bear us kind words, which make our work a delight.

AT the Board meeting a resolution was passed empowering a committee to prepare a plan for establishing a paper of our own, and report at next annual meeting. This will be a step in the right direction. No society of any considerable importance can afford to be without a paper, and though, through the kindness of the General Society, our Woman's Missionary Society were enabled to adopt a part of the OUTLOOK as their organ, it does not meet the requirements of our expansion, and demands are made for more space. With a paper of our own, we should have departments of different kinds—in short, a woman's monthly exchange of missionary intelligence, selections, studies, correspondence, home and foreign, and a medium of communication between all our workers, young and old. The plan will be laid before our readers, for their judgment, in due season.

THE reception tendered the delegates by Mr. and Mrs. Hall and members of the W. M. S., at the New

French Institute, Côte St. Antoine, was a most enjoyable occasion. Many were the expressions of delight and satisfaction with the building and its purposes. May it be for long years to come a centre of light and evangelism, whose rays shall pierce the gloom of Romish error and superstition throughout the Province of Quebec.

THE social tea was held in the ladies' parlor of St. James' Church, where a large number of members and friends of the Society spent a happy hour in making or renewing acquaintances. A great deal of credit is due the young ladies, who had evidently spared no pains in furnishing and beautifying the tables, the whole attesting the warmth and cordiality of a welcome the delegates will long remember with pleasure.

LAST year, the Literature and Publication Committee was composed of one lady from each Branch. Owing to the difficulty of meeting during the year, a change was made at the General Board, and each Branch selected a lady, resident in Toronto, to be its representative. The committee now stands as above, and Auxiliaries and Bands desiring literature or information will kindly address their representative at Toronto.

THE time for renewing subscription lists is at hand. In clubs of eight, the OUTLOOK costs but 25c. a year. Do not be without it. In our new Auxiliary books will be found a department for registering the subscribers. We trust every Auxiliary will send in a good list. Also, let us hear of your work.

AUXILIARIES desiring Leaflets may order from Miss Wilkes. The following can be had free: "The Reasons Why I Should Join the W. M. S.," "Condensed Corresponding Secretary's Report," "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box," "Our Work."

IN consequence of the large amount of space occupied by the report of the Annual Meeting, we are obliged to hold over an excellent article by Mrs. T. W. Jackson, on "District Organizers' Work." It will appear next month.

#### AUXILIARIES, ATTENTION!

WE are requested to call the attention of the Auxiliaries to the books prepared by order of the Board, and now on sale at the Methodist Book Room. Price \$1.75. We think our members will be pleased with this method of keeping our records. The system

will be uniform, and greatly facilitate the work of officers. Each Auxiliary will pay for its own, and it is expected the set will cover three years, so that the price will not be found exorbitant. Orders should be sent in immediately, as the year begins with the October meeting. Presidents of Auxiliaries will kindly remember to comply in this matter with the decision of the Board.

#### ROMISH PRAYER-BOOK.

**I**N the series of short and pointed papers on one of the Romish prayer-books, Mrs. J. Ross, of Montreal, is doing us good service. Many intelligent Protestants hold the idea that Rome teaches the Gospel, that she is a Christian Church. A comparison instituted between the Word of God and the teachings of the Fathers would dispel this illusion. Many persons believe also that the Romish Church "has enough of Christ to save its people," that is, that they will be judged according only to the light they have. So also will the heathen and all who have no opportunity of learning of Christ; but great is the responsibility of the Christian Church that heeds not the command to "Go and preach the Gospel to every creature."

#### IN MEMORIAM.

**W**ITH deep pain for the bereaved family, we present the following touching record to our readers. May the God of all consolation pour upon them the spirit of true comfort and peace!

With sincere sorrow we are called upon to record the death of one of our former members in missionary work, our beloved friend and sister, Lida Hobbs, wife of Rev. R. Hobbs, who passed most triumphantly away on Saturday, the 14th September, at the Methodist parsonage, Tilsonburg. Being in delicate health for some time previous to her death, she had not the privilege of meeting with us very often, but her place in the monthly meetings was never vacant, only when kept at home through illness. Little did we think when holding our public meeting, something over a year ago, when the chairman, the Rev. Charles Lavell, M.A., conferred the honor of life-membership upon our dear sister, that she was attending her last missionary anniversary, for so it proved to be. By her holy life and sweet Christian character she won all hearts, and ever by prayers and counsel sought to lead others into closer communion with her heavenly Father, whom she so faithfully loved and served. In her home she was a most devoted wife, and with her children she reigned as queen, they yielding her at all times most loving obedience. Her last loving look and words were for the dear ones she was leaving. Calling each one, she kissed them "Good-bye," and with a look of great gladness, said, "Jesus has come for me, I am so glad to go!" and passed sweetly into rest. We laid her tenderly away by the side of her dear little Lavelle, in Fairview Cemetery, Niagara Falls, sorrowing not as those without hope, but looking joyfully forward to a happy reunion in that land where the "inhabitants never say I am sick," and sorrow and sighing never come, for "God hath forever wiped away all tears from their eyes." We tender to all the family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

PHOEBE S. BIGGAR, *Cor. Sec.*

#### FROM THE AUXILIARIES.

**BELLEVILLE.**—On Sunday evening, November 3rd, Mrs. L. Massey addressed a large audience in the West Belleville Church, in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society, and met the ladies of the congregation the day following for the organization of an Auxiliary. An earnest desire to promote the good cause was manifested by the unhesitating response to the appeal for membership, and we trust our interest in this great work will increase as we learn more about it. A membership of seventy-five was recorded, exclusive of donations of one dollar each from several gentlemen. To God be all the praise. The officers are as follows:—President, Mrs. T. Lingham; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. W. H. Scholes and Mrs. G. A. Swayze; Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. Stocker; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Nettie Lingham.

NETTIE LINGHAM, *Cor. Sec.*

**CHARING CROSS.**—The members of this Auxiliary are still working zealously in the interests of our mission work. Although our financial standing was not materially advanced during the last year, we have reason to believe that there is an increased interest in the work. Since our last annual report was sent away four new members have been added to the list. There is also a larger number subscribing for the *OUTLOOK* than formerly. Our receipts last year amounted to \$113.79; after paying all expenses, \$108 was sent to the Branch Treasurer. Of this amount \$30.39 was raised by mite boxes. We have this year undertaken the support of a Bible-woman in Japan; her monthly report seems to bring the work nearer to us. We are now engaged in filling a box with clothing to be sent to the Indians on the St. Clair Mission. A social under the auspices of this Auxiliary was held here on the 23rd ultimo. We had a very pleasant and social evening. The proceeds were nearly \$30.

LYDIA SHEPLEY, *Cor. Sec.*

**PORT GREVILLE, N.S.**—At the September meeting the following officers were elected for the year, viz.: President, Mrs. C. Smith; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. E. Hatfield and Mrs. J. W. Hatfield; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ainsley Hatfield; Cor. Sec., Mrs. C. Fullerton; Treasurer, Miss A. E. Elderkin. Our numbers have been steadily increasing, until now we have twenty-six members. We have sixteen subscribers for the *OUTLOOK*. Our meetings, which have been held regularly the first Thursday of each month, are well attended, and are interesting and profitable. During the past year we have forwarded to the Branch Treasurer the sum of \$76, including what has been raised by the Mission Band. We pray that our feeble efforts to do something for the Master may be abundantly blessed, and that the year upon which we have just entered may be one of great success.

MRS. C. FULLERTON, *Cor. Sec.*

**WELLAND AVENUE, ST. CATHARINES.**—The past year has been noted for some progress in our missionary work. We are thankful for the measure of success we have met. The last annual meeting was very interesting and profitable—opening our mite boxes kept us busy, the contents being largely increased this year. Were greatly encouraged and pleased by Mrs. John Notman announcing her intention of becoming a life member. The Mission Band in connection with our church has worked well, and largely increased our finances. We hope for greater success and that the interest in the good work may become more general among the ladies of our congregation in the coming year.

M. E. BLACK, *Cor. Sec.*



GRAND MANAN.—An Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was organized here, October 24th, 1889, by Miss M. A. Cochrane, of St. Stephen, N.B., with a membership of eighteen and two honorary members, Rev. A. C. Dennis, and Mr. T. C. McCutcheon. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. H. E. Fraser; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. George Schofield; 2nd Vice-President, Miss V. Guptill; Treasurer, Miss J. Bancroft; Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. Bancroft; Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. A. Fraser. With God's help, we trust that we may do something for the salvation of souls, realizing that all things work together for good to those that love God.

E. A. FRASER, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM.—The Chatham Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society held their annual meeting September 25th, at which the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Hadley; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Snooke; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. George McKeough; Recording Secretary, Miss Metcalf; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Trelevan; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. McKeough. A tea and entertainment was given in the evening, entertainment opening with a very impressive address by the President. We commenced the year with twenty-seven members. Donations, \$12.50. Proceeds of tea, \$14.59.

WATFORD.—On the 23rd September Mrs. (Rev.) Brown, of Strathroy, organized an Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society here with a membership of eleven. In a day or two we had added five other names, making sixteen in all. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. Thompson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Virgo; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. Mitchell; Recording Secretary, Miss Jennie Mitchell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jos. Philp; Treasurer Mrs. T. B. Taylor. Mrs. Virgo was appointed to obtain subscriptions for the OUTLOOK.

MRS. J. PHILP, *Cor. Sec.*

#### FROM THE BANDS.

The Young People's Mission Band of the First Methodist Church, Hamilton, held its third annual meeting on Monday evening, October 6th. The attendance was good. The report for the past year was most satisfactory, the Band having sent \$120 to the Treasurer of the Western Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society during that time. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. H. Gayfer; Vice-President Mr. T. Hazel; Recording Secretary, Miss L. Davis; Assistant Recording Secretary, Miss M. Magan; Corresponding Secretary, Miss A. Dexter; Treasurer, Mr. E. Hunter. The membership of the Band numbers forty-seven, and its prospects are excellent.

A. DEXTER, *Cor. Sec.*

#### COQUALEETZA HOME AND SCHOOL

ON Sunday November 3rd, the above named institution was formally dedicated, the Rev. E. Robson, Chairman of the District, conducting the dedicatory service. Quite a number of the white friends of the surrounding neighborhood were present, thus showing their appreciation of the work being done by the Woman's Missionary Society. Earnest prayers were offered for the teachers, that they might be endowed with wisdom from on high; and for the children, that they all might be led to the Saviour in their early childhood, and that they in turn might go out and teach others about God, and point the lost ones to the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world,"

We trust that our numerous friends in the east will not cease to pray for our prosperity.

C. M. TATE.

CHILLIWHACK, Nov. 5th, 1889.

#### ERRORS OF ROMANISM.

BX MRS. J. ROSS.

THE reasons of the Church of Rome for withholding the sacred Scriptures from their people, become quite obvious, as we continue to compare their teachings with those of Holy Writ. In looking into their own accredited version, the Douay Bible, the letter of the ten commandments is very nearly like our own. But instead of giving in their manuals and catechisms the pure word as it is in their own authorized version, they blasphemously mutilate and rearrange the holy canon, written upon the sacred tablets by the finger of God Himself. The second commandment is entirely omitted, as it so emphatically forbids the making of any graven image, the likeness of anything in the heavens above, or of the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth; the bowing down to them or serving them. For this command they substitute the third, and so on to the tenth, which they divide into two to make up the number. What a terrible responsibility do they assume when they so directly disobey the distinct command of God (Deut. iv. 2:) "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God." Again, Deut. xii. 32: "Thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from."

It is expressly stated on page 451 of the Mission Book, "The infallible Word of God is the only true ground of faith"; and yet on page 252 it declares, "The Word of God is not contained in the Bible alone, but also in the traditions of the Church." But unfortunately, as did the Jews, in the words of our Saviour (Matt. xv. 13): they too often "transgress the commandments of God by their traditions." These traditional teachings embody the errors formerly mentioned, with multitudes of others quite as antagonistic to the simple truth as it is in Jesus. Many of them are really more absurd and ridiculous than dangerous; such as wearing the scapular, venerating relics—old bones of the saints, splinters of the cross, etc.—to which is often attributed amazing miraculous power. The scapular is considered specially sacred. This is usually a piece of woollen cloth, blessed by some dignitary, and worn in the pocket, on the arm, or around the neck or waist. An instance of its remarkable power lies before me in one of their sacred books. It is said that "about the year 1251 the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, an English Carmelite, and giving him the scapular, assured him that all who should die invested with it would be saved from eternal fire." Were these poor deluded ones but taught, instead, to look to "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world," to rest simply upon the finished work of Jesus, how lightly would they regard such childish superstitions. Well do the words of the blessed Master apply to these blind guides, "Thus have ye made the commandments of God of none effect by your traditions." "In vain do ye worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

CORRECTION.—In the paper in the October number, on the "Errors of Romanism," there are two or three misprints, which materially affect the meaning. The first occurs in the second sentence, where *adoration* should have been *veneration*. Again, further on, where *so many such prayers*, should read, *so many such pagans*, and in the last sentence the word *superstitions* should have been *misrepresentations*.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

THE Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Canada opened its eighth Annual Convention October 22, in the lecture hall of St. James' Methodist Church.

The proceedings opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. J. T. Pitcher, after which the roll-call was read, the following sixty-three delegates answering to their names:—

*General Officers.*—Mesdames J. Gooderham, President, Toronto; Dr. Wilmott, Recording Secretary, Toronto; Strachan, Corresponding Secretary, Hamilton; Dr. Rosebrugh, Treasurer, Hamilton.

*Central Branch.*—Mrs. Dr. Williams, President; Mrs. Dr. Briggs, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. S. Hooker, Mrs. Dr. Parker, Mrs. Dr. D. G. Sutherland, Mrs. Tyner, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. (Rev.) McCallum, Mrs. R. Brown, Toronto; Mrs. Kendry, Peterboro'; Mrs. G. D. Platt, Picton; Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson, Cobourg; Mrs. Weldon, Lindsay; Mrs. (Rev.) G. Brown, Gravenhurst; Mrs. Sherin, Lakefield; Mrs. G. L. Hughes, Schomberg; Mrs. Dr. Bascomb, Uxbridge; Mrs. L. Massey, Wallbridge; Mrs. W. Johnson, Belleville; Mrs. McMaster, Campbellford. Alternates—Miss Hawley, Bath; Miss Alexander, Brampton.

*New Brunswick and P. E. Island Branch.*—Mrs. McMichael, President, St. John, N.B.; Miss Palmer, Corresponding Secretary, St. John; Mrs. Head, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Mrs. C. A. Palmer, St. John; Mrs. Henry Hill, St. Stephen.

*Western Branch.*—Mrs. Dr. Burns, President, St. Thomas; Mrs. Cunningham, Corresponding Secretary, Galt; Mrs. Jackson, Beamsville; Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Langford, London South; Mrs. J. C. Detlor, Clinton; Mrs. Sharp, Brantford; Mrs. Russ, Woodstock; Mrs. Dr. Williams, Ingersoll; Mrs. Hamilton, London; Mrs. Dr. Fowler, London; Mrs. Cullen, Sarnia; Mrs. Hurlburt, Mitchell; Mrs. Saunby, London; Mrs. Scarff, Guelph; Mrs. McMechan, London; Mrs. Kay, Brantford; Mrs. Laird, Hamilton; Mrs. H. W. Brethour, Brantford. Alternates—Mrs. W. Crawford, Hamilton; Miss E. McLean, Goderich.

*Eastern Branch.*—Mrs. T. G. Williams, Corresponding Secretary, Sault au Recollet; Mrs. McRossie, Mrs. Edwin Chown, Kingston; Mrs. Day, Gananoque; Mrs. Skinner, Ottawa; Mrs. White, Brockville; Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Torrance, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Nichol, Montreal.

*Nova Scotia Branch.*—Mrs. S. E. Whiston, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Mary Ray, Halifax; Mrs. C. H. Whitman, Pictou.

The minutes of the Executive meetings held during the interim were read.

The reports from the various Branches and separate Auxiliaries were read. The report of the Nova Scotia Branch showed an increase of twenty Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, making in all 46 Auxiliaries and 19 Bands. Members, 931; increase, 320; life members, 46; increase, 5; Mission Band members, 656; increase, 249. The report for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island showed an increase of 13 Auxiliaries, making a total of 41; increase of members, 344; total, 1,012. Number of Mission Bands, increase, 3; total, 11. Increase in New Brunswick members, 125; total, 318; income, 1889, \$2,768.40; increase over last year, \$1,107.69. The report for the Central Branch followed, showing 23 new Auxiliary Branches and 19 new Mission Bands. Total number of Auxiliaries, 72; total number of Bands, 45; total members, 2,084; Mission Band members, 1,277; income, \$6,761.22. The Western Branch had an increase of 17 Auxiliaries, and 6 Mission

Bands. Total 85 Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. Total membership, 2,120; increase, 40%. Total Mission Band members, 677; increase, 223. Income, \$6,633.48; increase, \$771.88. The Eastern Branch also had a good year. The increase in the Auxiliaries was 21; total 47. Increase in annual members, 368; total, 1,079. Increase in life members, 14; total 43. Increase in Mission Band members, 95; total, 583. Increase in Mission Bands, 6; total, 17. Income, \$2,945.42; increase, \$567.84.

The meeting then adjourned until afternoon.

## THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

The delegates re-assembled at 2.30, and after devotional exercises the Nominating Committee reported the following elections to committees: Memorials—Mesdames Blackstock, Hooker, Bascom, McMichael, Scarff, Cunningham, Torrance, White, Whiston and Williams. Publications—Misses Palmer, Hawley, Kav, and Mesdames Parker, Kendree, Detlor, Saunby, McMechan, Shaw and T. G. Williams. Board of Works—Mesdames Platt, McCallum, Wilson, G. Browne, Bosanko, G. L. Hughes, Johnson, McMaster, Hurd, Hill, C. H. Palmer, McMichael, Jackson, Phelps, Sharpe, Hamilton, Cullen, Forward, Day, Laird, G. Brown, Crawford, Hurlburt, Wright, Whitman, Whiston, and Misses Alexander, McLean and Kay. Missionary candidates—Mesdames Strachan, Sherin, Sutherland, McMichael, Langford, Russ, Nichol, Skinner, Whiston, Whitman, and Miss Palmer. Appropriations—Mesdames Strachan, Rosebrugh, Briggs, R. Brown, McKay, McMichael, Burns, Detlor, Fowler, McRossie, T. G. Williams, Whiston, and Misses Kay and Palmer. Publication of reports—Mesdames Cunningham, Burns, Massey, Tyner, McRossie, T. G. Williams, Whiston, and Miss Palmer.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. J. Ross, in the name of the Methodist sisterhood of Montreal, warmly welcomed the delegates to the city and to that beautiful sanctuary. She deemed it an auspicious event that so early in its young life they were permitted to welcome within the courts of that building the General Board of the Woman's Missionary Society. They felt that the gathering together of so many of the elect and honorable women in full and earnest consecration to the work of sending the Gospel to their less favored sisters in distant lands was but a fitting addition to the opening services which had already been held. In conclusion she expressed a hope that the delegates' stay might prove a profitable one.

Mrs. Hamilton replied on behalf of the representatives of the Society. They appreciated the cordial welcome the more because of the common source of the love that prompted it, and they accepted it the more readily because they knew it was extended for the sake and in the name of their common Lord. The delegates came from the east and west and from the north and south, and in coming they felt that there were many circumstances which combined to unite them to each other. In conclusion she returned thanks for the cordial and hearty reception accorded the delegates.

The report from the Treasurer showed that the total receipts during the year had been \$39,477.17, including a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$17,170.89; and the disbursements amounted to \$20,234.87, which left a favorable balance of \$19,242.30.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary (Mrs. Strachan) stated that during the past year the work of the Society had extended in a healthy way. After alluding to the work done in Tokyo, Shidzuoka, Kofu, and to educational, French, Indian and Chinese work, all of which showed continued prosperity, it was stated that in looking over the whole field there was abundant cause for thanksgiving and

redoubled diligence. As showing the Society's growth, it was stated that the Auxiliaries numbered 300, or an increase of 94; Auxiliary members, 7,173, an increase of 2,038; life members, 390, an increase of 87; total ratable membership, 7,519; Mission Bands, 123, an increase of 38; Mission Band members, 3,511, an increase of 527; amount raised, \$22,941.11; received by General Treasurer, \$21,758.09, an increase of \$2,354.85.

The report was adopted.

The President then delivered her address, in which, after referring to the absence of familiar faces on account of sickness, she alluded to the fact that six years ago the second annual meeting of the Society was held in this city, fourteen delegates being present. Since then the Society's growth had been rapid. Various methods had been adopted to secure the interest and co-operation of all the women in the Church in regard to their duty to the women and children who were yet without a knowledge of the only true God. Much time and thought had been bestowed on the selection and distribution of missionary literature, in which direction very little was done until 1884. At a late date organizers were appointed to the various districts. All the measures had been followed by good results. Having expressed a hope that the new French Methodist Institute would prove a fresh impulse to work in that direction, she said that the success which attended the Society in the past was to be an assurance that more could be achieved in the future. Every member should contribute her proportion of influence and power to the work, and there must be no drones.

Mrs. Green attended as representing the Woman's Board of Missions to extend greetings to the gathering, and a letter was read from Mrs. A. S. Robinson, on behalf of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, conveying greetings to the delegates.

Encouraging reports of the Society's work in Japan were read, after which several notices of motion, etc., were given, and the meeting adjourned until this morning.

#### THE EVENING RECEPTION.

It was a happy thought on the part of the ladies constituting the city Auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Canada to hold, in the new French Methodist Institute a reception of the delegates attending the annual convention of the Society. But the reception was not confined to the delegates, it extended to all who take an interest in mission work, and that the number who do this was large was amply testified, for after the reception the chapel of the Institute was filled with ladies and gentlemen of all ages, who had journeyed through a chilling east wind to show their sympathy with mission work. The new French Institute was also a fitting place in which to hold the reception, inasmuch as the Woman's Missionary Society has a great interest in the success of that undertaking.

The Rev. W. Hall, Principal of the Institute, presided at the meeting, and in extending a cordial welcome to the audience, he mentioned that within the building there were sixty male and forty female students.

Rev. C. Hanson and Mr. G. Bishop, Directors of the Institute, and Mrs. T. G. Williams, also welcomed the delegates and others; and Mrs. Gooderham, President of the Woman's Missionary Society, and Miss Palmer, New Brunswick, replied on behalf of the delegates; after which Rev. Dr. Sutherland made a few remarks pointing out that they had every reason to be thankful that the Institute had at last been erected.

The Chairman announced that a lady at Ottawa, who desired to be nameless, had donated \$70 to the Institute.

The doxology was then sung, and the pronouncing of the

benediction brought a most pleasant gathering to a close, the audience subsequently partaking of refreshments and inspecting the interior of the beautiful new building.

#### SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises having been performed, Mr. Strachan read the report of the Publication Committee, which showed that whilst scarcely so much work had been done as was anticipated, still no small amount of labor had been accomplished. There had been 67,000 leaflets printed during the year, and leaflets from other societies were bought and sold in large numbers. A total of 6,000 prayer cards was issued, and these, undoubtedly, led to great good, as much more was accomplished by prayer than the world dreamed of. Donations to the amount of \$198 had been received to the Library Fund.

The report of the Leaflet Committee stated that there was a favorable balance of \$14.24. A vote of thanks was accorded Miss Wilkes, for the trouble she had taken in connection with the Publication and Leaflet department.

A somewhat amusing letter was read from Miss Cunningham, of the Shidzuoka school, Japan, stating that one of the principal objections to the schools was that they were so "awfully Christian, and that parents insisted upon their children being taught everything western—English, dancing and Christianity. They had heard as much about dancing as about Christianity, and they could not see why the latter should be taught and not the former." The letter also spoke of the conversion of several of the teachers.

Miss Cartmell reported respecting her visits to the Auxiliaries. She had travelled 4,000 miles during the past eighteen months, and had received the most grateful hospitality. Everywhere she found evidence that the work of the Society was being blessed.

The report of the Supply Committee was read by Mrs. Briggs, and it spoke of unexpected kindness and donations in the very moment of extreme need. Gentlemen who had never been asked had given large parcels of clothing; in one instance her house in Toronto was filled with pails, brushes, soft goods, etc., all of which had been sent without asking. She mentioned the case of a wholesale druggist in Toronto, who, asked for two combs, sent two cases of valuable drugs. In one case, when Mrs. Briggs was at her wits' end to know how to fill a large case which she wanted to send to Muskoka, a gentleman who had never been asked supplied the deficiency.

An hour was now devoted to personal testimony, and a solemn and deeply affecting scene ensued. Beginning with the President, almost every lady in the room testified to the joy felt in the service of God, to prayers answered, hopes realized, and great temporal and spiritual blessing through self-denial in the Master's work.

The meeting then adjourned until afternoon.

#### THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

On reassembling, the meeting, after devotional exercises, proceeded to receive reports of the Society's work. That on French work stated that during the year there had been many encouraging features. The success attending the work had been so gratifying that the agencies were being gradually extended and increased. The work had become more generally known among the French, and as its results were seen it was more highly appreciated by them. The work of establishing day schools had been taken up wherever an opportunity offered, and there were now three such schools in existence. The committee entered upon the new year with brighter prospects than ever. Recent agitation has created strong animosity against Protestantism in some quarters, and this the committee greatly deplore; but it

would, no doubt, be overruled by Providence for the furthering of the Master's work. The financial statement showed the receipts during the year to have been \$2,720.89, and disbursements \$2,563.23, leaving a balance on hand of \$157.66.

The report of the McDougall Orphanage states, that during the year seven pupils had been admitted—four girls and three boys—making a total of twenty-four now in the Orphanage—thirteen girls and eleven boys. There had been no loss by desertion during the past twelve months, and this was the first occasion on which the committee had been able to make so favorable a report in this respect. Two girls had died during the year, but with this exception the children had been in good health, and at present all were well. Out of school-hours the girls' time was fully occupied with domestic work, and the boys were employed at labor which would undoubtedly prove useful to them in after-life. The crops on the land belonging to our Orphanage had almost been a failure on account of the drought, but the butter making had been a success. The income had been \$2,427.80, and the disbursements \$1,679.08. The present indebtedness was \$3,256.42.

The report of the Home at Chilliwack stated that during the year twelve children had been admitted and one had left, making the number now in the Home eighteen. The receipts had been \$934.09, and the expenses \$893.68, leaving a balance on hand of \$40.41.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. C. M. Tate, of Chilliwack, for the services he had rendered to the Home.

The report on Chinese work showed that the receipts had been \$1,565.48 and the disbursements \$1,655.07, leaving an adverse balance of \$89.59.

Several details in the reports were discussed, but all were ultimately adopted, except that of the McDougall Orphanage, which the meeting considered was not sufficiently explicit. It was decided that the Society should make its usual appropriation to the Orphanage, but that the money should remain in the hands of the executive until a satisfactory statement was put in their hands of how the money received last year had been expended.

The Convention shortly afterwards adjourned.

#### THE EVENING MEETING.

The eighth anniversary meeting held in connection with the Society took place in St. James' Church. There was a good attendance, and after devotional exercises, the Rev. Dr. Douglas, who presided, extended a very hearty welcome to the delegates, and alluded to the fact that women were now admitted to studies at universities from which they were formerly excluded. This he regarded as a sign that the "golden age" was coming, if, indeed, it had not already come.

Rev. George Bond, of Newfoundland, expressed pleasure that the influence of the Society had reached his island home.

Dr. Douglas, in gracefully introducing the Rev. E. DeGruchy, referred to the difficulties of missionary work amongst the French-Canadians of Lower Canada, and said that if he were a missionary he would rather go to any part of the world than face the work in Lower Canada. Mr. DeGruchy gave an interesting account of the work the Society was doing amongst the French. The work was difficult and slow, but though slow it was sure, and he anticipated glorious results in the near future. They were not able to bring in converts like Moody, but he expressed the conviction that the time would come when the whole Province of Quebec would testify for Christ. Let them

see to it that their future ministers speak both languages, if they did not wish their churches closed up. Let them not for a moment believe that the French work was abandoned, or about to be abandoned. On the contrary, there was vigor and growth in the work; there had been results which warranted every effort which had been put forth; there would yet be larger results. Let them remember that, comparatively speaking, the work was in its infancy. They were like little children just beginning to walk. But they would grow; they would attain to strength, and the work would be pushed on with increased vigor. Let them once for all disabuse their minds of the idea that because the work was slow, therefore it must be almost lifeless. No; difficult as was the work, and slow as it seemed, Quebec would yet be won for Jesus.

Dr. Douglas, referring to Mr. DeGruchy's remark about the necessity of the two languages, said that at the Methodist College all the students had to study French for three years, so that there need be no apprehension on the question of the two languages. The Rev. Dr. Sutherland followed with an interesting account of the work being done in Japan, which, when Christianized, would open up the whole eastern world.

During the evening Miss Shepherd sang with much sweetness and feeling "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

#### THIRD DAY.

Mrs. Gooderham in the chair.

After devotional exercises the Rev. C. Hanson, one of the directors of the new French Institute, replied to a number of questions respecting the financial condition of that building, and said that there was no mortgage on it and that there was nothing owing to the contractors. Owing to limited means, it was difficult to take children into the new French Institute under the years of ten or twelve. The Institute was not essentially a Montreal one, but was open to all, and pupils from Ontario as well as Quebec would be welcomed. He recommended that a covered passage be constructed for the girls to enter school by on wet days. Some minor questions having been answered, a vote of thanks was accorded the reverend gentleman, and the meeting adjourned until afternoon.

On reassembling the meeting, after devotional exercises, received answers to several inquiries which had been made through the question box, after which the reports of various committees were submitted.

Among other things, the Modes of Work Committee recommended that tracts entitled, "Mrs. Picket's Mite Box," be more largely distributed, and that it be made free and furnished to Organizers. The recommendation was adopted.

One of the recommendations of the Memorial Committee was to the effect that as it was understood that the buildings of the Crosby Home were in a most dilapidated condition, the question of erecting new buildings be considered by the Board of Managers. There appeared to be some uncertainty whether or not the buildings were dilapidated, and it was decided that the matter be left over until further information be received from the parent Society, and the executive be guided in their decisions and actions during the year by such report.

The Committee on Candidates recommended that Miss Clarke, of Pownall, P.E.I., be appointed to Chilliwack, and that a young lady residing at St. Thomas be accepted as a reserve missionary to be employed by the Executive Committee, if the necessary testimonials be furnished.

The recommendations were adopted, and the meeting then adjourned.

## FOURTH DAY.

The session opened with devotional exercises, Mrs. Gooderham presiding. The forenoon was chiefly occupied with unfinished committee reports, etc., and discussions thereon.

At the afternoon session it was moved and adopted, that a committee composed of one lady from each Branch be appointed to revise the whole constitution. The appropriations for the ensuing year were then read, and are as follows: For the Japan work, \$10,900; French work, \$3,373; Chilliwack Home, \$1,750; for the construction of new buildings at Crosby Home, \$2,900; Chinese work, \$1,500; Newfoundland Home, \$200; McDougall Orphanage, \$1,200. It was then moved and carried, that the Committee of the French Institute be empowered to act as they think best as to the opening of a day school and the selection of Bible-women. The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Gooderham, of Toronto, re-elected; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Carman, of Belleville, Mrs. Wilmot, of Toronto; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Willmott, of Toronto; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Strachan, of Hamilton; Treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh, of Hamilton; to edit column in *Guardian*, Miss Wilkes; to edit column in *Wesleyan*, Mrs. Whiston; Editor *OUTLOOK*, Mrs. Dr. Parker.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

ON Wednesday morning, October 2nd, a large number of delegates, representing twenty-five Auxiliaries and seven Mission Bands, assembled in the Truro Methodist Church, to join in the varied exercises of the sixth annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch.

The meeting opened at 9.30, the President, Mrs. (Rev.) A. S. Tuttle, leading the devotional service of the first half-hour. After the roll call, the Recording Secretary read the minutes of three executive meetings held during the year. The President, in a comprehensive address, recalled the signal blessings of the past, and touchingly referred to those who, since last annual meeting, have

“Reached a fadeless coronet  
Up through the gates of death.”

Rules of order were submitted and adopted, and reports from Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer were received. An encouraging advance proved that the efforts made to extend the influence of the Branch had been crowned with success. Present number of Auxiliaries, 46; increase, 20; number of Mission Bands, 19; increase, 5; number of annual members, 921; increase, 320; number of life-members, 46; increase, 5; number of Mission Band members, 656; increase, 249; income, \$2,865.05; increase, \$570.83. The remainder of the morning was devoted to routine work, the monotony of which was relieved by interesting letters from Misses Elderkin and Leake. In the afternoon, words of welcome and response were given. Cordial and sisterly greetings from representatives of the Presbyterian and Baptist Societies, and also from the Maritime Women's Christian Temperance Union, were presented. After singing “Blest be the tie that binds,” Auxiliary reports were taken up. A very effective reading brightened the proceedings of the afternoon.

Thursday morning was mostly taken up with Auxiliary reports. These gave evidence of quiet prayerful effort, and cheerful, though humble, giving; but just such giving as merits the approval of Him who is “worthy to receive power and riches.” The report of the Branch Organizer was a word picture of the trials and triumphs of a six weeks' campaign through the eastern part of Nova Scotia.

Discussions on plans of work, reports of committees, and announcements completed the work of the second morning. The afternoon was chiefly taken up with the election of officers, resulting as follows: President, Mrs. A. S. Tuttle; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Huestis, MacCoy, Ainley; Recording Secretary, Miss Silver; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Whiston; Treasurer, Miss Mary Ray; Auditor, Miss Louise Ray. Mission Band reports followed, which were bright and cheering. It augurs well for the future of Nova Scotia Branch that so many in the springtime of life are bringing their youthful enthusiasm to the work. Resolutions, acknowledging the hospitality of the Truro ladies, the thoughtful kindness of the pastor, Rev. E. B. Moore, and favors granted by railway authorities, were read and accepted. The fact that Nova Scotia Branch has again had the rare honor of giving to the cause gifts more precious than silver and gold, namely, of consecrated lives, was a special cause for thanksgiving.

The public anniversary meeting was held on Wednesday evening. The audience was large, and fully appreciated the varied and interesting programme. An exercise by the Truro Mission Band, in which music and recitations were happily blended, was heard by a delighted audience. Miss Cartmell's presence on this anniversary occasion was a source of real pleasure to many, who have learned to love her for her work's sake.

On Thursday evening, after disposing of unfinished business, an hour was devoted to a consecration service. After the worry and anxiety of the business hours, this season was one of sweet rest and peace. The “Master of Assemblies” was manifestly present, and at the close of this hallowed hour, every energy seemed quickened for better and truer service.

M. WHISTON, *Cor. Sec.*

## Missionary Readings.

### TESTIMONY OF LORD NORTHBROOK (LATE VICEROY OF INDIA) TO MISSIONS.

IT may surprise some, who have not had an opportunity of looking into the matter, to learn that Christianity is spreading four or five times as fast as the ordinary population, and that the native Christians now number nearly a million souls. One of the most hopeful results of mission work, is the lesson which it is silently infusing through native society and vernacular literature—ideas of integrity, honor, philanthropy, truth, purity, and holiness, that are distinctively Christian. In every movement for the welfare of the people, too, Christian missionaries have led the van. Their services to education are recognized even by their enemies. The advanced schools of modern religious thought in India, are the outcome of Christian teaching. The missionaries were the first to awaken an interest in the welfare of the women of India, and even in the magnificent work of philanthropy with which the name of Her Excellency the Countess of Dufferin is imperishably associated, missionaries were the pioneers. In a thousand ways preparation is being made for the coming of the kingdom, and the blessed influences of Gospel teaching and preaching are manifest to all who have eyes to see.

A number equal to the population of Toronto and its suburbs is passing into eternity in heathen darkness every forty-eight hours.

## NOT LOST ON THE AIR.

THIRTY years ago or more Mr. Spurgeon was invited to preach in the Crystal Palace at Sydenham. Would his voice fill the immense area? Resolving to test it, he went in the morning to the Palace, and thinking of a passage of Scripture to repeat as he reached the stage, there came to mind, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Pronouncing the words he felt sure that he would be heard, and then repeated the verse in a softer tone.

More than a quarter of a century later Mr. Spurgeon's brother, who is also a pastor, was called to the bedside of an artisan who was near his end. "Are you ready?" asked the pastor.

"Oh, yes," answered the dying man, with assurance.

"Can you tell me how you obtained the salvation of your soul?"

"It is very simple," said the artisan, his face radiant with joy. "I am a plumber by trade. Some years ago I was working under the dome of the Crystal Palace, and thought myself entirely alone. I was without God and without hope. All at once I heard a voice coming from heaven which said, 'This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.' By these words I was convinced of sin, and Jesus Christ appeared to me as my Saviour, and I accepted Him in my heart as such at the same moment, and I have served Him ever since.—*Christian Treasury*.

## TO THE POINT.

AT a Woman's Missionary Meeting, while the question was discussed, "How to interest the daughters," an old lady, after listening to what the others had to say, finally related the story about the farmer hitching up the colt with its mother. When asked why he did so, he replied, "Oh, it's the way I take to break him into the work. Trotting by the side of his mother, he soon learns to do just as she does, so that when the time comes for him to go alone, I have no trouble with him." This certainly was to the point, and we believe that if all the mothers in our Church would get into the harness, and let the daughters get in, too, that when the time comes for the daughters to take up the work, they, too, would go right along, and the Church would have no trouble with them. "Well," says one, "what of the boys?" We would recommend the same rule, and say, "Fathers, get into the work, and hitch the boys up by your side, and let them do some lively trotting, while you are yet with them, and when the time comes for the boys to carry on the work, why, they will be so accustomed to it, that the Church will have no trouble with them. *They will go right along.* As a rule, the children will follow their parents.—*Missionary Messenger*.

A SCHOOL of theology is to be established by the Methodists in connection with the Denver University, \$150,000 having been given for that purpose by the wife of Bishop Warren, and her son, Mr. Will Iliff. Ex-Governor Evans also contributes \$25,000.

## Along the Line.

## ST. CLAIR INDIAN MISSION.

OWING to the death of my predecessor, Rev. J. A. Ivison, this mission was somewhat disorganized; but early in the autumn revival services were held with good results. Valuable assistance was rendered by Rev. W. A. Elias, of Walpole Island, Bro. John Chicken, of Muncey, Bro. John Wolf, of Kettle Point, an Indian brother from Michigan, and others. The services were full of spiritual power; the members were greatly revived, a few backsliders were reclaimed, and ten persons were received on probation. We hope the revival may not prove to have been simply a spasm of excitement, but that we may have a steady increase of spiritual power, and frequent accessions to the Church.

The people have shown a kind spirit in furnishing the mission house. The Indians put in fifty dollars' worth of furniture, and a white appointment twenty dollars in carpets.

A. S. EDWARDS.

## NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

*Letter from EDWARD EVES, Norway House.*

ON Friday morning, August 2nd, we left home for a visit to Island Lake, God's Lake, and Oxford House, a trip of not less than 900 miles. Of course, no one knows the exact distance, as these water stretches have never been surveyed. We had two strong men, well used to the paddle, in a canvas canoe of our own manufacture, after the Peterboro' model, and if you will pardon the digression, we will tell you the men tell us it is one of the best that has travelled these waters. At early dawn the paddles broke the smooth, glittering waters, and seldom ceased their measured stroke until nearly sunset, excepting three times to eat, which is always done—fire lighted, food cooked, eaten, and everything in the canoe, with a despatch that almost sets one's head in a whirl. Two days, and we are nearly 100 miles on the road, and on a rocky point we spent our Sabbath. We never travel on the Lord's day; the reasons are plain to every thoughtful reader. But we speak the truth, though we commit ourself, when we say, that one of the hardest things we find to do, is to call the Sabbath a delight that is spent in the solitary wilderness, far away from the communion of saints. I look at my notes, and I find this written: "In the wilderness, away from the usual services, Sabbath seems long, though we endeavor to keep our heart right with God." After morning service, we read seven or eight chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel with great comfort and delight, after which we read an early June number of the *Guardian*, new to us (August 4th), and exceedingly sweet in this lonely spot. We read a letter from a brother missionary in India, and some others, the tone of which assured us that their hearts are in the work. Some may say, "The missionaries are always pleading for money." I have only to say, Send the closest-fisted man that ever contributed a cent to the Missionary Fund with us on one of our long trips, let

him rub his heart against the bleeding, anxious heart of this poor people, and hear the pleadings for a missionary that have more than once brought the choke to our throat and the tears to our eyes, and I feel assured that he would shove his hand into his pocket deeper than he ever dreamed of before.

The dawn of Monday morning came, and with it the dip of the paddle and wake of our canoe, and for six long days up the roaring rapids, along the winding rivers, across lakes, and over portages of steep hills, swamp, marsh, and mud up to the knees for half a mile at a stretch, with a pack of a hundred pounds on our back, our course lay toward the people we had often lifted to God in prayer and were so anxious to see. As the sun was sinking toward the tree-tops in the west on Saturday afternoon, nine days from the time we started, we could see the tops of buildings comprising the Hudson Bay Co.'s fort at Island Lake. Soon we reached it, and were met at the gate by Mr. Linklater, the fort master, and his wife, who showed us every kindness. We were soon after introduced to Mr. Campbell, a clerk, and an excellent young man. To our great delight we saw a goodly number of Indians standing around, some of whom came and shook hands with us, but many seemed strange and distant. Mr. Linklater told me afterwards that most of them were heathens, pure and simple; that they were going away soon; that they were curious to know what we came for, and were half-inclined to flee for fear of me, but that he told them we would not hurt them, and he would tell them soon what we came for. Sabbath morning they all came into the front yard, and we took our place on the platform. The dream of our youth was realized. We told the wonderful story to many who heard it for the first time. We cannot describe our feelings on that memorable day. The shortness of their stay, the story of love to be told so wondrous, the tremendous importance of the impression left, our own inability to do justice to the occasion, together with the probability that many there would never hear it again, all conspired to deepen our feelings of sympathy, and throw us upon God with implicit reliance. We talked of God, His character and His laws; had our interpreter read the ten commandments; proved we had broken them, and dwelt upon the consequences. This opened the way for the story of Jesus and His death in our stead, and His invitation to all to come to Him for salvation. We preached only twice on Sabbath, though we know some might say we should have preached oftener. We, however, think it wise to give fewer truths, and give the people time to ponder them, than to overcrowd the mind, with the chance of the weak mind tangling the new and wonderful truths. At the close of the day evident impressions for good were visible in the quickened flash of the eye, and the increased sympathy in the grasp of the red man's hand as they bade us good-bye. Several were baptized into the Christian faith, but not all. Most were men who had left at home two and three wives each, and we had spoken plainly on this point. In their hearts they would have embraced Christ, but there was the difficulty. Their eyes were bathed with tears when we bade them *watcher*, and they promised to tell their friends, far away in the forest, the wonderful things they had heard. Until

the next Sabbath we remained, while the same scenes were over and over enacted, until on Monday morning we took our leave.

During our stay, one of the men we had with us on our trip, Frederick Apatakim, a man full of zeal for God, gathered around him a number of the younger people, and taught them to sing some of the familiar Christian songs, and soon everywhere we could hear the strains of "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

(Conclusion next month.)

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Letter from the REV. W. H. PIERCE, native Missionary, dated KIT-ZE-GUCLA, B.C., October 8th, 1889.

BY the last mail I have learned of the death of my good friend and father in Christ, William Gooderham, Esq. I feel like Joseph, when he wept on his father's face. But when I think of that "exceeding and eternal weight of glory" which God our Saviour has bestowed upon him, my heart rejoices instead of sorrows for him. I only got his last interesting letter eight days ago. It fills my heart with joy unspeakable, and tears flow unbidden, when I read it to my people. Oh! how he prayed that the heathen may accept the Gospel which he loved so much. I will give you part of his last letter:—"My Lord, shake the slumbers from the souls of Thy professed followers, and let there be such a missionary movement in the Churches as will make the devil tremble and angels rejoice." This good instruction through his letters has been a means of grace to my soul; often when I feel cast down I receive and feast on his letters; but I am not discouraged, although I miss his prayers and cheering words of comfort; I know I will only meet him with more joy in the kingdom of our Saviour. God has taken him, I trust, for the conversion of others. There are some who refused to hear Christ while His servant lived. Oh! may they hear Him now, when He speaks by taking away their best friend. Mr. Gooderham will welcome many of his Indian Christian friends at the beautiful gate, who have been brought from darkness unto light. Won't it be grand when we all meet above, when we shall see in the presence of the King those who have been converted through preaching of the everlasting Gospel.

I am glad to say that the work is spreading; many of the heathen have been converted in the special meetings which the Band workers held down the coast during the summer months. They still have Jesus in their hearts and belong to Him by faith. This makes them rich; though they have not a dollar in money, yet they have something that is worth ten thousand times more than all the gold in the world. Our daily prayer is that God would bless the work on this Upper Skeena, and may many be saved through His name. The old chiefs are working hard against us; but Jesus shall conquer, and not the devil. We expect to have a large band of converted men and women this winter to take the light to those who are still in the darkness of their sins. Thank God for the great change! In the older times these tribes used to move by bands, fighting and cutting one another's heads off, but now bands of Christians are

moving to save their benighted brethren from sin. I hope you will beg all the dear friends in your city that they will not forget to pray to God that He may send His Holy Spirit to guide us.

FRASER RIVER INDIANS.

Letter from the REV. C. M. TATE, dated CHILLIWHACK, B.C., November 5th, 1889.

OUR Annual Missionary service was held at Skowkale, on Sabbath, November 3rd, Rev. E. Robson, Chairman of the District, and Brother Amos Cushman, native agent from Nanaimo, being our deputation. A good deal of enthusiasm was displayed by the Indians, and many of them gave liberally of the meagre sums at their disposal. Our Indians are not moneyed people, and their opportunities for making money are very limited. Quite a number of them have been at the hop-fields in Washington State, this fall, but most of them came back with little more than they took, on account of the large number of pickers. Then their little plots of from five to ten acres of land to a family scarcely give them a living. However, we are glad to report an increase of over fifty per cent. above the givings of last year.

After the subscriptions were taken up, we spent an hour in fellowship meeting, when a large number, out of the fulness of their hearts, gave praise to God for sending them the Gospel.

Facts and Illustrations.

In Damascus drunkards are called victims of the "English disease."

THE Scriptures have been translated into sixty-six of the dialects of Africa.

BUNYAN'S "Pilgrim's Progress" has been translated into the Chinese dialect of Amoy.

THE Methodist Church in Brazil has lately been reinforced by the arrival of nine additional missionaries.

OUT of eighty-five graduates of the Training School for Nurses in connection with the Toronto General Hospital, seven are foreign missionaries.

IF the present population of the heathen world could be equally apportioned to our present force of workers, lay and ordained, each would have over 165,000 souls.

MEXICO is called a Christian country, yet Bishop Hurst, of the M. E. Church, says that in Mexico 8,000,000 Mexicans have never seen a copy of the Holy Scriptures.

THE Ramabai Association of the Pacific coast has collected \$5,638 for the child-widows in Poonah, Western India. This association is composed of twenty-two circles, with 851 members, each of whom is pledged for the next nine years to pay one dollar per year.

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