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Field Notes.

THE following are the General Secretary's engagements for December:—

Dec. 6.—Owen Sound, morning and evening.

" 7.—Cape Croker (Indian).

" 8.—Wiarion; District Missionary Convention at 2 p.m., public meeting at night.

Dec. 9.—Tara.

" 13.—Kincardine, morning and evening.

" 14.—Lucknow.

" 15.—Wingham; Missionary Convention of Kincardine and Wingham Districts at 2 p.m., public meeting at night.

" 16.—Brussels.

" 17.—Teeswater.

" 20.—St. Mary's, morning and evening.



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OUR MISSIONARIES TO CHINA.

A DISTRICT MISSIONARY CONVENTION is to be held at Wiarton, Owen Sound District, on the 8th inst., at 2 p.m., in connection with the visit of the General Secretary. Papers on the following subjects will be presented, to be followed by general conversation:—“Our Indian Work,”—Rev. Robert Carson. “Can our work be so re-arranged as to save missionary money?”—Rev. Geo. Smith. “Will the missions on this District become self-sustaining? If so, when?”—Rev. Geo. Hartley.

CONVENTIONS like the foregoing are an experiment, in which the Owen Sound District has the honor to lead off. For some time past the General Secretary has been anxious to devise some plan whereby he could reach the largest number of ministers and representative laymen, and converse with them freely on all matters affecting our missionary work. The object is to promote the fullest understanding and confidence between the Church on the one hand, and the Board of Missions on the other. Conventions are arranged for the Kincardine and Wingham Districts, and it is likely others will follow.

THE General Secretary spent several weeks of the past month on the Nipissing, Sudbury, Algoma and Bracebridge Districts. This involved a sermon, missionary address, lecture and temperance address at North Bay; missionary address at Warren, sermon and address at Sault Ste. Marie, sermon at Thessalon, sermon and address at Bracebridge, and missionary address at Huntsville. Some of our missionaries on these Districts work under great discouragements, and are handicapped by very meagre support; still they labor on cheerfully in hope of brighter days.

AS promised in our last month's issue we give a fine photo-gravure of our China missionaries. We regret that Miss Brown, sent out by the Woman's Missionary Society, did not join the party in time to be one of the group.

REV. R. WHITTINGTON, M.A., who has been making his headquarters at Carlton Place, has removed to Cobourg, which will be his post-office address till further notice.

THE Mission Rooms was favored with several calls from the Rev. C. M. Tate, our Indian Missionary at Chilliwack, B.C., who spent a few days in the city *en route* for British Columbia. Mr. Tate has been having a much needed rest, after spending some twenty years in the Indian work, and is going back refreshed and eager to renew his labors on behalf of his Indian brothers.

A MINISTER in the North-West, aided by his colleague, orders 102 copies of the OUTLOOK, with the names of a corresponding number of persons on the Circuit to whom they are to be sent, and says: “I do believe that every dollar thus invested will return the Society five dollars.” We haven't a doubt of it; and we would like to give the name of the brother, as an inspiration to others, if we were at liberty to do so. Suffice it to say he is a young Chairman, who has been developing the self-supporting idea on his District at a most encouraging rate, and he now proposes to develop the giving power of his people in a new direction. N.B.—For such an experiment, we give the OUTLOOK for one year at a large reduction.

A YOUNG brother in the Cape Breton District, Nova Scotia Conference, writes:—“I greatly value the OUTLOOK. It not only affords me pleasant reading, but furnishes me with many facts concerning our own work also. Our people are neither readers nor specialists on missions. In order to educate them for both I use some of the Lord's money to subscribe for eight copies of the OUTLOOK, hoping that these good people may through it be greatly benefited.

AND our sisters are always to the fore in every good word and work as shown by the example of a young lady living in a thriving country district, who took her horse and buggy and drove, from early morning until late in the evening, soliciting subscribers for the OUTLOOK. And a day or two after we were favored with a call, when she handed us a list of forty-two names.

Editorial and Contributed.

BEFORE another number of the OUTLOOK is issued, Christmas will have come and gone. To our friends everywhere we wish all the blessings (better than the “compliments”) of the happy season, and pray that Christmastide may come to them radiant with every joy. Let it be a time of peace and good will,—of buried enmities and restored friendships,—of gifts and greetings in the home, and of help to the suffering poor. Above all let it be a time of renewed consecration, and of prayer and effort for the world's salvation; then shall the great design of the Incarnation be accomplished

“And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.”

LAST year there was a falling off of nearly \$2,000 in juvenile contributions, without any assignable cause. Let there be an earnest effort this year, not

only to recover lost ground, but also to recoup the loss of last year. The children of to-day are the hope of the future. If they grow up in sympathy with the watchword—"The world for Christ and Christ for the world," the speedy evangelization of the race is assured. There are over 233,000 scholars on the rolls of our various Sunday-schools, and an average of one cent a week from each of these would give an income of \$120,000 a year. Or suppose we leave off the odd 33,000 as representing schools so weak in numbers and resources that they cannot give anything for missions, and we have still 200,000 whose givings, at the rate of one cent a week, would represent over \$100,000. There are a great many Sunday-schools quite able to help who have hitherto done nothing. Don't say, "We need all the money we can raise for our own school work;" that is the way to train the children in selfishness. Besides, the congregation ought to provide the school with all needful appliances, and allow the givings of the children to go into the mission fund.

AN interesting and suggestive letter from a Chinese graduate appeared some time ago in the *Presbyterian Messenger*. The writer is evidently an admirer of Christianity. He recognizes the great truth that Jesus sacrificed Himself to save all mankind, and wonders "why it is that to this day so few in China follow Him." He points out that medicine which cures disease is good, but is for the most part unpalatable, and people are apt to loathe it. In like manner he holds that "the doctrine of Jesus is indeed beautiful, and is indeed good; but much of the translations of it are inelegant and crabbed, and scholars despise it." This utterance is worth considering. The Gospel, it is true, does not depend upon elegant diction and literary finish to become "the power of God unto salvation," nevertheless it is unwise to send it forth in a garb which repels educated men, and prevents an examination of its claims. "They that are sick" will be glad to welcome the physician although his medicines are not palatable; but we have to deal with men who do not realize their sickness, and who antagonize both the physician and his remedy; hence to present the remedy in a form which gives ground for believing that we are only quacks, is simply to erect a barrier between us and the men we desire to reach. Suppose a Buddhist came to us advising that we abandon our own religion and accept his, and gave us a translation of his sacred books in a language resembling "English as she is spoke," would not we be likely to treat the whole matter with ridicule, and advise him to go to school awhile before he undertook to teach us? The moral of which is that in the foreign field we need educated as well as godly men.

THE Wesleyan Mission in France comprises fourteen stations, eight of which are in and around Paris, two at Rouen, two at Havre, one at Elbeuf, and one at St. Servan. During the past three or four years the work has made great progress. Ten thousand copies of *La Bonnie Nouvelle* are circulated monthly, and are a great help to the work.

SPAIN is commonly regarded as a country whose people are either Romanists or Atheists, and this is true of the bulk of the population. But Protestant Missions are making themselves felt, and the outlook is not all dark. Twelve foreign Societies are represented in Spain and the Balearic Islands, having some eighty preaching places, while some forty more are managed independently of any Society. General summary: preaching places, 114; pastors, 54; evangelists, 35; attendants at divine worship, 9,184; communicants, 3,442; day schools, 111; teachers, 139; pupils, 4,640; Sunday-schools, 80; teachers, 183; pupils, 3,231.

RECENT despatches from China are not re-assuring. The disturbed province of Hunan is on the verge of insurrection, and the anti-foreign feeling is very strong. Unless the Chinese Government acts promptly and with energy, the foreign powers will interfere, and by seizing important seaports, such as Shanghai, compel the native authorities to act. The Church will await, with deep interest, tidings from our missionaries whose route lies through the disturbed district.

THERE is a prevalent notion among ill-informed people that Africa, so far as the native races are concerned, is inhabited exclusively by negroes of a low type. This is a mistake. The bulk of the people south of the equator belong to the Bantu race, and, strictly speaking, are not negroes at all. The men are finely formed, tall and upright, with delicately formed hands and well-shapen feet, high, thin nose, beard and moustache. Like many of the negroes they are born orators. "A sermon that I heard from one of them," says a missionary, "was as fine as ever I heard in Europe or America, not only in point of delivery, but in its clearness of reasoning and in its profound perception of spiritual truth."

"THERE is but one lake on the surface of the globe from which there is no outlet, and that is the Dead Sea, which receives much but gives nothing. Such a lake is a perfect illustration of a church all whose efforts terminate upon itself. Around it there will be desolation, and in it there will be no life."—*William M. Taylor, D.D.*

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N.B.—Communications for this Department post-marked after the 18th of the month will appear in following month.

"Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt."—MATT. xv. 28.

ANOTHER year's work is done. The chief gathering of W.M.S. is over. The story of the workers is told in this number. Their record also is with God. What zeal, what faith, what energy, what fidelity, what prayer, what success! God be praised for the privilege, for the inspiration, for increasing opportunity, for leading, for success, notwithstanding much weakness and imperfections, for the reward here in uplifted, broadened lives, and the promises of the hereafter. Truly, praise becometh us!

CHRISTMAS is coming, ever welcome, with its holy associations, with its family re-unions, with its joys and holiday making, its cheer and its charities. Happy Christmas! But in the homes of many W.M.S. women there is the shadow of bereavement, there are vacant chairs, and the grief that only the Comforter can solace. We would rejoice with them that rejoice, but we also mourn with them that mourn. We are mindful of some also who sit in affliction. To these, to all, we bear the Christmas "tidings of great joy." "Unto you is born a Saviour." His name is Jesus, "for He shall save His people from their sins." "And of His kingdom there shall be no end." Resuming for the sixth time our monthly converse with the beloved of the W.M.S., we ask your prayers, your co-operation and your sympathy. And we extend to all our readers, the faithful missionaries in all our fields, and the sisterhood of workers at home, a hearty Christmas greeting. May God help us to give light "to them that sit in

darkness, and in the shadow of death," and "guide our feet into the way of peace!"—A.P.

TO AUXILIARIES.—The recent Board Meeting decided that Auxiliary Secretaries should be asked to limit their reports to five printed lines. It is felt by all that the reports are interesting; the intelligence they present of effort and success, zeal and faith in God, is fully realized. We also understand that these noble auxiliaries are our working forces, our educating forces; from them we receive the grand results which are the special delight of the Treasurer and the Appropriation Committee, and which, under God, support our extending work. But the limit of our space seems to necessitate this request, and we trust our Auxiliary Secretaries will endeavor to accede to it. Tidings of our work and workers we desire to have, *only let them be brief.*—FIVE LINES.

The reports in this number are given in full, because we did not think it would be fair to the writers to adopt the new recommendation without notice. We hope, however, that those writing for January will bear it in mind.

FROM THE AUXILIARIES.

MAPLE, (September 26th).—On September 24th an Auxiliary was organized in Maple Methodist Church with encouraging prospects. President, Mrs. G. Browne; Vice-President, Mrs. Geo. Smith; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Thomas; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Oliver; Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. Cook; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Thos. Oliver. There were present thirteen ladies, all of whom joined, but we expect a much larger number at our next meeting.
E. D. BROWNE.

LAMBETH (Sept. 26th, 1891).—Westminster Auxiliary was organized in September, 1890. There is at present a membership of eighteen, and all are very zealous workers who let pass no opportunity of speaking a word for the cause. The year just closed has been fairly successful, and all are very much encouraged. We have held one missionary tea and one fruit social at the homes of two of our members, both entertainments being presided over and managed by ladies. The result was a very enjoyable and profitable time spent, and a decided success financially. We are also working on the "Talent System." Two young ladies of our number had charge of the OUTLOOK, and secured fourteen subscribers. Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, \$56.80. We now enter upon our second year with thankfulness to God for the measures of success that has accompanied our efforts in the past, and with strong faith in the future prosperity of our Auxiliary.

MRS. WESLEY SMITH, *Cor. Sec.*

NAPANEE—Two Auxiliaries have recently been organized on this district, with the officers as follows:—BEULAH, President, Mrs. Lardy; Vice-President, Mrs. Davidson; Recording Secretary, Miss Sterling; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. Flemming; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Smith. HAWLEY, President, Mrs. P. Bristol; Vice-President, Mrs. P. Detlor; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Seymour; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. Hawley; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Jennie Meyers; Treasurer, Mrs. Cyrus B. Huffman. The

organization of these Auxiliaries are to a large extent due to the earnest efforts of the pastor, Rev. J. C. Seymour and Mrs. Williams, President, Central Branch.

M. G. HAWLEY, *District Organizer.*

CHARING CROSS (October 13th).—It is now a little over a year since we reported to the *OUTLOOK*. During the intervening time we have been quietly working in the interest of our society and the mission work. Last October we held a social, when Mr. and Mrs. Fuce, who were leaving our vicinity were presented with tokens of goodwill and esteem from the members of the church. Mrs. Fuce was an earnest worker in our society and we miss her. Mrs. Hamil another of our members (a former President), has moved away, and we miss her cheerfully-rendered services to this society; also four others have left us during the year. May the Lord incline the hearts of some of our sisters in the church to join us and fill their places! On the 12th of last May the Rev. W. H. Butt delivered a lecture, entitled, "Over Sea and Land," illustrated with numerous stereoptican views; after the lecture he illustrated "Ten Nights in the Bar-Room," in the same manner. The audience greatly appreciated both the lecture and the views. The proceeds paid expenses, and left \$14.50 to be devoted to mission work. Our annual meeting was held on the 2nd of September. The old officers were re-elected with the exception of Mrs. (Rev.) Edwards; Mrs. (Rev.) Shaw taking her place. As the mite-boxes were not all in, a committee was appointed to collect and count the money within a few days. The proceeds amounted to over \$25 altogether. We have sent to the Branch Treasurer \$113.80. Financially our society has done better than last year, there being an increase of over \$7; but as regards the spiritual growth it does not improve as rapidly as we might wish. The interest taken in the monthly meetings does not come up to our earnest prayers and expectations, the attendance is so small. Still our meetings have been profitable; but we hope for better results for the year we have just entered upon.

LYDIA SHEPLEY, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM.—The annual meeting of the Chatham Auxiliary was of more than usual enthusiasm. There was a large attendance and the review of the year's work was encouraging. Mrs. Hadley, who for nine years had been so devoted and successful as President, though requesting a change, was unanimously re-elected. Mrs. Snook was elected Vice-President. Mrs. McKeough, who for ten years has filled the office with the utmost satisfaction, was again appointed Treasurer. Miss Metcalf, the efficient Secretary of ten years' standing, was also re-elected. Through the year the auxiliary has lost through removal two Corresponding Secretaries. To this position Mrs. Annis was elected. In connection with the annual meeting a district convention was held. Delegates were present from several different places, and there seems bright promise of organizing two or three new auxiliaries in the near future. In the evening a largely attended mass meeting was held, which was ably presided over by Mrs. Hadley. Miss Metcalf read a well prepared statement of the work of the auxiliary. Reports and cordial greetings were given by ladies from the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Anglican Churches. Charing Cross reported great success, and showed themselves to be a wide-awake auxiliary, full of zeal and enthusiasm. Interesting reports were given by the Mission Band, under their popular President, Mrs. S. G. Gardiner, and by the Cadets, who form a unique feature in the work here, under the leadership of Mrs. Barfoot. A very interesting and instructive address was

given by Mrs. Dickson, of London. The Rev. Mr. Annis also spoke in an encouraging manner. The annual meeting added much inspiration to the work here, and the auxiliary is looking forward to a larger membership and more successful year than ever before.

Cor. Sec.

FROM THE MISSION BANDS.

ALBERTON, P.E.I., (September 23rd).—I send you a short account of our Mission Band. It is called the "Bell and River Band." It was organized March 21st, 1891, by mamma. The following Officers were elected: President, Mrs. (Rev.) Wm. Lawson; Vice-President, Miss Minnie Leard; Secretary, Lottie E. Lawson; Treasurer, Anson S. Leard. We organized with a membership of fifteen. One member has gone away and we have had an increase of four. We have pleasant talks about different Mission Fields, and readings, recitations and singing at our meetings. The members assist in the Woman's Missionary Prayer-meetings by giving readings and recitations. We had a little picnic in August, and sold refreshments. The profits were \$1.37. We have been working with "talent money," proceeds to help the missionary ship "Glad Tidings." Our net income for the year just closed is \$9.22. It was very interesting to hear how some of the members had increased their "talent money." Some had polished boots; others had bought seeds and raised vegetables and sold them; others had knit hose and sold them; others made cords and tassels for the windows, and pin cushions and sold them, and one little dot (four years old) brought fifteen cents, she said "She helped to scrub 'taters.'"

LOTTIE O. LAWSON, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM (October 5th).—Report from Gleaner's Mission Band.—We are very glad to report that we have had a very prosperous year, doing far better than we expected. The total membership for the year was 101, which is twenty-one more than last year. We had two entertainments, one on November 5th, the other on March 27th, both of which were very successful. We also gave an excursion to Lake St. Clair, the proceeds of which (\$59), were donated to the General Hospital. We held our first meeting after the holidays on September 19th, at which the following Officers were elected: President, Mrs. Gardiner; Vice-President, Mrs. Bagwell; Recording Secretary, May Mitchell; Corresponding Secretary, Mabel E. Richardson; Treasurer, Minnie Barfoot; Pianist, Edith Flint. We made altogether in the year, \$189.32. Paid out \$137.32, not including \$50 sent to the Crosby Home. We have had many cheering reports of little Nellie, and feel encouraged to do the work of the coming year with greater zeal than ever before.

MABEL E. RICHARDSON, *Cor. Sec.*

WOODHOUSE—Our Mission Band held its annual public meeting in the Sunday-school hall, on the evening of September 14th. The chair was occupied by the President, Rev. J. R. Patterson. The meeting was opened by singing, prayer, and Scripture reading. Then followed the Secretary and Treasurer's reports, and a report from the Box committee. Miss Bird Tisdale gave an excellent recitation, entitled "One of our Lost Days." After singing Hymn 181, Master Clinton Smith recited "Two Pennies," and Miss Grace Boughner "Jesus Calling." "Sowing Light" was then given by six young ladies, Miss Colver represented Canada; Miss May Dixon, a French Nun; Miss Lizzie Colver, a Chinese; Miss Ada Lemry, a Japanese; Miss Evelyn Tisdale, an Indian; and Miss Lillian Smith, Christianity. The piece was well rendered and added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. A very pretty motion song, "Jesus Bids

us Shine," was given by several little girls. After more music, and addresses from the Chairman and Rev. J. Saunders, a collection was taken up amounting to \$3. The Mite boxes were found to contain \$10, making a total of \$13. The membership fees were spent in purchasing material for a box which is being packed for the French Institute. The Mite boxes were again distributed and sixty cents given out in "pennies" to be improved upon. The date of meeting is the first Saturday in each month. Our Band is in good working order and we begin another year asking God's blessing on our efforts.

ANNIE BOWLBY, *Cor. Sec.*

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Tenth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was held in the Elm Street Church, beginning on Thursday, October 22nd, and closing on Tuesday, 27th. Mrs. James Gooderham, President of the Board, occupied the chair.

The members present were: Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Carman, Belleville, Vice-President; Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. (Dr.) Rosebrugh, Hamilton, Treasurer; Mrs. J. B. Willmott, Toronto, Recording Secretary; Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Parker, Barrie, editor of the Woman's Missionary Society's department in *OUTLOOK*.

Western Branch.—Mrs. Burns, President, St. Thomas; Mrs. (Rev. A.) Cunningham, Corresponding Secretary, Guelph; Mrs. (Rev. D. G.) Sutherland, Hamilton; Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Kneeshaw, Ingersoll; Mrs. (Rev. A. E.) Russ, Brantford; Mrs. Jackson, Beamsville; Mrs. Scarff, Guelph; Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. McMechan, Mrs. Brown, all of London; Mrs. (Rev.) Leech, Goderich; Mrs. (Rev.) Graham, Strathroy; Mrs. Scott, St. Mary's; Miss Morton, Mrs. Hardy, Hamilton.

Central Branch.—Mrs. Williams, President; Mrs. Briggs, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Tyner, Toronto; Mrs. Massie, Sidney; Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge; Mrs. Kendry, Peterboro'; Mrs. Platt, Picton; Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson, Warkworth; Mrs. (Rev. G.) Young, Markham; Mrs. (Rev. J. H.) Locke, Peterboro'; Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. T. Thompson, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. McKay, all of Toronto; Mrs. (Rev. G.) Browne, Maple; Miss Wilkes, Toronto; Mrs. (Rev. A.) Langford, Brampton.

Eastern Branch.—Mrs. W. E. Ross, President; Mrs. (Rev. T. G.) Williams, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Hunter, Montreal; Mrs. McCrossie and Mrs. McCammon, Kingston; Mrs. T. Coates, Prescott; Mrs. G. Bigelow, Aultsville; Mrs. Atkinson, Ganancque.

New Brunswick and P. E. I. Branch.—Mrs. McMichael, President; Miss Palmer, Corresponding Secretary, St. John, N.B.; Mrs. J. D. Chipman, St. Stephen, N.B.; Miss Stewart, Sackville, N.B.

Nova Scotia Branch.—Mrs. Whiston, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Ross, Halifax, N.S.; Mrs. (Rev. B.) Hills, Pictou; Mrs. Whitman, Canso.

The minutes and report of the Executive Committee were then read and confirmed. The report showed that during the year two acres of ground had been purchased at Port Simpson, on which it was intended to build the new Crosby Home for girls, and for which specifications had already been made. The building will cost nearly \$6,000, and when completed will be a beautiful and comfortable home for fifty young girls. This announcement was received by the ladies of the convention with much enthusiasm, as their hearts have been in this noble home work. During the last twelve months Miss Bertha M. Shoults, of Parkhill, had

been sent out to Japan in company with the distinguished Japanese missionary, Mrs. Large, under the auspices of the Society. Miss Amelia Braun, of Aylmer, the report continued, had been accepted to fill a new mission post in China, and had gone out with a party despatched recently by the General Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, for the purpose of opening a new mission in the province of Se Chuen.

The report was received with cheers and adopted without discussion.

Memorial reports were received from the different Branches and referred to various committees appointed to consider them, to report at a later stage of the meeting.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2.30 in the afternoon the meeting resumed, and after a few minutes had been devoted to praise and prayer, Mrs. Gooderham rose and delivered the President's annual address. It had been thoughtfully prepared, and covered the workings of the Board during the past year thoroughly and satisfactorily. She began by observing that ten years had elapsed since the Society which assumed such wonderful proportions to-day was organized. Nine years ago they had but twenty-one Auxiliaries in the whole of Canada, and the income the first year was somewhat less than \$3,000. Each successive year they had been able to report an increase in Auxiliaries, an increase in membership and an increase in funds, until this year, it was gratifying to tell them, their income had increased more than \$6,000 over the previous twelve months. (Applause.) Bands that nine years ago were not in existence are at the present time great sources of strength to the Society, both financially and otherwise. Last year they had decided to send out a medical missionary to China, but owing to their failure in finding a suitable person, they had not carried out that idea. She referred to the condition of women, in whom they were deeply interested, in Japan and China. They were able to report encouragingly from all the departments of the work, and while this news would undoubtedly be gratifying to the delegates, she would impress upon them to realize that these successes but imposed upon them greater responsibilities and wider opportunities.

Mrs. Gooderham received the thanks of many of the delegates for her splendid outline of the work.

REPORTS FROM THE BRANCHES.

The Western Branch was reported by Mrs. Cunningham. Forty-three new Auxiliaries and fourteen new Mission Bands had been organized. There were now 135 Auxiliaries, 46 Mission Bands, 3,109 annual members, an increase of 862; life-members, 172, increase, 13; Mission Band members, 1,797, increase, 881; amount sent to Branch Treasurer, \$4,239, increase, \$1,699; amount sent to General Treasurer, \$8,100.

The Central Branch reported, by Mrs. Briggs, that 29 Auxiliaries had been added to the list, making now 114. The annual members are 2,788; life-members, 184; total increase, 450. Nine new Mission Bands have been organized, but nine had suspended work, as the Epworth League takes up so much of the attention of the young people; there were, however, as last year, 51 Bands; Band members, 1,750; increase, 334. The total receipts of the year had been \$8,499, an increase of \$1,181, and \$7,840 had been remitted to the General Treasurer.

The Nova Scotia Branch reported, by Mrs. Whiston, showed an increase of three Auxiliaries, making 47; annual members, 1,074, an increase of 110; life-members, 68, increase, 12; four new Mission Bands, making 30. There was a decline of 83 members of Mission Bands. The total

membership is 2,000. The income was \$3,738, being an increase of \$303. The Mission Bands raised \$1,268.

The Eastern Branch reported, by Mrs. T. G. Williams, 64 Auxiliaries, an increase of 9; members, 1,439, an increase of 641; life-members, 54, an increase of 12; amount raised, \$4,034, an increase of \$867, of which \$3,807 was sent to the General Treasurer.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch, reported by Miss Palmer, showed 60 Auxiliaries, an increase of 9; 2,228 members, an increase of 376; 35 Mission Bands, an increase of 12. The amount sent to the General Treasurer was \$3,838, being an increase of \$683.

After hearing these reports the Board sang the Doxology, and a prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Mrs. Carman.

MISSION REPORTS.

The reading of missionary reports was the next order of business. At the different Japanese schools where the missionary work is being carried on the principals and teachers had been sorely tried during the year; difficulties and perplexities had fallen across their pathways, but, trusting in His strength, they felt certain of victory. It had been a good year at Tokyo School, where Mrs. Isabella S. Blackmore is principal. The attendance had ranged from 85 to 110, and the Christian girls had grown in grace and in love to God and their fellow-beings. At the end of June only ten of their boarders did not attend class-meeting, and five of those were very small girls, and three others had only been in the school a few days.

Kofu School was reported to be one of the few places in Japan that had not been affected by the general reaction against woman's education. Indeed, the past year's work had been most encouraging in every respect. The school had grown not only in numbers but in the confidence and favor of the people.

A decrease of seven in the attendance at the Shizuoka School was reported. The report of the evangelistic work showed that the number of women engaged in active work, or in one of their schools preparing for future work, was fourteen. All of these but two had taught in the Sabbath-school and seven of them were class-leaders.

Communications were received from Japan relative to the formation of a Woman's Missionary Conference, to include native workers, and a plan was submitted for the establishment of a Bible school, or training classes, both of which were approved by the Board.

THE FRENCH WORK.

Two schools in Montreal have been carried on during the year, and two dissentient schools in the country have been aided by a grant. The school in the Salle Evangelique, Delisle Street, has been taught by Miss Jackson, who has given great satisfaction to the committee by her earnest, faithful work. There were 109 names on the roll during the past year; some only attended a few days. Part of the time the attendance was seventy, but the great amount of sickness prevailing during the winter reduced the average attendance to forty-five. Miss Jackson has been re-engaged for this year, and commenced with sixty-three names on the roll. In connection with this part of the work Miss Anderson has been engaged as Bible-woman. From nine till twelve o'clock Miss Anderson has assisted Miss Jackson in the school by taking charge of the youngest pupils. Her afternoons and Saturdays have been spent in visiting from house to house, and, as opportunity offered, reading the Bible, praying, or giving tracts to those she met.

In the east end of the city a smaller school has been taught by Miss Maynard. There were forty names on the roll with an average attendance of nineteen. Miss Runnels, who has been educated in our school at Actonvale and sub-

sequently in the French Institute, is in charge of the school this year. She reports an attendance of thirty scholars. Mrs. Lamontagne is our Bible-woman in the east end. She visits daily among the French in this part of the city, has held mothers' meetings and in many ways tried to reach those who knew not the truth.

The school at St. Theodore is a small dissentient school, assisted by our Society. Miss Berloz taught last year. Rev. Dr. Williams and Mr. Pinel visited the school and were much pleased with the result of their examination.

A grant of \$50 has also been made towards the support of a dissentient school at St. Jovite, through the urgent recommendation of Rev. Dr. Williams, and we believe the money is well applied.

How far the seed thus sown has brought forth fruit we cannot tell. We believe our teachers and Bible-women have been faithful workers, and rest in the promise that such work will be blessed.

The report of the work being done at the Chinese Girls' Home in Victoria was gratifying beyond measure. They had had charge of seventeen young girls during the past year, and during that time five of these had been married to Christian Chinamen of that city. At the present time they had eight young girls and a baby boy five months old.

THE INDIAN WORK.

The past year in the McDougall Orphanage and Industrial School has been one of peculiar experience in the history of the school owing to death, disease, and desertion. They had opened their new home, and the number of pupils ran up from nine to forty-two. They expected to enlarge their staff from three to five by the aid of the Board and also of the Government. They still had a debt of \$2,814.36.

During the afternoon the Revs. Dr. Potts and Dr. Sutherland, who had been appointed a delegation from the General Board, visited the meeting and addressed the delegates.

EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session the delegates and their friends were splendidly entertained by the ladies of Elm Street Church. An elaborate tea had been prepared in the parlors of the church and the visiting delegates soon felt quite at home with the sociable Methodist women of Toronto. Every person present seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening. After tea Rev. J. E. Starr, the genial pastor of Elm Street, took the chair and called upon Mrs. Starr to deliver an address of welcome. She did so in her usually happy and characteristic manner, and was replied to by Mrs. J. D. Chipman, of St. Stephen, N.B. Mrs. Strachan gave a statement of the year's work by the Society, and Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal, delivered an interesting and eloquent address on "China." Mrs. McMechan, of London, also spoke to the gathering.

Greetings were received during the evening from sister Societies, the Baptists, represented by Mrs. Humphreys, McAll Mission by Miss Inglis, and the Presbyterians by Mrs. McMurrich. A letter conveying greetings to the convention was read from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

FRIDAY'S SESSION

opened at 10 a.m. President in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. (Dr.) Burns, St. Thomas, and Mrs. (Rev.) Russ, Brantford. Minutes read and approved.

A report touching on the work being done at Port Simpson Home was submitted to the meeting for their approval, which was granted, the estimates for the coming year, however, being referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Some time ago the British Columbia Conference, together with the other Conferences of the Church, east and west,

was asked by the Woman's Missionary Society to appoint a Missionary Sunday for the benefit of this branch of the work. Yesterday the delegates were a little surprised to hear read a letter from British Columbia which contained the information that the British Columbia Conference had refused to accede to the request. A further report from the British Columbia Conference Special Committee on Missions recommended the establishment of residential schools for Indian children as soon as possible. No action was taken by the Board on this point; but touching the recommendation that the children in Indian homes attend the day schools instead of being taught in the homes, it was agreed that it would be advisable to continue teaching the girls in the homes for the present at any rate.

A letter from Mr. Bond, of Newfoundland, was submitted to the Board. That gentleman wished to bring before them the consideration of the advisability of undertaking a mission work in Palestine. The question was pretty thoroughly discussed, after which a resolution was unanimously carried to the effect that in view of the fact that the General or parent Missionary Society had no mission in the land of Palestine, and, also, in view of the heavy responsibilities that already are assumed by the Woman's Society in other lands, they did not feel able to enter this new field.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATION.

The report of the Literature and Publication Committee was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. G. P. McKay, and adopted. During the year 9,000 copies of the letter *Leaflet* had been issued monthly. Five thousand copies of "Ten Reasons Why I Should be a Member of the Woman's Missionary Society," were printed; 3,000 "Duties of Auxiliary Officers," and 10,000 prayer cards. At the meeting of the General Board of Managers a year ago, this committee was authorized to issue a quantity of leaflets for the use of Mission Bands, which was to include an order of exercises for the regular meetings. This had been done and sent out in an attractive form, bearing the name, *Our Quarterly*, containing each quarter a letter, written especially for it, from one of their mission fields, with the addition of such selections bearing on missionary topics as the somewhat limited space would allow. The regular issue of the *Quarterly* had been 2,500. In order to aid in the organization and management of mission bands, a free leaflet had been prepared by a member of the Western Branch, of which 3,000 copies had been printed. Another recommendation was the selection of a new free leaflet for distribution in Auxiliaries, and for the use of Organizers. The thanks of the committee were due to those who from all the Branches had given such efficient help in the preparation of the leaflet matter bearing on the monthly subjects for prayer. The committee had given much thought and prayer to the work and met twenty times during the year.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. McMichael, President of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch. Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Corresponding Secretary, read an exceedingly well prepared report of the year, which will be printed in full in the Annual Report.

Mrs. (Dr.) Rosebrugh, Hamilton, Ont., Treasurer, presented her report, showing the year's receipts to have been \$31,698.96; advance over last year, \$6,138.20. This also will appear in full in the Annual Report.

The Corresponding Secretary announced to the Board that the British Columbia Auxiliaries had organized themselves into a Branch, having ten Auxiliaries, 179 annual, and five life-members, and three Mission Bands. A resolution was passed expressing thankfulness for their success, and assur-

ing the British Columbia Branch cordial, loving welcome into the sisterhood of Branches. A resolution was passed providing for representation at the Board by proxy of Branches desiring it.

SUPPLY COMMITTEE REPORT.

The report of the Supply Committee was presented by Mrs. (Dr.) Briggs. That committee had had many evidences of God's blessing during the past year. The gifts of new and second-hand clothing, so liberally supplied by Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, had been carefully distributed and gratefully accepted by the missions to which they were sent. Many boxes of clothing, bedding and other comforts had been sent to the McDougall Orphanage, the Crosby Home, the French Institute, the Chinese Girls' Home and other schools sustained by the Society.

Report of the committee received and adopted by the Board. The Editor of this department presented her report, which was also received and adopted by the Board. It will be given to the readers of the *OUTLOOK* in our next issue.

Saturday forenoon was devoted to the meeting of committees.

MONDAY, 9 A.M.

President in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. (Dr.) Williams, President of Central Branch. Minutes read and approved. Memorial Committee report presented by Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Sutherland, Hamilton. We give a brief summary of the recommendations adopted, as the details will be published in the Minutes:—

That delegates to the Board be elected in the proportion of one to every four hundred, instead of two hundred members as formerly. That this Board strongly urge upon all its agents the necessity of stating clearly, definitely and logically, the need and use of special grants. That our department in the *OUTLOOK* be continued, and that a separate paper be not established. That a trained nurse be sent to assist the medical missionary and hospital department at Port Simpon. That the Committee on Indian Work memorialize the Government to have such action taken, if possible, as will enforce the regular attendance of Indian children at the schools. That a central depot be opened at the Wesley Buildings, from which all literature, mite-boxes, etc., may be ordered. That the monthly letter *Leaflet* be enlarged to twelve pages. That a tract, written by Mr. J. Ross, of Montreal, entitled, "Why are we Protestants?" be published. That a large quarterly leaflet be issued for the use of Circles and Bands, instead of the small one for juvenile Bands. That a missionary catechism be published for juvenile Bands, to be prepared by Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal, Mrs. J. D. Chipman, of St. Stephen, N.B., and Miss Lewis, of Truro, N.S. That ladies writing leaflets or other articles for publication for our Woman's Missionary Society be requested sign their names. That Auxiliary Secretaries be requested to confine their reports to *OUTLOOK* and *Guardian* to the space of five printed lines.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal, President of the Eastern Branch. Mrs. Whiston, of Halifax, rose and asked permission to move the following resolution:—"Whereas, alcoholic liquors in large quantities are being exported into heathen countries by professedly Christian nations, thus subverting missionary effort, and plunging the natives of uncivilized countries into a state of degradation unknown before they came in contact with commerce and civilization; therefore, resolved, that we hereby acknowledge the sisterly greetings of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that we express our sympathy with them and assure our sisters of our hearty co-operation in their noble efforts to bring about the total

prohibition of the liquor traffic. And further resolved, that this resolution be placed on our records, and appear in the press notices of this meeting."

Mrs. Young, of Markham, seconded the motion in a few stirring remarks, and on a standing vote the resolution was adopted.

After an invitation inviting the delegates to attend a reception to be tendered the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Sherbourne Street Methodist Church this evening had been read, the meeting took the form of a testimony service, which continued more than an hour. This testimony hour, which is looked upon by the delegates every year as the happiest and most refreshing season of the whole meeting, was led yesterday by Mrs. (Dr.) Williams, one of the venerable mothers of the Society.

TUESDAY, 9 A.M.

President in the chair. Devotional exercises led by Mrs. (Rev. J. H.) Locke, of Peterboro', Ont., and Mrs. Whitman, of Canso. Minutes read and approved.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter just received from Miss Cartmell, who wrote hoping to reach the Board in session. The letter stated that the traffic in Chinese girls at Victoria, B.C., was in progress, and implored the Board to take some action looking toward the protection of these poor creatures, and the prevention of this immorality.

By a unanimous vote the Board decided to memorialize the Dominion Government to take such steps as shall prevent the introduction into British Columbia of Chinese women for immoral purposes.

Mrs. McMichael, Secretary of the Committee on Candidates, presented the following report, which was adopted:— (1) That Miss Ellen Beavis be accepted for Port Simpson Home as sewing teacher or for domestic work; (2) That Miss A. Cushing be accepted for work in Japan, with the recommendation that she be employed at half salary until further notice; (3) That Miss Dowler be accepted on trial for a period of not less than one month in the Chinese Home, under the personal supervision of Miss Cartmell and Miss Leak, and at her suggestion she reside with friends; (4) That Miss M. Foster be accepted by the Board when opportunity offers in China.

Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Briggs, Secretary of the Appropriation Committee, presented her report, which was read and adopted. On motion of Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mrs. McKay, it was decided that \$400 be appropriated for a trained nurse at Port Simpson Hospital. It was recommended that appropriations for the ensuing year be as follows in the various departments of the work: Japan work, \$15,855; French work, \$4,469; Chilliwhack, \$3,155; Crosby Home, \$5,833.70; Chinese Home, \$1,480; China work, \$790; Newfoundland, \$400; total, \$31,982.70.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President in the chair. Opened with a prayer and praise service conducted by Mrs. Phelps, of Mount Pleasant, and Mrs. (Rev. G.) Browne, of Maple. Minutes read and adopted. A letter from Ottawa was read inviting the Board to meet in that city next year. A verbal invitation was extended to the delegates by Mrs. Russ, of Brantford, to go to that city for their next meeting. It was thought that as Brantford had sent an urgent invitation a year ago it was but right that the Board should now accept, and on motion it was almost unanimously decided to meet next year in the City of Brantford. At the suggestion of Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Carman it was decided to acknowledge the Ottawa invitation, and express the hope that the Board might meet there at some future time.

The election of officers this year was conducted something

after the Conference plan, i. e., the ballots were called out. It is needless to say that this method is a great improvement, and holds the attention of delegates to the close, also enabling any who so desire to take note of the votes. Result as follows:

President, Mrs. James Gooderham, Toronto (re-elected); Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Carman, Belleville (re-elected); Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Hamilton (re-elected); Recording Secretary, Mrs. (Dr.) J. B. Willmott, Toronto (re-elected); Treasurer, Mrs. T. Thompson, Toronto, Mrs. (Dr.) Rosebrugh, of Hamilton, having retired. A hearty standing vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Rosebrugh for her faithful and untiring services during the many years that she has occupied the position.

Mrs. Whiston, Halifax, and Miss McGuffin, Toronto, were, on motion, re-appointed Editors of our departments in *Wesleyan* and *Guardian* respectively. Mrs. G. S. Platt, of Picton, was, on motion, appointed to the new department in *Onward*. The Editor of this department was re-elected.

Treasurers were appointed to the various departments of work as follows:—Japan, Mrs. Large; Port Simpson, Miss Hart; Chilliwhack, Miss Clarke; Chinese work, Miss Leak; French work, Mrs. Torrance. The President, Mrs. James Gooderham, and Mrs. Strachan were appointed to prepare the Annual Report.

A Nova Scotian delegate will be chosen to reply to the address of welcome at Brantford next year.

It was decided that the next annual meeting shall be held all in one week and not extend over Sunday.

The Standing Literature Committee of last year was re-elected, with the name of Mrs. Hamilton, Parkdale, added. For Indian Affairs, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. (Dr.) Sutherland were elected.

The Board expressed by resolution its appreciation of Miss Hart's services in the Crosby Home, and its sympathy with her in her unusual and heavy responsibility during the last three months.

After Mrs. Hills, of Pictou, N.S., had presented her report on courtesies, in which was embodied the thanks of the Board to Rev. Messrs. Starr and Ockley, the press and the different homes where delegates had stayed in the city, the meeting was closed for this year by a short season in prayer.

The Executive is now enlarged by the addition of the President and Corresponding Secretary of the British Columbia Branch.

WESTERN BRANCH, NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Held at Ingersoll, October 13th, 14th, and 15th.

THERE was a lively fluttering of blue badges on the platform of the Ingersoll station as the hundred or more delegates were being sorted up and allotted to their several hostesses. Kind friends made the task easy for the visitors, and, we may hope, from the cordiality displayed, not unwelcome to the entertainers.

The scene at King Street Church, where our pleasant-faced President called us to order, was full of the peculiar charm born of confidence in our leader, in our work, and, modestly be it said, in *ourselves*, for had we not come together to tell of what we, the Western Branch, had been permitted to accomplish in this grand "Woman's Work for Woman."

A short season was spent in earnest devotion and song, after which the home toilers took up the parable, and in narrative full of pathos, full, too, of rejoicing, recounted difficulties overcome, indifference warmed into enthusiasm, and, by the touch of thrifty fingers, Auxiliary penury changed into affluence.

The Memorial Service, led by Mrs. Fowler, of London, was a tender tribute to our faithful workers gone home. A neatly decorated tablet surrounded with white flowers bore the names of many whose lives had been a benediction to their Auxiliaries and to the community. As the afternoon sun glinted through the window and fell upon the roll of honor, it seemed an emblem of the glory to be revealed. The following names were given with affectionate comment on their life and work: Mrs. Leonard, St. Thomas; Mrs. Fawkes, Mrs. Powal, and Mrs. T. Mitchell, Hamilton; Mrs. McIlwain, Nile; Mrs. McGibbon, St. Catharines; Mesdames G. F. Burrows, Stewart Grafton and H. Moore, of Dundas, life-members of the Society; Mrs. Kellam and Mrs. Sharpe, Seaforth; Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Fish, Otterville; Mrs. Near and Mrs. Kipp, Union; Mrs. Adams, Sarnia; Mrs. Truman, Goderich; Mrs. H. W. Brethour, Brantford; Miss Smith, Townsend Circuit; Mrs. B. Comfort, Tintern; and Mrs. E. A. Buchner, Jarvis.

The reception given to the delegates and friends between the afternoon and evening sessions was a cordial interchange of sisterly greeting and a much-enjoyed recess of refreshment for the inner man (otherwise woman).

At eight o'clock a programme of varied but sustained interest was introduced and carried through by the ladies, the Rev. Mr. Snider, pastor of the church, in the chair. All the evening meetings were well attended, and we were gratified to notice the interest manifested by both pastors and people from the various Ingersoll congregations.

The sessions of Wednesday were largely taken up with committee work and continued reports. As these have already appeared largely in the reports of other Branches, we summarize briefly.

MODES OF WORK.

That there be a distinction between Circles and Bands, senior and junior, respectively.

That there be a form of card for Mission Band quarterly reports submitted to this Branch.

That all members of Mission Bands pay 25 cents as membership fee, otherwise names will not be counted. This rule to be strictly enforced next year.

That a form of work for Mission Bands be outlined by Executive and Conference Organizers.

That a central depot for all literature be established.

That Auxiliaries establish a circulating library to be paid for outside regular income.

That annual reports be simplified, omitting statistical reports and General Treasurer's receipts in detail, but retaining members' names.

The Scattered Helpers' scheme was adopted.

The report of Memorial Committee contained only the following accepted: From Brampton—Reduction of delegation to General Board to 1 in 400.

The following suggestions were offered by the Modes of Work Committee and accepted:

That the plan for the conduct of District Conventions outlined by Mrs. Phelps and published in *Guardian* and *OUTLOOK* be recommended for use of District Organizers.

That District Organizers' expenses be paid by the Branch Treasurer.

The Corresponding Secretary gave her report in detail, the following being a summary; Number of Auxiliaries, 135, increase, 42; number of members, 3,281, increase, 875. Amount raised, \$8,239.77, increase, \$1,699.51.

The Treasurer also reported in detail. The amount forwarded to Board Treasurer, \$8,100.00, being an increase of \$1,542.10.

These reports were both adopted with a standing vote of thanks to Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Williams, the ladies

singing the Doxology as an expression of gratitude for the progress made by the Society.

The Mission Band Secretary, Miss Dickson, reported 47 Mission Bands, increase, 13; Mission Band members, 1,997, increase, 1,183. Amount sent Branch Treasurer, \$1,515.86, increase, \$239.29.

The reports from Conference Organizers were an encouraging record of faithful effort to introduce the work in new circuits; results not always proportionate, but progress steady.

Mrs. Phelps conducted a consecration service, which was a season of spiritual uplifting in the midst of wearying business. A conversation on missions, led by Mrs. Dickson, and engaged in by several members, was a profitable and instructive exercise.

The evening meeting was largely attended and enthusiastic. Rev. A. C. Courtice, of London, gave a thoughtful and inspiring address on "China for Christ and Christ for China." Prof. Birks and Miss Stevenson added much to the interest of the evening. The audience responded with a liberal collection.

Thursday morning was occupied with unfinished reports, and the adoption thereof. An interesting item was the invitation for the next annual meeting. Strathroy, Goderich and Woodstock all urged their claims. The vote was in favor of Woodstock.

The afternoon session included the election of officers, Conference Organizers, representatives to Conferences and delegates to the Board. The following are the appointments, the officers being all re-elected:—

President, Mrs. (Dr.) Burns, St. Thomas; First Vice-President, Mrs. (Dr.) Fowler, London; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Dickson, London; Third Vice-President, Mrs. W. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Recording Secretary, Mrs. McMechan, London; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cunningham, Guelph; Treasurer, Mrs. Williams, Galt; Corresponding Secretary, Mission Bands, Miss B. Dickson, London; Organizer, Niagara Conference, Mrs. Jackson, Beamsville; Organizer, London Conference, Mrs. Wright, London South; Organizer, Guelph Conference, Mrs. Scarff, Guelph; Representatives to Annual Conferences—London, Mrs. Jackson, Beamsville; Guelph, Mrs. Phelps Mount Pleasant; Niagara, Mrs. McMechan, London.

The Thursday evening meeting was held in Charles Street Church, which was literally packed. The whole programme was in the interest of the Mission Bands, and was carried out by the various participants in a way to win most hearty and enthusiastic applause. One item was especially cheered by the young people, viz.: The award of the prize banner to the Band of the Charles Street Church.

The usual votes of thanks were passed and our stay, as a Branch meeting, came to an end, as far as Ingersoll was concerned, but we carried away with us grateful recollections of a kindly and earnest community who had in every possible way made our convention a thorough success.

A. G. McM., *Rec. Sec.*

NOTE.—This report is late on account of the meeting being held one week later than usual.

EASTERN BRANCH—ANNUAL MEETING.

THE eighth annual meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada opened in the Methodist Church, Prescott, Oct. 7th, 1891, at 9 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal, the 103rd Psalm being chosen as expressing gratitude for the successes of the past year. There were forty-seven delegates and several visitors from neighboring towns present. Reports

were read from the different Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. In nearly every case they showed a growth in missionary zeal and were very encouraging. The absence of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Abbott, on account of the illness of her father, was very much regretted. It was moved by Mrs. T. G. Williams, seconded by Mrs. McRossie, that this Branch meeting convey to Mrs. Abbott our thanks for her labors with us the past three years and our sympathy with her in her father's illness.—Carried. Miss Effie S. Bailey was chosen as Corresponding Secretary of Mission Bands. Mrs. Bigelow, of Aultsville, read a very carefully prepared and highly instructive paper on "The Easter Thanks Offering," for which she received a most hearty vote of thanks, which was carried by a standing vote. It was also decided to have it printed in the *OUTLOOK*. The consecration meeting, led by Mrs. Kines, was a season of spiritual refreshment and much enjoyed by those present. The Committee on Modes of Work brought in some very useful suggestions which will be carried into effect the coming year. It was the opinion of the Branch that at present we are not prepared for a new paper, that the *MISSIONARY OUTLOOK* answers our purpose very well. Mrs. Blair presented the greetings of the Western division of the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church and gave a very complete resume of the work in which they are engaged, and wishing Methodist sisters God-speed in theirs.

Notwithstanding the rain the evening meeting was well attended. It was opened by singing hymn 743. Mrs. Ross read Isaiah lv. Rev. Mr. Stuart led in prayer; singing by choir. Mrs. Thos. Coates welcomed the delegates to the town, church, homes and hearts of the people. Mrs. (Dr.) Hunter, of Montreal, replied to the words of welcome. Solo by Mrs. Carman, recitation by Miss Ruby Brouse. The President, in her address, spoke briefly of the different fields in which we have missionaries, and considered the Chinese Home the most Christ-like. In the French Institute thirty were brought into the light during the past year. She also referred to the new work in China, showing why it is so necessary to work there; that it has the largest heathen population in the world. Thirty-five thousand die daily, and she regretted that we had not been able to get a female medical missionary to go there. She also reminded the young people that there is no literature so fascinating as missionary literature, and mentioned the work of "Mr. McKay, of Uganda," "Bishop Hannington," and others as being well worth perusing. Her address was followed by the Mission Band singing "Dropping Pennies." The Corresponding Secretary then gave her report: sixty-two Auxiliaries with less than 2,000 members and over 10,000 Methodist women in congregations. Fourteen new Auxiliaries have been organized this year. She said that sounding in her ears were the words "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," etc., and spoke of the princely gifts the heathen offer, giving as an example the cables of human hair in a Buddhist temple, twenty-four of the ropes weighing 2,000 pounds, and were 11,000 feet in length. She spoke of the first missionary sent out to Japan commencing with two pupils, and in three years there were 250 in the school. She also reminded us that in heathen countries woman is unwelcome as a babe, untaught as a child, enslaved as a wife, and despised as a widow. Her address was followed by a solo, "If I were a Voice." Then the Treasurer gave her report, showing the whole amount raised during the year to be \$4,031.79, being an increase of \$854.72. She complimented the Treasurers of Auxiliaries in their promptness and accuracy in sending in money. She said the other speakers had been telling us what we ought to do, and it was her privilege to tell us what we had done, and was happy to report an increase each year. The

collection was then taken up and the meeting closed with doxology and benediction by Mr. Stuart.

The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. W. E. Ross; First Vice-President, Mrs. (Dr.) Hunter; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Kines; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Dunlop; Treasurer, Mrs. McRossie; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. (Dr. T. G.) Williams; Recording Secretary, Mrs. (Dr. J. S.) Atkinson.

The invitation to Winchester for the next annual meeting was accepted. The thanks of the meeting were tendered those who had so kindly opened their homes to us and entertained us so hospitably; to the choir who had assisted us by very suitable selections; to the trustees of the church; and to Mrs. Blair for the loan of banners which was a very pleasing and instructive feature of the church decoration; and to the young ladies who took the trouble to decorate the church, and all who have assisted us in the work.

J. ATKINSON, *Rec. Sec.*

Missionary Readings.

GIFTS.

WHAT shall I give to Thee, O Lord?
The kings that came of old
Laid softly on thy cradle rude
Their myrrh and gems of gold.

Thy martyrs gave their hearts' warm blood,
Their ashes strewed Thy way;
They spurned their lives as dreams and dust
To speed Thy coming day.

Thou knowest of sweet and precious things,
My store is scant and small;
Yet were Thou here in want and woe,
Lord, I would give Thee all.

Show me Thyself in flesh once more;
Thy feast I long to spread;
To bring the water for Thy feet,
The ointment for Thy head.

There came a voice from heavenly heights:
"Unclose thine eyes and see,
Gifts to the least of those I love
Thou givest unto Me."

—*Christian Union.*

NOT PLATO, BUT JESUS.

ONE of the saddest paragraphs we have read for a long time is the following from General Kossuth, in the *New York Tribune*, in reply to an enquiry as to where he would spend this summer:

"You are touching on a delicate point, but I am not ashamed to confess my poverty. I cannot always afford to change my residence with the season. Nevertheless, I like to stroll about the country during the summer, but I avoid places where other men throng. I prefer solitary nature in the mountains. She, at any rate, does not deceive me. Here in Turin I lead a perfectly secluded life. I visit no Italians and receive scarcely any visitors. As a rule, I am at home to no one. For many years I have sought forgetfulness in work. This is no longer possible. I am a broken-down old man. Work fatigues me, and the painful

wretchedness of solitude weighs daily more and more upon me. I am alone with my memories, alone with my bitter experiences. I was formerly unable to compass my aims without helpful fellow-workers, and then I learned to understand mankind. Plato is right; life is no blessing, no gift, but a duty; no gain, but rather a loss. When, on the brink of the grave, a man makes up his account, the balance is always on the wrong side. I have asked myself whether life was worth living. Only one comfort remains to me. I have persistently followed duty."

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Millions of witnesses on the earth who have borne sorrows as great as those which have fallen to the lot of General Kossuth have no such pessimistic view of life. Edward Payson said, "Christianity stands ready to give to every soul that will have it, a cup brimful of happiness." Not Plato, but Jesus!

NOT SELF, BUT CHRIST.

IN the following account of a lady worker in Burmah we see the power of Christ's religion over self-interest. Here, if anywhere, we meet one to whom Christ's promise applies in a very special manner: "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

The lady came to Burmah about fifteen years ago, in company with her husband. After a short time of work together the husband died and was buried while on an evangelistic tour in the Shan States. His wife toiled on alone till failing health necessitated her return to America.

There she took regular courses in medicine and theology, after which she came back alone to Burmah. She went far into the interior among the Shan people, and for nine years uninterruptedly worked in that lonely region. She gathered a native Church about her, trained her own preachers, built her own bungalow, school-houses, and chapel. At the end of nine years she allowed herself a holiday for two weeks, and has again returned to her life-work in the jungle.

She does not feel that her life is in any sense extraordinary or deserving of special commendation for its self-denial so unwavering and protracted as to be almost the despair of ordinary Christians.—*Canadian Missionary Link.*

THE INDIA PENTECOST—BEWILDERED BY THE GLORY OF IT!

THE good work which has been for some time going forward in India, as yet shows no signs of abatement. Last year an average of a little over six hundred persons, of all ages, were baptized every month, making a total of over seven thousand for the year. Thus far the progress of the work of 1891 is even more encouraging than last year. During January and February over two thousand baptisms took place in the North India and Bengal Conferences. It is a significant fact that these baptisms were about equally divided between the two Conferences. Until a year or two ago the movement, which had for some time been in progress in the North India Conference, was hardly felt in the sister Conference lying to the west and south.

It is a notable fact that these converts come to us from several castes. An impression prevails very widely in America that they are all sweepers—a people well known to occupy the lowest position in the social scale of India. It is true that a large majority of the converts are from that caste, but of the two thousand baptized during January and February probably one-third and possibly one-half belong to other castes. Among these are fifty-nine Gonds, a race of aborigines in the Central Provinces. These are the first converts we have ever received from that race, and I trust they will prove the first fruits of a mighty harvest. Out of five hundred and thirteen baptized in the Central Provinces during the month of February, two hundred and thirty-one were sweepers, while the remaining two hundred and eighty-two belonged to nine different castes.

Where is this work to stop? At times I feel fairly bewildered by it. Repeatedly I have cautioned our brethren to be careful and consolidate the work step by step as they advance, and yet it seems to gain new momentum every day, and bids fair to pursue its onward way without much regard to our misgivings. Of one thing I have no doubt—God is in it. The conviction is becoming general in India among far-seeing men, that this movement portends much of good for the cause of Christ in this great empire. But it adds to our responsibilities in several directions, and at times makes us feel as if we were almost helpless in the face of a great emergency.

The great cry is for money to support the pastors-teachers whom we send among the converts. That is, we pick up the best man we can find in each company of newly-baptized persons, and employ him in the double capacity of pastor and teacher, giving him, not a salary, but a small subsidy, amounting to one dollar and fifty cents, or perhaps a little more, monthly. It would be impossible for us to receive these people and give them a sufficient education to enable them to read God's Word, on a cheaper basis than that upon which we are now working.

Will not God's people in America give us the means to follow up this great movement until, instead of a thousand a month, we shall be able to report five thousand, or ten thousand, or even more? Our people in America, as well as here, must learn to familiarize themselves with the idea that God intends to save the world, and if there is a shred of truth in that statement we must prepare our minds for the contemplation of victories on a scale far transcending the little work of to-day. If this world is ever to be saved, there must come a time when the heathen shall be gathered in by the hundred thousand—by the million.—*Letter from BISHOP J. M. THOBURN, in World Wide Missions.*

A MISSIONARY in China says: "If there is anything which lays hold of the poor people here, it is the simple story of the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Not His miracles, nor even His wonderful sayings or teachings; but the old story of the Cross, of the blood, of the sacrifice, of the satisfaction of Christ in dying for sinners on the tree, that is the power for good in touching the heart and awakening the conscience."—*M. Review.*

Our Young Folk.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

THE children dreamed the whole night through
Of stockings hung the hearth beside;
And, bound to make each dream come true,
Went Santa Claus at Christmas-tide.

Black stockings, red, brown, white and gray—
Long, little, warm, or patched and thin—
The kindly Saint found on his way.
And, smiling, popped his presents in.

But as he felt his hoard grow light,
A tear-drop glistened in his eye;
'More children on this earth to-night,
Than stars are twinkling in the sky.'

Upon the white and frozen snow
He knelt, his empty bag beside—
'Some little socks must empty go,
Alas!'—said he—"this Christmas-tide.

"Though I their stockings may not heap
With gifts and toys and Christmas cheer,
These little ones from sorrow keep;
For each, dear Lord, to Thee is dear!

"Thou wert a little Child like them"—
Prayed he—"For whom I would provide
Long years ago in Bethlehem,
That first and blessed Christmas-tide!

"As soothed Thee then Thy mother's kiss,
And all her comfort, sweet and kind,
So give then love, lest they may miss
The gifts I know not where to find!

"That sweetest gift, dear Lord, bestow
On all the children far and wide;
And give them hearts as pure as snow"
Prayed Santa Claus—"at Christmas-tide!"
—*Marguerite Merington, in the Ladies' Home Journal.*

A CHRISTMAS DREAM.

MARION was fast asleep. Christmas shopping had tired her out. She had planned and worked for days, and her closet was full of pretty gifts, designed to give a pleasant surprise to many friends. She thought her work was done. But as she slept she dreamed.

One stood by her side, He called her by name, He took her by the hand. She could not fail to know Him. It was her Saviour.

"You have made gifts for many," he said, "have you provided aught for Me?"

Marion's heart sank before this question. It was true! She had forgotten the Lord. Yet she took courage, and asked the old, old question,—

"How, Lord, could I give anything to Thee?"

"Arise," He answered, "walk with Me and behold gifts for which I long, gifts within the power of every child to give."

In her dream Marion stood in a dark, foul court-

yard. A girl no older than herself, with her head shaved and the marks of many bruises on her half-naked body, crouched in a corner. Miserable, abused, tormented, she was on the point of taking her own life. She had no friend in earth or heaven; why should she live? She had committed the unpardonable sin; she was the widow of a man she had never seen. Her wretched soul yet shrank from the dark abyss awaiting it, should it quit the shuddering body! Ah! what should she gain if she should venture all and die?

As Marion looked, she trembled. A sigh of ineffable sorrow and tenderness from Him, upon whom she did not dare to look, rent her heart.

Again, in her dream, Marion saw passing, one by one, the daughters of many countries. Savage, untaught, unclean, some filled her with pity, some with terror. Each one in passing turned and looked her in the face.

"Who hath made us to differ?"

"Why, why have you all things and we nothing?"

"Let us eat of the crumbs that fall from your table of peace."

These, and cries like these, rang in her ears and assailed her heart.

She turned and looked at her Guide. He had forgotten her. His eyes, full of pity and longing, were fixed upon the passing throng.

Even as she gazed, He was gone, vanished from her sight. She could ask nothing, but she knew in her soul that if she would offer gifts to the Lord, she must bring him souls.

When she awoke, she wept over her empty purse. Never again did her Christmas money flow only in the accustomed channel. She gave to her friends, but she gave first to her Lord. She made first for him her little cake, no matter how small her handful of meal.

CHEWING GUM.

WHO would think that over a million of dollars a year are spent here in America for chewing gum? It is a good deal of money to put out in the indulgence of a habit which some regard as positively injurious, and which is at any rate a luxurious practice, and one which most boys and girls outgrow as soon as they perceive that it is not accordant with the best of manners. The custom, however, has prevailed here ever since the Indians took the spruce gum from the trees and taught the white man to roll it in his mouth. And the desire to chew something seems to prevail in other quarters of the globe; for the Chinese chew a pungent bean, and the Turks and other eastern races use beeswax. The manufacture of chewing gum has become quite an industry. In Brooklyn one large six-storied building is devoted to this purpose; and the processes of production are closely guarded lest the secrets respecting the mixtures should be disclosed.—*Missionary Visitor.*

THE GOSPEL IN SONG.

INTO the southern portion of the Province of Minas Geraes, Brazil, the Gospel penetrated more than twenty years ago, and found lodgment in the heart of an aged patriarch known as "Anthony the Just." As

soon as it was known that the said Anthony had become a Protestant, his former righteousness was forgotten. So it came to pass that his neighbors, who had formerly sought his counsel, began to avoid his house.

A death having occurred in the neighborhood, in a Roman Catholic family, many friends gathered, according to the custom in that part, to pass the night in *rezas* (prayers) with the family.

As they sat around the corpse, in the somber light of the flickering candle, a woman said: "Let me say my prayer," and forthwith began, "*Vinde, povres peccadores!*" ("Come, ye sinners, poor and needy.")

When she had finished, another said:

"Where did you learn that prayer?"

"From the daughter of Antonio."

"But she is a Protestant, and Protestants don't believe in God."

"I don't know what Protestants believe, but she taught me."

"Please teach it to me."

Line by line the hymn—or, as they styled it, prayer—was repeated and learned.

On the following day the woman said to her husband: "Listen, husband;" and after repeating the hymn she added: "Can you believe that the Protestants teach that?"

"Certainly not. Protestants do not believe in Jesus Christ."

"Well, I learned it from —, who says she was taught it by the daughter of Antonio Justo, who is a Protestant. I wish, when those preachers come along again, you would go to his house and listen."

So said, so done. Returning, the husband said to his wife: "The man did not say a word against God. All he said was good."

"I wish I could hear him."

"You can—he preaches to-morrow."

She came, but so possessed with fear that she would not enter the house, lest it should fall upon her. As she listened her fears gave way, and midway of the sermon she mingled with the believers, to whom she and her husband and her family are now united.

Thus the hymn so familiar to English readers, and which has served as the call of God to many a weary sinner, is now doing like service in its Portuguese version in this vast country, and wherever the Portuguese tongue is spoken; for, like the seeds of certain plants that scatter widely on the wings of the wind, which bloweth where it listeth, these hymns, which hold in them the gospel of Christ, are reaching hearts that are weary and sore with sin, and penetrate where the voice of the preacher is as yet an unwelcome sound. They disarm prejudice and open the ear to the teachings of all things whatsoever He hath commanded us to teach.

The circumstances of sorrow which shrouded these two women, as one repeated to the other the well-known words,

"Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands, to save you;
He is willing, doubt no more,"

doubtless prepared their hearts for the reception of the truth; for God has His times and seasons for sow-

ing. The translator of this hymn had designed it for use in the congregation to which he ministered; but God meant to use it in a much wider field, and give to His faithful servant an unexpected joy. Doubtless there are many more in store for him, which the great day will reveal.—*Brazilian Mission.*

KILLING A TIGRESS.

THE notorious Jounsar man-eating tigress has at last been killed by a young forest officer. This tigress has been the scourge of the neighborhood of Chakrata, India, during the last ten years; and her victims have been many. On one occasion she seized one of a number of foresters who were sleeping together in a hut, carried him off, and made him over to her cubs to play with, and then stood by and watched their gambols. The ghastly tragedy was witnessed by some of the poor man's companions who had sought refuge in a tree.

The tigress called her cubs in a cat-like and self-complacent manner, and soon the young tigers were romping about and rolling over the apparently lifeless body. She then lay down a few yards off, and with blinking eyes watched the gambols of her progeny. In a few moments the man recovered himself, sat up, and tried to beat the young brutes off. They were too young to hold him down, so he made a desperate attempt to shake himself free, and started off on a run; but before he had gone twenty yards the tigress bounded out and brought him back to her cubs. Once more the doomed wretch had to defend himself from their playful attacks. He made renewed attempts to regain his freedom, but was seized by the old tigress and brought back each time before he had gone many yards. His groans and his cries for help were heart-rending; but the men on the trees were paralyzed with fear and were quite unable to do anything to assist their unfortunate comrade. At last the tigress herself joined in the gambols of her cubs; and the wretched man was thrown about and tossed over her head exactly as our domestic cat throws rats and mice about before beginning to feed on them.

The man's efforts to escape grew feebler. For the last time his comrades saw him try to get away on his hands and knees toward a large fig tree, with the cubs clinging to his limbs. This final attempt was as futile as the rest. The tigress brought him back once again, and then held him down under her fore paws, and deliberately began her living meal before their eyes.

It was this formidable beast that a young Cooper's Hill officer and a companion attacked on foot. They were working up her trail, fifteen yards apart, when suddenly the officer heard a cry of alarm from his comrade. He ran up just in time to see the young man borne to the ground by the tigress. The officer fired, and shot the beast in the spine; and a second ball gave her her quietus. The young man whom she attacked was seriously bruised, but recovered.—*Sel.*

THE emperor has ordered all the distilleries in the flooded provinces of China to be closed one year, in order to save grain.

Along the Line.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

*Letter from REV. A. N. MILLER, dated SKIDEGATE,
Q. C. Is., October 30th, 1891.*

PERHAPS a few words from our mission would be interesting to you. After Conference we returned as far as Port Essington, where we remained till the end of July. We found the great majority of our people on the Skeena, and as Bro. Edgar was with the few remaining at Gold Harbor and Skidegate, and Bro. Reid with those left at Clue, we felt we could render better service by assisting at the various canneries than by returning to the Islands. Had we desired to come home sooner we could not well have done so, for we took the first boat coming to Skidegate after Conference. Most of our people on the Skeena got "La Grippe." Many of the Clue people returned home early, hoping thereby to escape it, but they carried the disease with them, and eight died within twelve days. Of those who remained and had Dr. Bolton's care only one case proved fatal. Since they returned home they have been curing their winter's supply of salmon, hunting, etc., and many of them are still in their camps. The majority of the Gold Harbor people have moved their houses and all their belongings to Skidegate. We expect the rest will move as soon as they return from hunting. The two villages uniting thus, Bro. Edgar was left free, and he has gone to take the work at Kitkahta. He and I visited Clue in August. We found that most of the people were away from the village, but we trust that our visit was not without profit to those who were at home. Bro. Reid was in good spirits and doing his best. We had a beautiful day to return, but had no wind to help us except the last five miles, and so had to pull a straight thirty. I intend making another visit as soon as the people have returned from their camps. Since May thirteen have died at Clue out of a population of less than one hundred. I fear that our missionary collections will not be up to last year's for the people have little money this fall. Owing to their sickness and the comparatively small run of salmon, their work on the Skeena was a financial failure. Their stone carvings, too, are at present a drug on the market. As usual their summer's wanderings diminished rather than increased their spiritual vigor, but we are praying and hoping for better things.

*Letter from REV. W. H. PIERCE, Native Missionary,
dated NEW KITZEGUCLA, B.C., Sept. 8th, 1891.*

IT is only a few days since we arrived here from the coast. From the time we left Inverness we were three weeks before we reached our mission. It was the longest trip I ever made since I have been on this river. We had to travel in four different canoes. We had one from Inverness to Essington, and were delayed there four days. We had the privilege of spending Sunday with our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, and also met our brother Anderson, who

had just come out for the work. Tuesday came and we started on our journey. Eight other canoes started at the same time. In our canoe there was only one Indian boy and his mother in charge, so I had to be bowsman. There were seven dogs on board, which were a great nuisance, jumping in and out of the canoe. In six days we arrived at Kit-sum-kalum, where we had to change our canoe again. It only took us one day from there to Kit-se-lass, and after waiting at that place four days we were able to take a Hudson Bay Company canoe the rest of the way. We were very glad to get home again, and thankful to our kind Heavenly Father for His care and watchfulness over us during the journey. We spent two Sundays on the way and had a blessed time. We found our people well and hard at work drying salmon and gathering berries for their winter food. They were glad to see us again, but very sorry that we had to leave them during the summer. After my return from Conference I was stationed at Inverness for the fishing season. The Sabbath services were well attended. Three services were held on that day, and also had a very nice Sunday-school. A very sad accident happened at the North Pacific Cannery, about two miles from Inverness. It was a land-slide, caused by a heavy rain. It swept away about twenty cabins and killed ten people, and several others were injured. All the bodies were found except one woman, and it is supposed she was swept into the river. This was a great warning to them and to us all to be ready to meet God. There was much sickness amongst the different tribes. Dr. Bolton and all the missionaries were kept very busy attending to them all. During the month of May there were as many as 400 down with la grippe. In the midst of our trials our hope is in God. We trust our mission friends will never forget to pray for God's blessing to rest upon the work and workers out here.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE.

*Letter from REV. JOHN NELSON, dated WOODVILLE,
N.W.T., Sept. 24th, 1891.*

IMMEDIATELY after Conference I made preparation to visit the northern missions. On my buckboard was strapped a cooking outfit, blankets, etc., and with a good pair of ponies, I set out on a trip of 260 miles. On the way I passed many incoming settlers. In fact the road seemed full of people compared to a few years ago. Reached River qui Barre in early morn. Peter Burntstick, head councillor of the band, greeted us heartily, and collected the people from different parts of the reserve. This band formerly were nearly all Protestants; some three were baptized by Mr. Rundle. After a social chat and a treat of the first raspberries of the season, we held a religious service. Then further conversation and a council, and we leave in order to reach White Whale Lake for Sabbath. On the way, passed scores of French half-breed pilgrims going to worship at the shrine of St. Anne. There being some relic of this saint here, some miraculous cures are said to have been effected on her anniversary. The Indians call this Manito, or Spirit, Lake. An aquatic monster,

with a human head and shoulders and a body of a fish, is said to have been seen, frightening the Indians and half-breeds from the lake. Father Lacombe, who is ever equal to such exigencies, exorcised the strange creature by passing around the lake chanting prayers and burning incense. Since then it has not been seen. We have met Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of the H. B. Co., who are in hearty sympathy with our missionary work. Only a few of the Indians here adhere to the Protestant faith, as we have neglected them so long. We now turn south for White Whale Lake. Country more or less timbered, but the Indians have cut out a good waggon road. After a drive of twelve miles, we sight the lake. A beautiful sheet of water, teeming with white-fish. This is the principal fishing station for the Edmonton district. The Indians are settled at the south end where it is rather hilly, but from the base to the summit grows the finest grass, over which a mower could be run with all possible ease, making this a good ranching as well as the best agricultural country. I found the people at home busy finishing up their farming operations. When I drove to their camp such a shout of delight and excitement, especially amongst the young folk, that "the missionary had come." They all came around to shake hands and hear the news. The dinner, which was prepared by the chief's wife, being over, we assembled for worship, none absenting themselves. I was much impressed with the devoutness and earnestness manifested by the worshippers. They appeared to realize that the Great Spirit was present. Two years ago I formed a class and appointed a leader, and since then they have met regularly for prayer, the leader exhorting at the close of each service. As a proof of their sincerity of purpose, evidences of a new and better life are apparent, the most conspicuous being the interdiction of gambling on the reserve, which formerly they so dearly loved. We spent an hour in Sunday-school, and during the evening visited each family. The following morning I left the reserve, committing the people to the care of the Great Teacher.

Facts and Illustrations.

THE Bible has now been translated into sixty-six of the languages and dialects of Africa.

THE Lutheran Church is said to have, throughout the world, over 50,000,000 baptized members.

IN India the government do not permit the Bible to be even an optional book in the public schools.

THE more thou frequentest thy closet, the more thou wilt like it; the less thou comest thereunto, the more thou wilt loathe it.—*Thomas a Kempis.*

OF course, there is a proper regard for our happiness, but if we only knew it, duty and delight are inseparably wedded.—*Dr. A. T. Pierson.*

THE worshippers at Westminster Abbey, passing by Livingstone's tomb, had their attention arrested by a small wreath lying on the slab. The wreath was composed of an African grass and a small white flower resembling an immortelle, to which was attached a card bearing these words, "From the place which he

loved and for which he died." The handwriting is that of a lady.

IT is said that not more than one-eighth of the people of Japan live in cities having more than 10,000 inhabitants. The vast majority are farmers or fishermen.

THE Baptists now have 500 churches in Burmah, largely self-supporting. The work was begun there by Adoniram Judson, "the Apostle of Burmah," in 1813.

INASMUCH as Muscat, in South-eastern Arabia, is the seat of Arab influence and power in Africa, Bishop French urges the establishment of a mission there to attack the evil at its source.

OF all the pilgrims leaving Bombay for Mecca and Medina more than a third never return. Out of 64,638 pilgrims who left in the six years ending 1890, 22,449 were missing. In 1888, of 13,970 who started 7,465 did not return. The vast proportion of those missing owe their deaths to epidemics, starvation, and it is said, murder between Jeddah and Mecca, robbery inciting the murderers to their evil deeds.

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