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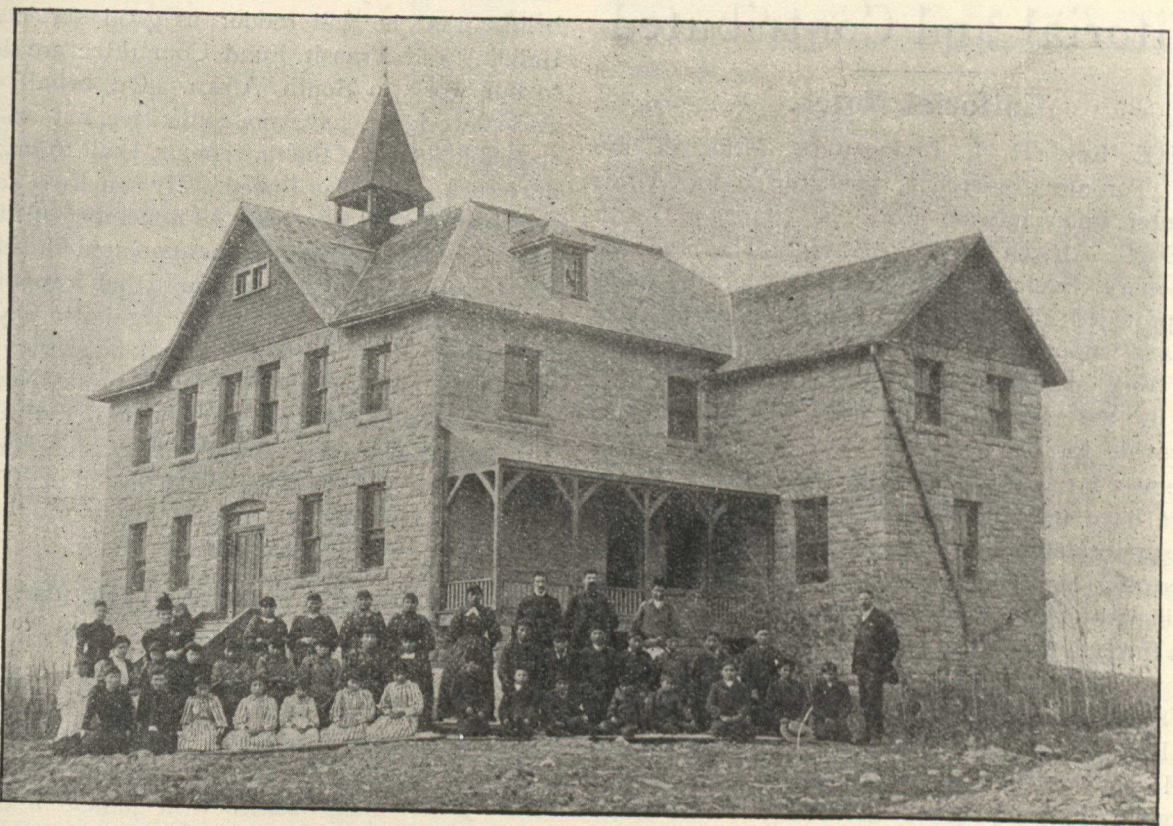
[NEW SERIES.]

Field Notes.

THE Rev. John Nelson, formerly in charge of the Indian Institute at Red Deer, has been appointed by the Manitoba Conference to Norway House, one of the oldest and most important Indian missions in the North-West. We look for encouraging reports from Norway House mission under the labors of Bro. Nelson and his devoted wife. The Institute at Red

be, that Dr. Cochran's health is much improved since his return from the Orient. While scarcely able for full ministerial work, he is rendering good service in the theological department of Maclay University, a work for which he is eminently fitted.

OUR own *Methodist Magazine*, edited by the Rev. Dr. Withrow, has a varied and choice selection of articles, among which we note "Savonarola, the Martyr Monk of Florence," by the editor, and "Am I



INDIAN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE, RED DEER, ALBERTA.

Deer is now in charge of Rev. C. E. Somerset, who rendered good service as Indian missionary at Bears Hill, and more recently at White Whale Lake. Mr. Somerset has many qualities that fit him in a high degree for the position, and we feel confident that the Institute will flourish under his administration.

WE were pleased to have a call a few days ago from Mr. Geo. Cochran, of Los Angeles, California, son of the Rev. Dr. Cochran, formerly of our Japan mission. We were glad to learn, as our readers will

my Brother's Keeper?" by the Ven. F. W. Farrar, D.D. Published by the Methodist Book Room, Toronto. Price, \$2 per year.

It is with pleasure we greet each visit of our old friend, *The Gospel in all Lands*. This magazine is full of short, pithy articles, written by those who are authorities on the various aspects of mission work, and having a knowledge of the countries in which work is being carried on. Published for the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, by Hunt &

Eaton, 150 Fifth Avenue. New York. Price, \$1.00 a year.

The *Missionary Review of the World* for September is rich in just the kind of fuel needed, to keep missionary zeal burning. In the first article Dr. Pierson, editor-in-chief, strongly recommends a book entitled, "A New Programme of Missions," by Mr. L. D. Wishard, which has just been published, and in which he proposes a new solution to this practical problem. The *Missionary Review* is published by Funk & Wagnall, New York and Toronto. Price \$2.50. If ordered through the Mission Rooms, \$2.25 a year.

THE September *Ladies' Home Journal* has, among many interesting articles, an excellent one entitled, "Compulsion in Child Training," which certainly gives parents food for thought. The *Ladies' Home Journal* is an illustrated magazine, published monthly, by The Curtis Publishing Co., 421-427 Arch St., Philadelphia, Penn., and is an excellent publication of its kind. Price, \$1.00 a year.

Editorial and Contributed

Editorial Notes.

THE Rev. F. J. Livingstone, M.D., of the Toronto Conference, has started for Africa to enter upon mission work in connection with the South African General Mission. The Students' Missionary Society of Albert College, Belleville, has provided the necessary funds for outfit, passage and support for the first two or three years, on a very modest scale. Mr. Livingstone expects that by the end of three years he will be able to provide for his own support, or nearly so. This movement is outside the lines of our work as a Church, as we have no mission in Africa; but the Albert College students, having accomplished what they undertook, have now formed themselves into an Auxiliary of the General Society, and will work henceforth through that channel.

WE ask a careful reading of the letter of the Rev. J. J. Rice, in another column, concerning the Domestic Missions on the Tamworth District. The letter is interesting in itself, because of the inside view which it gives of some aspects of Home Mission work. But it is still more interesting as showing what might be done on not a few other districts, if similar methods were adopted. There has been in our home fields no small waste of missionary money, and we have but few conferences, even at the present time, that are entirely clear in this matter. It is scarcely necessary to repeat what we have said in some form many times before, that we do not advocate a parsimonious policy in dealing with our Home Missions and missionaries, but we do advocate an equitable policy; that is, a policy that will give generous help to poor and struggling fields, especially in their earlier years, but will

refuse help to fields able to support their own minister, and insist upon a readjustment of the work wherever it is likely—as in the cases cited by Mr. Rice—to result in independence.

WE venture again to remind all concerned that the first Sunday in October, when the Board will be in session in Montreal, will be "Missionary Sunday," and it is hoped that in every pulpit of our united Methodism Missions will be the theme. As before explained, it may not be practicable, in all cases, to make that the Missionary Anniversary, or to take up the subscriptions; but Missionary prayers, Missionary singing and Missionary sermons might be universal, whatever the circumstances.

THE Rev. Wm. Taylor, Bishop of Africa, requests the insertion in the OUTLOOK of the following notice: "To my partners in the great work of Africa evangelization—I wish to say that I have this day appointed Freeborn Garrettson Smith successor to W. B. Bradbury, treasurer of our Africa Mission Fund. He has been my friend for forty-seven years, and I believe that he will render us good service. Our Building and Transit Fund Committee are devoted to our work in South Africa. On behalf of the Africa work we have no committee, but, as the responsible leader of the movement, I call to my assistance such persons as I need. My son Ross accepted the treasurership *pro tem*. As a member of the California Conference, the Bishops appointed him editor of *Illustrated Africa*; in addition to that I appoint him as my missionary agent and my legal attorney. Remittances for the Africa Fund may be sent to him as heretofore, at his office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City; funds may also be sent direct to the treasurer, Freeborn Garrettson Smith, 197 Washington Park, Brooklyn, N.Y. WM. TAYLOR, Bishop of Africa."

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

ANNUAL MEETING, 1895.

THE Annual Session of the General Board of Missions will convene (D.V.) in the Parlor of St. James' Methodist Church, Montreal, on Thursday, October 3rd, 1895, at 9.30 a.m.

The Seventy-first Anniversary of the Society will be celebrated in St. James' Methodist Church, on Thursday evening, October 3rd. The chair will be taken at half past seven o'clock by Edward Gurney, Esq.; an Abstract of the Annual Report will be read by the Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., General Secretary; the Financial Statement by the Hon. J. C. Aikins, General Treasurer, and Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. A. Carman, D.D., General Superintendent; J. A. M. Aikins, Esq., Q.C., of Winnipeg; David Stevenson, M.D., of the West China Mission; and the Rev. John Potts, D.D.,

General Secretary of Education. A collection will be taken in aid of the Mission Fund.

A. CARMAN,
General Superintendent.
A. SUTHERLAND,
General Secretary.

METHODIST MISSION ROOMS,
Toronto, Sept. 3rd, 1895.

PROGRAMME OF SUNDAY SERVICES.

On Sunday, October 6th, Missionary Sermons will be preached and Addresses delivered in the Methodist Churches of Montreal, as follows :—

CHURCHES.	HOUR.	NATURE OF SERVICE.	PREACHERS AND SPEAKERS.
St. James'	{ 11 a.m. 7 p.m.	Sermon	Rev. Isaac Tovell. " Wm. Briggs.
Dominion Square.	{ 11 a.m. 7 p.m.	"	" S. J. Shorey. " T. G. Williams.
Douglas	{ 11 a.m. 7 p.m.	Platform Meeting	" A. Sutherland. " E. B. Ryckman.
Mountain St.	{ 11 a.m. 7 p.m.	"	" Wm. Swann. " I. Tovell and J. J. Maclaren, Esq.
Sherbrooke St.	{ 11 a.m. 7 p.m.	Sermon	" S. F. Huot-tis. " F. Chisholm.
Centenary	{ 11 a.m. 7 p.m.	"	" A. Carman. " Wm. Kettlewell.
West End	{ 11 a.m. 7 p.m.	"	" E. Evans. " J. Woodsworth.
East End	{ 11 a.m. 7 p.m.	"	" Wm. Williams. " John Shaw.
Dorchester St.	{ 11 a.m. 7 p.m.	"	" W. H. Heartz. " John McLean.
St. Henri	11 a.m.	"	" John F. Betts.
Cote St. Paul	11 a.m.	"	" F. Chisholm.
Westmount	11 a.m.	"	" W. Kettlewell.
Mount Royal Ave.	11 a.m.	"	" J. Shaw.
Fairmount Ave.	11 a.m.	"	" John McLean.

Collections at all Services in aid of the Mission Fund.

The Meeting of the Board.

THE Session of the General Board of Missions to be held in Montreal, the first week in October, will be, in some respects, one of the most important in the history of the Society. The steady growth of our mission work, coup'ed with a straitened income, owing in part to several years of business depression, and in part to an unwise agitation, will necessitate extreme care in the administration of the Society's funds. The relative claims of the home and foreign work must be carefully considered, and adjusted in such a way as will give the least possible cause for complaint on either side. The entirely new conditions presented by the temporary overthrow of our work in West China will require rare discretion and foresight in dealing with present perplexities, and in planning for the future. Last, but not least, the complications that have arisen in connection with the Japan Mission* will demand a high degree of firmness, tact, patience and wisdom on the part of every member of the Board.

We state no new thing and are guilty of no breach of confidence in saying that during the past year persistent efforts have been made by means of private interviews, allusions in public addresses, and a free use of the newspaper press, to create among the Methodist people a feeling of distrust respecting the administration of the Society's affairs, and of antagonism to the Executive Committee and the General

Secretary. A partial result of these efforts is already seen in a diminished income, the effect of which may be felt by all our missions through the year. Up till the present time, however, only one side of the story has been told. While matters in dispute between some of the missionaries and the Board were still under consideration, neither the Executive Committee nor its officers could take part in any newspaper or Annual Conference controversy respecting them, nor publish anything beyond a bare historical statement of what had been done up to a given point. Every consideration of personal honor and official responsibility led them to feel that to enter the arena of controversy upon matters that were being dealt with officially by the proper authorities (the General Board or Executive Committee) would be in the highest degree improper. Therefore they have allowed statements, no matter how incorrect or misleading, to pass unchallenged, except in the Committee Meetings. A similar course is being pursued in regard to matters affecting Dr. Macdonald. His administration has been publicly impeached, and his course assailed. To these attacks a full reply has been received, but respect for the rights and authority of the General Board forbids its publication, at all events until it has been read to the Board and its publication authorised. Would it not be well, therefore, for the Methodist people to await the action of the General Board before coming to a conclusion on the merits of the case. "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him," says Solomon; and as yet only one side of this whole controversy has been heard. It goes without saying that the Methodist Church could not supply a body of men more independent, more upright, or more impartial than those who compose our General Board of Missions. The whole Japan matter may be safely left in their hands.

The Riots in China.

THE letters published in the last number of the OUTLOOK and in this, as well as the accounts which have appeared from time to time in the daily papers, have informed our readers of the terrible experiences through which our missionaries in China have recently passed. By the mercy of an over-ruling Providence they have all escaped with their lives, but with the loss of all their personal belongings, and the entire destruction of the Mission property in Chen-tu and Kiating. Dr. Kilborn's letter, in another column, gives some account of the present whereabouts of the missionaries. At the date of the letter Drs. Hart and Hare were in Peking, pressing for a settlement of the riot affair; Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn, Rev. James Endicott and wife, Miss Brackbill and Miss Ford, were in Shanghai, where they would shortly be joined by Mr. Hartwell, who had accompanied his wife and children as far as Japan on their homeward way. Dr. David Stevenson and family, and Mrs. Hartwell and two children have reached Ontario.

The circumstances under which our China mission began seemed to be so strikingly providential, and the

reports of the missionaries from time to time were so full of hope and cheer, that we all were looking for a most successful work in Sz-Chuan. By many, perhaps, the tidings of the destruction of mission property and the expulsion of the missionaries, will be regarded as a calamity of no ordinary magnitude, and some may even regard it as proof that in entering China we ran before we were sent. Such a thought would be most unwise. God makes no mistakes. When we entered China we followed His beckoning hand; and if it is part of his plan that we should suffer apparent defeat for a time, it is only that a more glorious triumph may crown the work in the end. God not only rules, He over-rules, and in these as in other seemingly adverse circumstances, He can make the wrath of man to praise Him, and turn defeat into victory. Let no one for one moment lose faith in our China Mission. It will rise from the ashes of this fiery persecution brighter and stronger than before, and the untoward circumstances of the present will be found to be among the "all things" that "work together for good." Meanwhile let us give unstinted sympathy and encouragement to our noble missionaries who stood at their post, until to stay longer were sheer madness. Even now they are waiting and watching for an opportunity to return to the very city from which they were driven out. Such faith must be rewarded. "In due season" they "shall reap if they faint not."

A Liberal Offer.

THE object of the publisher of OUTLOOK is not to make money. If it were, the price would be advanced forthwith. The object is to spread information, increase interest and awaken enthusiasm throughout the Church on missionary lines. What we want is a large circulation—to get the paper into every Methodist family, if possible. To hasten this desirable result we offer the OUTLOOK from October, 1895, till the end of 1896 (fifteen months in all), for the regular club rate—TWENTY-FIVE CENTS. This is almost giving the paper away. Furthermore, we will also send a free copy for one year to any person sending us a club of eight NEW subscribers. Will all our readers who are interested in Methodist missions kindly help in this matter.

STILL ANOTHER OFFER. We have a large map of Japan, four feet square, prepared by the Rev. J. W. Saunby, B.A., showing the location of all our missions. Just the thing for Missionary Auxiliaries, Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues. For eight new subscribers we will send a copy of this map on paper. For twelve new subscribers the same map mounted on cotton. For twenty new subscribers the same map mounted on cotton with rollers. Who will be the first to claim one of these fine maps?

A NUMBER of articles and letters, chiefly from British Columbia, also some editorial articles, have had to be left over for want of space. They will appear in the next issue.

Missionary Tracts.

RECOGNIZING the fact that in order to keep missionary zeal burning it is necessary to provide the right kind of fuel, we have had a number of tracts printed and put up in envelopes, which the friends of missions will find very useful and convenient for distribution. These tracts are all good, care having been exercised in their selection, and are also cheap—ninety-two pages for ten cents, including postage.

Series A. **MISSIONARY TRACTS.** Price, 5 Cents.

THIS ENVELOPE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:

	PAGES.
1. Coming To-Morrow	8
2. An Appeal from Student Volunteers....	8
3. Heathen Claims and Christian Duty....	12
4. Lassie Nell	8
5. Do Foreign Missions Pay? ..	6
6. Put Yourself in His Place	6

Any of the above Tracts can be had in quantities for distribution at prices printed on bottom of first page of each Tract.

Address, **METHODIST MISSION ROOMS, TORONTO.**

Series B. **MISSIONARY TRACTS.** Price, 5 Cents.

THIS ENVELOPE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:

	PAGES.
1. A Tithe for the Lord.....	4
2. The Brown Towel	4
3. The Man that Died for Me	8
4. China's Millions	12
5. A Penny a Week and a Prayer	8
6. The Deacon's Tenth	8

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A Missionary Holiday.

RECENTLY our associate at the Mission Rooms, Rev. J. Shaw, D.D., thought he would take a ten days' holiday, after many months of close application to work, and this is what came of it, as related in a letter not intended for publication:

DEAR DR. SUTHERLAND,—I presume that the best way to convey to you my doings will be to put them into the form of a diary. Friday, 16th, left Toronto; reached Parry Sound that evening, and was whisked off to the camp-meeting then in progress, where I found a large congregation listening attentively to an earnest sermon by Rev. G. K. Adams. August 17th, gave the Indians a short talk. Sunday, 18th, preached at 11 a.m., on the campground. It rained in the afternoon. In the evening, at 7 p.m., I preached to the Indians, with Rev. A. Lett as interpreter. Monday, 19th, visited Parry Island Indian Mission, and preached again on campground. Tuesday, 20th, returned to Midland, and, by request, addressed the Financial District Meeting on Missionary and other matters. In the evening I had to give a short address at a public meeting. Wednesday, 21st, visited Christian Island; returning with two Indians, in a sailboat, we were becalmed, and had to row about eight miles to get into port. It was after 1 a.m. when we reached Midland. Thursday, 22nd, off at 6.30 a.m. for Gravenhurst, where I had arranged to have a horse

ready to drive to Gibson; but there was a hitch on the part of the liveryman, and as a boat was starting for Bela, I got on board—the latter place was said to be about seven miles from Gibson. At Bela I could not get a horse for love or money, but said that I did not propose to be balked that way. Friday, 23rd, threw off my overcoat, and started on foot for what proved to be a ten-mile tramp over roads (save the mark!), rocks and corduroy, etc., etc.; called on a number of families; visited school; preached to a church full of the most interesting Indians I have seen anywhere; had a good time. I got them to arrange to have meetings themselves till we could send them a missionary. It's an awful country, but then it's the natural home of the Indian. Saturday, 24th, I depended on an Indian, who is mail-carrier, to bring me back to Bela in time to connect with a boat at 9.30. It had rained all night and was raining still. At 6 a.m. I turned out and expected to meet the Indian, or, rather, that he would overtake me; but as I kept on and time kept on, I feared that he would not be on time; and so, for three and a half hours I footed it over those slippery rocks, up hill and down dale, and reached the boat completely soaked through.

I have learned a good deal, and do not think that my time has been wasted. You will see that my holidays have not been of the usual kind.

August 26th, 1895.

In Memoriam.

THE Rev. Emerson Bristol, a faithful minister of Jesus Christ, and a devoted friend of our Missionary Society, has recently passed to his reward. Doubtless some account of this aged brother and his work will appear in the *Guardian*, but in view of his ardent attachment to our mission work we make room in the *OUTLOOK* for the following from the pen of a lady correspondent at Burford, Ont.:

BURFORD, Aug. 25, 1895.

On July the 9th there passed from earth to heaven, Emerson Bristol, of precious memory, beloved of God, and tenderly cherished in the hearts of thousands of Ontario Methodists. How exceedingly abundant must have been the entrance of this war-worn soldier of the Cross, who so valiantly stood upon the ramparts of our beloved early Methodism in this land, ever holding up its banners in the face of all opposing forces; who forded our Canadian rivers and traversed pathless forests, seeking the lost; whose only end in view was the glory of his Master whom he loved so well and served so faithfully. His generosity to the mission cause is well known. Verily his is the reward promised to those who turn many to righteousness.

"Shining angels met him
Beyond the shadowy shore,
He reigns with Christ in heaven,
A conqueror evermore."

The Widow's Mite.

A GOOD old Christian lady called at my office the other day, and said: "I can't write now like I used to do, my hand trembles so. You write to Dr. Sutherland for me, will you? and tell him I have been reading the *OUTLOOK*—Some kind friend has been sending it to me, I don't know who,—and I feel as though I'd like to do something more," handing me at the same time a ten dollar bill.

"What shall I do with this?" I said.

"Oh, send it to Dr. Sutherland," she replied, "and tell him to put it to whatever use he thinks fit for the Lord. It's only a little; I would like to do more. You know how to sent it right. You'll send it for me, won't you?"

I said, "Yes, certainly; with pleasure."

Now this "thank offering" comes from an aged widow, of very moderate means, and so may fitly be termed "The Widow's Mite."

A SUPERANNUATED MINISTER.

Correspondence.

Tamworth District Domestic Missions.

AS the missions on this district draw heavily from the Missionary Funds, it is only right that your readers, doubtless among the most liberal contributors, should receive, from time to time, reliable information, in order that the wisdom or unwisdom of so large an annual expenditure upon our Domestic Missions may appear. It is probable that the missions on this district may be taken as a fair specimen of the whole Home Mission field, both as to operations and results. Our six Northern Missions (Arden, Mountain Grove, Plevna, Ve-nachar, Cloyne and Flinton) have appointments in at least sixteen of our back townships; and nearly all this region consists of mountains of rock, marshes, and a very poor quality of light sandy soil. The only justification anyone could give for settling in so sterile a region would be, perhaps, some mining boom, or in most cases, the lumbering so extensively prosecuted there in years gone by. But there the people are a sparse population, it is true, and, generally speaking, very poor; but they cling with wonderful tenacity to their wildly beautiful but most unpromising holdings; and they are Canadians, doing their share in developing the resources of our country, as much so as any on our choicest front or Western lands, and as such, they have as strong a claim upon our Christian philanthropy and patriotism as any people on the face of the earth. All this region is dependent chiefly upon the Missionary Fund of the Methodist Church for all the religious privileges they can possibly hope to obtain.

Tamworth District Missions were formerly attached to other and extensive districts, the chairmen of which could not possibly give them personal supervision. In view of this, and the imperative demand for such oversight, eight years ago this district was formed. My predecessors (Revs. F. B. Stratton and Wm. Jolliffe) did good work, in visiting and inspiring both the missionaries and people by their judicious counsel and effective public ministrations, and their names are still affectionately mentioned all over the ground by an appreciative and grateful people. Two years ago, when the district was placed in my hands, the aggregate annual grant was about \$2,250, or \$22,500 in the ten years from the unification of Canadian Methodism. I have visited the whole field, and the most distant parts several times, arranging with the brethren for public services and business meetings, and have thus endeavored to ascertain how the work was being done, and find out if the people were doing as they should for the support of the cause.

As to the Northern Missions above named, the case was clear. The work was in the hands of faithful men, whose labors and influence were a benediction to the people and highly esteemed; and the contributions on the several fields were, considering the people's circumstances, commendable. There were, however, the two Southern Missions—Roblin and Marbank—which were altogether different from the others. These were in a fine section of country; the people well to do, and Methodist adherents numerous. Besides, they were so situated, in contiguity with strong circuits, that it was evident the whole ground should and could be worked without a cent of cost to the missionary exchequer; and yet these two missions had been receiving each an annual grant of \$350 to \$400, for the last ten years—an aggregate of nearly \$8,000. To continue this seemed utterly indefensible. After much plain talk at the several official board meetings interested, the May District Meeting of 1894 adopted a resolution, recommending to Conference the breaking up of Marbank Mission, as such, and dividing its appointments between Tamworth Station and Roblin Mission. In view of this, Roblin resolved to become a self-supporting circuit, and placed on record the expression of its gratitude for its past aid from the Mission Fund. The arrangement was generally regarded as tentative, and, as expected, resulted injuriously to the interests of Tamworth, and in considerable financial loss to its minister; and so, by the action of this year's Conference, the whole of the Roblin and Marbank Missions is united as a self-sustaining

circuit for two preachers, and the new arrangement appears to be quite satisfactory to all concerned. This might have been effected ten years ago, and \$7,000 to \$8,000 saved of missionary money.

I find the missions on this district have cost the Methodist Church, since the union, \$20,990 in grants; but during that time these missions have raised, for ministerial support, \$9,659, besides contributing to connexional funds \$6,000. Again, in addition to this, the people have contributed over \$5,000 for new churches and improvement of connexional property. In a word, while the Methodist Church has paid for its domestic missions on this district nearly \$21,000, the people themselves have raised fully as much more, in the last ten years, the whole aggregating nearly \$42,000.

Nor can we lose sight of the most important matter in all church operations, viz., the spiritual results. After allowing for a large number of removals and for further depletion caused by death, etc., we find the membership returned at last Conference was over 1,200, against 720 ten years ago; and, after all, in this consists the chief joy of every Christian heart—especially of the faithful ministers, to whom souls saved under their ministry will be a joy forever.

While no department of our work demands closer supervision and keener administration, because of the immense interest involved, than that of missions; and while sometimes, on the surface, it may appear doubtful if so large an annual expenditure is followed by results that justify it, the very life of the Church depends upon its missionary spirit and enterprise; and of all our missionary operations, our Domestic Missions must ever, in a country such as Canada, be an object of earnest solicitude; and, while they necessarily draw largely on the Mission Fund, it is a question if any other investment of the Church gives so sure and satisfactory a return.

Hoping that the importance of this matter may appear a sufficient apology for the length of this letter,

I remain,

Yours very truly,
J. J. RICE.

Tamworth, August 20th, 1895.

Japan Conference Notes.

THE Ministerial Session opened on Tuesday, June 25th, in the Azabu church, Tokyo, the President, Dr. Macdonald, in the chair. The full Conference met the day following. All the Conference officers were re-elected:—Rev. D. Macdonald, M.D., president; Rev. Eber Crummy, B. A., B. Sc., English secretary; Rev. M. Kobayashi, Japanese secretary. Mr. Kobayashi has held his office continuously since the Conference was organized.

The case of the Rev. T. Iizuka, mentioned recently in our notes on the Kanazawa District Meeting, occupied a great deal of time, and was very carefully considered. Ultimately the following resolution was passed: "As Mr. Iizuka has doubts regarding certain fundamental doctrines of Methodism, and has requested to be relieved of work for the present in order to devote himself to the special study of these doctrines, resolved that he be left without appointment for the ensuing year." It is perhaps twisting the Discipline just a little to pass a motion of this kind in relation to a brother who is unable to answer satisfactorily the question, "Does he believe and preach all our doctrines?" and is strongly inclined to Unitarianism. But it was felt that we must by some means try to save to the Church one who thus far has proved an excellent and useful man in the work of God. It is hoped that, properly directed and helped in his studies, he may soon come out into the true and clear light again.

Three tried men were ordained to the office and work of the Christian ministry. May they be workmen that need not to be ashamed. Many such are needed. Though we have ample evidence that God is blessing our labors, yet—quoting from the pastoral address just adopted—"we deem it a time when every member of the church should pray earnestly that the Lord may send forth more laborers into His harvest."

Our hearts are encouraged by an increase of 89 in church membership, and 648 in the number of Sabbath School scholars, making the totals respectively, 2070 and 2812. The Lord be praised. And may He enlarge our borders still more abundantly.

Owing to the war, financial matters have been subjected to a severe strain, and the contributions of the people have fallen off somewhat. Nevertheless, it is still true that only a few churches in Japan excel us in the average giving per member, while quite a number are far below us. Very earnest efforts are constantly being made for the development of self-support.

The most interesting feature of the session was the announcement that the students of Victoria University, Toronto, had provided a scholarship by which a Japanese brother might take a three years' special course of study at "Old Vic.," and the election of the happy man who was chosen to represent us as "scholar" there. On the first ballot, the Rev. M. Takagi, the popular pastor of Azabu church, Tokyo, received a majority of the votes cast. The official mention of his name was the signal for enthusiastic cheers. Mr. Takagi will do credit to himself, his people, and our Alma Mater. It is most gratifying that the students at home manifest so steady and practical an interest in the great work that God has here opened up to our church. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." We are all sincerely grateful, and a letter of thanks will be sent.

Your readers will also be interested to note that a committee, formed last year to take steps to form something corresponding to the Superannuation Fund of the home church, brought in full details of a regularly constituted "Ministers' Mutual Aid Society," which were unanimously adopted by the Ministerial Session. The writer has for some years been convinced that in Canada, too, instead of a Superannuation Fund, we shall gradually come to have some system of ministerial mutual aid merely—or nothing—and every year the conviction strengthens. The latest General Conference legislation points decidedly in that direction, and even more so the tone of the ever-recurring discussion of the subject. The Japanese seem to have acted wisely in deciding to appeal to the laity for living salaries for present workers, rather than for old-age pensions.

A departure was made in providing, for the first time in this country, for the holding of Financial District Meetings, at which all general estimates shall be prepared, to be submitted to the Council later for approval and transmission. This, it was thought, would give the laymen a more active and responsible part in Church finance, and aid in promoting self-support. But it was found necessary, in order that all estimates might be in time for the annual meeting of the General Board, that a change should be made in the time of holding our Annual Conference, which, consequently, is likely to be convened hereafter not later than the second Wednesday in May. We have arranged to meet next year on the first Wednesday. Several advantages will accrue from meeting earlier, not the least of which will be the avoiding of the intense heat of the end of June.

The routine of business was very pleasantly broken on the afternoon of Saturday the 29th, by the Christian ladies of our Tokyo churches, native and foreign, uniting to entertain the members of Conference in Shiba Park, in that most kindly and pleasing manner, in which the ladies of Japan yield to none anywhere.

On Sunday evening, some of us had the pleasure of listening, for the first time, to a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Macdonald. It was an excellent discourse, very earnestly and effectively delivered, and we cannot suppress the wish that we may have the privilege of hearing him more frequently.

The session was a cordial and happy one, and we all return to our fields with strong hope and determination.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The Council had really very little business to do. No changes were made in the appointments of missionaries, and the routine work of passing estimates, etc., was quickly disposed of, there being nothing of a very special character this year requiring attention or demanding large expenditure. Messrs. Crummy and Coates were appointed a committee

to confer with the Council of the W.M.S. on the question of making such changes of management as might bring the members of the two Councils into more practical and harmonious co-operation in our common work. It is suggested, as one means to bring about that unity we so earnestly desire, that provision be made enabling missionaries' wives to become members of the Women's Society. May the spirit and guidance of the Master be specially given to those whose duty it is to discuss measures for the attainment of ends so devoutly to be wished.

It was decided to present an urgent appeal to the Board praying them, if possible, to send Dr. Eby and Mr. Cassidy to Japan again at the earliest opportunity. The needs of the work are very pressing, and it was strongly felt that these brethren have so ripe an experience and such special qualifications in relation to this field that their long-continued absence from it must be a great loss to the Church.

The Secretary was requested to send a letter of warm sympathy and condolence to our missionary brethren in China, who have recently been subjected to most serious persecution and danger for the work's sake.

Bros. McKenzie and Coates were appointed correspondents, respectively, to the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan*, and Wm. Elliott to the *OUTLOOK*.

Toyama, Japan.

WM. ELLIOTT.

A Random Visit to the Coqualeetza (Indian) Institute.

THE first thing that came to me almost simultaneously on entering the fine presence of the Coqualeetza Institute, in Chilliwack, was a thought fully in harmony with the work of the Institute and of the religion which it teaches. It was a thought, as I became instinctively conscious of a subtle something which we call spirit (which is felt but not seen), of the incomparable charm and beauty of a Christian home. No greater glory can the nineteenth or any century have to boast of! Worthy offspring of a parentage as worthy—the crown and glory of our Christian religion! No need, while this remains unsullied and sure, to fear the assaults of scepticism!

And the second thought was like the first, one no less of admiration for the Institute. Home and Institute combined, manned with a staff of pious, devoted, able workers. Or, rather, we should say, wo-manned, for there are more women than men workers in the Institution. The ladies include Miss Clark, the matron; Mrs. Hansell, assistant matron; two teachers, viz., Miss Smith and Miss Burpe, with Miss Anderson, as cook. But there is another lady to take count of, and that is Mrs. Robson, so motherly in all ways and so full of helpful Christian love and good works. And with Mrs. Robson, of course, is the old workworn pioneer of Methodism in British Columbia, Rev. Ebenezer Robson, who is both missionary to the Indians in Chilliwack and supervisor of the Institute. Then there are two others (men) attached to different mechanical and industrial departments.

In the daily routine of the Institute and everything, however, there is a strong smack of home. That is the secret of its power; and power it is when it is seen what a change has been wrought in these Indian children since coming under the influence of the Institute. Many, very many, both boys and girls, have been graciously converted to God, and their voices may be heard in class-meeting, in testimony and prayer and song, rejoicing in the goodness of God. To hear them sing is a means of grace. To an outsider it is pathetic to see the simple, child-like trust, so simple and yet so strong, of these Indian boys and girls. Not that it should be assumed that Indian boys and girls surpass in Christian graces and sounder character Christians of white aspect, matured from infancy in Christian doctrine. Not so! The Indian character cannot, in one generation, take the leap of a dozen generations twice told. But there is the same spirit, in kind, manifested in these Indian boys and girls as obtains in adult Christians of a more favored race. And for this, who can help but praise God and the Father of all mercies through Jesus Christ?

It is with the Christian side of the Home that the writer was most concerned; although there is equally gratifying

record to make on the industrial side. In fact, the whole institution is, as it ought to be, a boon and a blessing to British Columbia—the fruit of the toils and prayers alike of teachers and missionaries, past and present. Peculiar seasons of stress and trial there are at times, as anyone will readily comprehend who knows anything of native Indian character impregnated, as it necessarily is, with heathenism. But what then? That is just the work of the institution, to take that and change that by the two-fold agency of God and man—man humbly, strongly co-operating with that Holy Spirit, without whose aid his efforts would be vain.

There are some eighty children in the Institute, boys and girls, of all shapes and sizes, and if any feel stirred up within them to give of their Christian generosity to the treasury of the Lord, there is no cause worthier, as there is no need greater, than this of the Coqualeetza Indian Industrial Institute.

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Along the Line.

Indian Work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Letter from REV. W. J. STONE, dated CLO-OOS MISSION, WEST COAST VANCOUVER ISLAND, July 12th, 1895.

I HAD thought to have ready a brief account of work here, but am so busy with every kind of employment. There is the school (Mrs. S. relieves me sometimes), medicine, pastoral work, finishing and painting of mission house, fitting up the new school, etc., etc. We have a fine little building 24 x 30, nicely lined inside with matched lumber, furnished with sixteen good school desks; a 225 pound bell placed in a neat belfry. The building is also used as a church until the Lord puts it into the hearts of the Nitenah to build a house to His name. We all feel deeply grateful to the Dominion Government for such a kind recognition. We now go further and ask them to enforce a compulsory education on their wards.

What we now need is a teacher, or rather an assistant. We have been looking forward to it for some time, and feel sure we will soon be favored.

The men now are all away to Behring Sea, where, in dense fog and on stormy waters, they earn their winter's livelihood.

In the midst of all these bright realities and pleasing prospects, materially, there is a certain unconcern for spiritual good. Will the readers of the *OUTLOOK* pray that these women left at home may find the Saviour, to tell the husbands on their return of Jesus' love?

Japan.

Letter from REV. WM. ELLIOTT, Toyama.

I AM able to give the readers of the *OUTLOOK* reports from three districts of the annual meetings recently held. Those from the Nagano and Tokyo districts are furnished by Bros. Dunlop and McArthur, respectively.

KANAZAWA DISTRICT.

The meeting was opened on Thursday, May 30th, in our mission school building at Kanazawa. A short prayer-meeting was held, after which the Rev. G. Iinuma gave an earnest and suggestive address on "Evangelistic Work on the West Coast." Then the chairman, Rev. D. R. McKenzie, B.A., called the special session to order, and the regular business was proceeded with. Unfortunately, the Rev. J. Iizuka, one of our young ordained ministers, a man above the average in ability and faithfulness, finds himself so far out of harmony with our standards of belief, that he asked to have the consideration of his case postponed till an adjourned meeting of the district, to be held at the time of the annual Conference. He wishes time for reflection and consultation with his brethren. He will probably resign. The "new theology" has been working consider-

able mischief in the Christian Church in Japan, but we trust the Canadian Methodist Mission is only very slightly affected by it, and that this first case requiring to be dealt with may be the last. Here, as elsewhere, one aberration after another occurs. But in time each cures itself. All comes right in the end. In theology and religion, as in every other line, very real and substantial progress is being made.

Apart from the case of Mr. Iizuka, the district meeting was marked by nothing special. The second day found all the elected lay representatives promptly in their places at 8.00 a.m. Again the meeting opened with public services. First, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and then an address by the chairman on "What shall we Preach?" It was timely, and much to the point. In the business meeting, many valuable suggestions were made for the advancement of the work. It is strongly felt that a missionary should be settled in Kanazawa, where we have an excellent mission house, formerly occupied by the Rev. J. W. Saunby.

Very well attended and highly interesting public meetings were held in the evenings in various parts of the city. May heaven's showers fall richly on the seed sown.

Since the above was written, the adjourned district meeting passed the following resolution: "As Mr. Iizuka is in doubt regarding some of the fundamental doctrines of the Methodist Church, and has made a request to be relieved from the work for the present in order to make a special study of the doctrines concerned, we recommend that the Conference comply with this request, and leave Mr. Iizuka without appointment for the ensuing year." This may not be in absolute accord with the Discipline, but may save to the Church a promising young man, whose education and training has engaged our efforts in no small degree.

TOKYO DISTRICT.

Some progress has been made in this district during the year. The reports show an increase of nineteen in the membership. The Azabu church, which was so badly shattered by the earthquake a year ago, has been rebuilt. A new work has been opened out at Koishikawa in connection with the Komagome circuit, of which the Rev. M. S. Kobayashi is pastor. Also, on the same circuit, through the energetic labors of the pastor, a charity school has been opened, of which about eighty poor children are enrolled as students. In connection with the school a Sunday-school service is held for the children, and an evangelistic service for their parents and others who may desire to hear the Gospel.

The closing exercises of the Toyo Eiwa Gakko were held on June 26th, when nine students were graduated, one from the theological department, and eight from the academical department. A slight change has been made in the course of study, bringing it more into harmony with that of the Government schools. This has resulted in augmenting the number of students, which is at present eighty-two, being an increase of thirty over the number reported last year.

China.

Letter from O. L. KILBORN, M.D., dated SHANGHAI, July 27th, 1895.

I HAVE just returned from the tender which carries Dr. and Mrs. Stevenson and three children aboard the *Empress of Japan* for Vancouver. Miss Ford goes with them down to Woosung, twelve miles, and sees them safely and comfortably settled in their stateroom. She is rendering them invaluable aid. Mrs. Stevenson is still very weak, but hopes that the sea air will brace her up. Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell left here for Japan a week ago. Mrs. Hartwell and two children go on to Canada as soon as possible. Mr. Hartwell spends a short time in Japan, then returns to Shanghai to wait until we can all return to Sz-Chuan. Drs. Hart and Hare are in Peking. Dr. Hart went at the request of the missionaries of Sz-Chuan, to press for a satisfactory settlement of the riot affair. There remain of our mission yet in Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Endicott, Misses Brackbill and Ford, Mrs. Kilborn and myself. Of these Miss Brackbill expects to leave for Japan to-morrow.

We all feel that in the settlement of the Sz-Chuan difficulty, that which is of the first importance is the punishment of the guilty officials who probably instigated the riots,—they certainly permitted them to go on, when they might by a word have stopped the whole thing;—then the rights of missionaries in the interior of China must be put in very clear and emphatic terms in a treaty, and published widely throughout the Empire by Imperial proclamation. Of third or fourth rate importance is the *money indemnity*, and for this we all agree not to press until objects one and two are attained. If the British Government will manage the affair energetically and with firmness, China will yield at once. But if the Government in London is content to dilly-dally and finally accept simply a money compensation for losses entailed, then our mission may have to look for a field in some other province than Sz-Chuan.

By next mail I shall send you a pamphlet giving a collected account of all the riots at different stations in the province, and also an account of some meetings held in Chung-King, Hankow and Shanghai, dealing with the question.

Surely no one need despair or even be discouraged. We here are strong in faith that God will use all these things to His great glory and to the advancement of His kingdom.

Letter from REV. GEO. E. HARTWELL, B.A., dated TOKYO, July 31, 1895.

DEAR DR. SUTHERLAND,—I drop you a note to say Mrs. Hartwell left Yokohama for Kingston, July 28th, on the S. S. *Victoria*, via the Northern Pacific railway. It was not settled whether she would stop over at Toronto, but I expect not.

Last evening I spent with Dr. Macdonald. This morning I go to Karanizawa and join some members of our mission. I expect to remain here the balance of the summer, and study, as I have my books along. In the fall the way may be opened to return to Sz-Chuan. Just as soon as the way opens, I want to go. I am full of hope that the future of our mission will be brighter than ever, that God will make the wrath of man to praise Him.

If it is definitely settled that the English must enjoy the same privileges as are now granted to the French, then our position in West China will be far more satisfactory, and it will be quite easy to open up missions in all the surrounding cities. I trust the Canadian Government will be aroused to take an interest in their subjects in China, and exert their influence upon the English Government.

The following brief letter from REV. V. C. HART, D.D., will be read with interest:

CHUNG-KING, June 18th, 1895.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—Our party all here. Mrs. Stevenson not at all well. Mrs. Hartwell has had a hard time; the others not much the worse. They leave to-morrow in two boats for down river with M.E. folks, and one family China Inland Mission. The Baptists have gone down. It is thought advisable for Dr. Stevenson to go home with his wife and children and Mrs. Hartwell, and Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn will go to Shanghai and remain until indemnity is paid and affairs in condition to return. Rioting and looting still continues in the province. The officials are deeply implicated. Regular proclamations have been put up of such character as to stir up troubles. The Consul here is working hard, but can't do much. The settlement must come from Peking, unless a commission is appointed to visit Chen-tu and investigate and bring the officials and rioters to time, this province will not be in a fit condition for work for a long time. About fifteen cities have been the scenes of rioting and destruction. It is rumored to day that a Roman Catholic place is being looted twenty miles from this city, on the road to Chen-tu. The official here has sent a body of soldiers to quell the trouble.

The examinations come on here in about a month, and it is feared this place will not be spared. It looks as though there had been an organized plot to get rid of all missionaries from the province. Pray for us.

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Editorial Notes.

THE subjects of prayer for this month are: "Another Year for Jesus"—"Retrospect and Prospect." (Psa. cxvi. 12, 13, 14.) To many, the missionary year, now nearing its close, will be a marked year, for in it their interest in missionary labor was aroused, and for the first time they are testing the preciousness of the privilege of helping to

speed the Gospel message to distant lands. To others the year has been much like its predecessors—filled with loving service cheerfully rendered. While to a few it will be forever remembered as the year that they, in response to the call for more laborers, were enabled to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." and the entire current of the life stretching before them was changed. We, as mission workers, are standing upon the threshold of another year, over which, as yet, stretches the mysterious veil of futurity. Let us recognize how solemn a trust is this gift of "Time," and recognizing it, may we endeavor to make this incoming year in very truth "another year for Jesus."

"Another year of service,
Of witness for thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above."

WHAT of the "Retrospect"? What of the "Prospect"? Looking backward over the work accomplished by our society since its modest inauguration, fourteen years ago, we cannot but exclaim, "What hath God wrought." Each year has been marked by a broadening interest, an increased membership and larger financial returns. The first year the income of our society was \$2,916.78. Last year the total amount raised was \$39,808.33; and the monetary gain is perhaps of the least moment. Those who at one time looked askance at the movement are now among its warmest supporters. Talents that for years lay dormant have been stimulated into action, and the spiritual life of our women quickened and vivified. Through its agency some, over whom had rested the pall of Roman Catholicism, have been brought into the light; on the Pacific coast Chinese girls have been rescued from a fate worse than death; the children of our Indians sheltered, clothed and taught the way of salvation, and the work for the uplifting and christianizing of the women and girls carried into distant Japan and far-off China. "He who hath lead will lead;" His guidance in the past is our earnest for a bright future. Despite "wars and rumors of wars," the outlook for us, as a Society, was never more hopeful, the prospect never more encouraging. We will not allow either difficulties or discouragements to dampen our zeal, for we have tremendous issues at stake—the winning, or not winning, of heathendom, for Christ. In His strength "let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it."

ALL civilized countries have been filled with horror at the account of the Armenian massacres, that even rival the awful Bulgarian atrocities of nineteen years ago. Because some Christian subjects, most unwisely, refused the payment of taxes, multitudes, without any distinction whatever, were brutally murdered by order of a Turkish pasha. The "Massacre of the Pit of Ghelie Guzan" is too heart-rendering to mention in detail, when hundreds of men, women and children were most brutally murdered. Women with babes in arms begged simply to be slain, and we read that two

hundred of them who were hounded by the Kurds, leaped into a deep ravine, infinitely preferring to meet death in that way. At this present crisis how important that the six Christian powers of Europe who, in the treaty of Berlin, guaranteed the protection of the Armenians from oppression, should take radical steps to forever end this wholesale slaughter, and secure the peace and protection of the Armenians.

“Ought Turkish tigers’ shepherd
This primal Christian fold,
And boast of crimes, unnumbered times,
Too awful to be told!”

Righteous indignation cannot but fill all our hearts as we read of the oppressions of this much afflicted people, who enjoy the rare distinction of being the first race to accept Christianity; King Dertad receiving the rite of baptism as early as A.D. 276, as also did many of his subjects. We are glad to note that the European powers have submitted a proposition to the Porte, one clause of which gives the powers the right to veto the appointment of governors, and provides for the appointment of Christians as public officials. The time is over-ripe for Armenia to have a Christian governor, and to be permanently relieved of the oppressive taxation which has been such a terrible drawback to their advancement. Do not let us forget Armenia and her suffering people in our supplications at the Throne of Grace.

WITH anxious hearts we have watched continuously for tidings from China. God has been wonderously gracious to us, for though English, French and American missionaries have been massacred, our little band of Canadian missionaries, situated in China’s interior, have thus far been preserved, although their property was destroyed, and the lives of all in extreme jeopardy. The riot is attributed to “a resistance to Roman Catholic movements, which makes no discrimination between them and Protestants.” However this may be, we know that inflammable placards and pamphlets, published by the instigators, were scattered broadcast, which added “fuel to the flames.” At the Chinese legation, held August 22nd, at Washington, it was freely admitted that all foreigners in the interior of China are still in more or less danger, and the hope was expressed that they would at once seek treaty ports. Our hearts go out in deep sympathy to kindred societies who have suffered so keenly in the loss of their missionaries, and by such dire means. We can scarcely restrain our feelings as we think of the wanton destruction of such useful lives. The *Times*, of Old London, says that “this outrage must not be passed as a trifle. Immunity of the murderers would cause a standing menace to the lives and property of the European community in China.” We can but hope that He, who heretofore “hath made the wrath of man to praise him,” shall cause to blossom from this dark hour, richest fruitage, in the ingathering of many precious souls in that Empire, to besprinkled with

the blood of those who counted not their lives as dear unto them, so that they might win trophies for Christ.

A Twilight Talk with Discouraged Workers.

“**F**EAR thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

It has seemed a long time since we last met for our quiet talk in the gloaming. Thankfully we note but few vacancies. Not but what we would fain lessen the number of discouraged workers, but a glance at your faces tell us that many of you have joined us, not because you were discouraged or faint-hearted, but because of your interest and love for the work.

What a gathering we make this evening! And, how we bid you welcome, one and all! Some of you have but just returned from your summer’s outing beside wave-lapped shores, or quiet inland retreats, bringing with you the flush of renewed health, and minds and bodies alike rested and invigorated. And some—Ah, yes!—have been led by ways that they knew not of, and paths not of their own choosing; and the bright, summer days drifted past as they lay in darkened room, just *suffering* the Father’s will; not knowing whether life or death would be granted, for they stood so close to Jordon’s waves that its cold mist dampened cheek and brow. Standing there with Heaven’s battlements just in sight, but leaving behind home, loved ones and precious toil, they found the “Fear thou not” of *our* promise all-sufficient. But the Father in infinite wisdom saw fit to grant not death, but life, and they are testing, as never before, how solemn, yet withal how gladsome, a thing is this gift.

Over in yonder, quiet corner is a group drawn together by sympathy’s ties. Their dark habiliments of woe telling plainly a tale of mourning and desolation. Since last we met they have bent over those dearer than their own life and caught the faintly spoken last words, felt the last hand pressure and saw the last gleam of recognition flicker, then fade forever. In this supreme hour of anguish they, too, tested *our* promise and found the “Fear thou not, for I am with thee,” all-comforting. With a self-forgetfulness that is heroic, they are putting their sorrow quietly aside, not wishing it to cast its sombre shadows over other lives, and are once more taking up their old duties, endeavoring to do all the good they can before “the night cometh.” That is why they are with us this evening.

We have discussed around our fireside and in the twilight hour, the responsibilities and discouragements connected with the duties of the office-bearers in our W.M.S. But not one word have we said about the responsibility resting upon what so many of us are—privates in the rear ranks. This evening let us see if we are in any way responsible for the success or failure of our Monthly Auxiliary meetings.

"Well, I am sure I am not," hastily said impulsive Mrs. Howard, "It does not make the least bit of difference, as far as I can see, whether I even attend or not; nobody seems to care, although I must say I make it a point to be always present."

Do not be so sure of this. In the first place God cares, and it matters much whether we are giving of our best to this work or not, even if that *best* is unassuming, unnoticed service—faithful in little, faithful in much.

"Perhaps you will never know;"—and now it is Mrs. Howard's, President, who is addressing her, and her tones grow strangely tremulous, as she proceeds—"how much the other officers and myself have been helped, as month after month, independent of weather, we saw you in your place. We commenced to look, as for a gleam of sunshine, for your cheery face, and many a time when beset with discouragements, and interest in auxiliary work, on the part of many, seemed waning, we thought of you, and thanked God, and took courage.

"You remember Mrs. Johnstone, who left our town a couple of years ago," continued the President, "what a quiet, backward little thing she was, yet how we missed her from our Auxiliary. You see,"—she explained to us who were unacquainted with the circumstance—"it so happened, not one of us who were officers could start a tune, indeed, some of us could not sing a note, but to Mrs. Johnstone was given the gift of song; and how she did help our meetings by the use of this talent. I often thought she helped to make them a success more than some of us upon whom rested a greater responsibility. She was so shy and timid that I do not doubt it cost her an effort to raise the tunes, as she always did when our organist was absent. I really do not see how we could have struggled through that dreadful time when the interest was at such low-ebb had it not been for those two faithful members."

This bit of conversation was but the prelude to a very lengthy chat, which did not cease until our faces were scarcely distinguishable 'mid the gloom, and night closed in upon us. We all agreed that upon every private member rested a great responsibility, second only in importance to the office-bearers. Theirs, the responsibility and privilege of daily remembering at the Throne of Grace our work and workers; of being regular in attendance and punctual at the hour appointed; of giving cheerfully to this cause "according as God hath prospered them," and of contributing to the success of the meeting by the use of whatever special talent with which they are endowed, whether that be to speak, or sing, or pray."

S. R. W.

Notices.

LONDON DISTRICT.—The quarterly meeting of the Auxiliaries and Circles usually held in June was, by the mutual consent of the presidents, withdrawn, it being found difficult to make necessary arrangements for a successful meeting. The ladies of Lambeth and Westminster circuits have kindly consented to be responsible for the next convention, which will be held in Lambeth village, October 7th. Afternoon and evening sessions will be held, of which

further details will be given. Arrangements are being made for 'busses to leave the city in time for the afternoon session, returning about 9.30 p.m. Fare will be reasonable. We hope every auxiliary and circle will be represented.

A. G. McMECHAN, *District Organizer*.

OWING to the pressure upon our space, we are obliged to hold over for our next issue a most interesting letter from Miss Bowes, the newly appointed Matron in the Chinese Girls' Home.

Leaves from Branch.

THE Hamilton Conference Branch will hold its annual meeting in St. Paul Street Church, St. Catharines, on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of October, commencing on Tuesday, 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Delegates will oblige by sending their names and address to Mrs. W. G. Smith, Box 664, Guelph.

THROUGH the generosity of Mrs. (Senator) Sanford a banner will be presented to the Mission Circle or Band having the largest net increase of paid-up members for the year.

THE London Conference Branch will convene (D.V.) in St. Thomas, on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of October. Fuller particulars later.

A. CUNNINGHAM, *Cor. Sec.*

THE Montreal Conference Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society will meet in the lecture-room of the Methodist Church, Iroquois, Tuesday, October 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Delegates purposing to attend will please send name and address to Miss Bailey, Iroquois. Ask for certificates when purchasing tickets, in order to secure reduced rates for all in attendance. Auxiliary Treasurers will confer a favor by remitting to Mrs. E. McRossie, Kingston Branch Treasurer, before the 21st of September, and Secretaries will kindly return the schedules by the above date to Mrs. T. G. Williams, Box 723, Sherbrooke, P.Q.

L. W. ROSS, *President*.

M. M. WILLIAMS, *Cor. Sec.*

BAY OF QUINTE.—Result of "Crusade Day." The following are the results, so far as reported, of the efforts to increase the membership of the auxiliaries by personal appeal on the 8th of January: Cherry Valley 14, Tweed 11, Belleville (Holloway Street) 10, Napanee East 10, Picton First 9, South Bay 9, Newcastle 8, Belleville Tabernacle 8, Rosehall 8, Belleville (Bridge Street) 7, Wooler 6, Hastings 6, Lonsdale 3, Bayside 3, Picton (Main Street) 3, Mount Pleasant 2, Hampton 2; total, 119.

H. L. PLATT, *Cor. Sec.*

China.

Letter from S. BRACKBILL, dated CHEN-TU, CHINA, May 30th, 1895.

DEAR MRS STRACHAN.—A riot has occurred here, but the lives of all missionaries have been saved so far, and we all, eighteen grown people and eleven children, are obliged to remain here for two or three days, until the people quiet down, when an escort will be provided, and we will be sent down the river.

Day before yesterday was a big feast, and the natives seized the opportunity to destroy the property of all foreigners, beginning at the Canadian Methodist Mission. The following morning the other places were attacked, and every building either torn down or burned, and all movable property carried away.

We have heard that the uprising is general throughout the province and Chung-King, Kiating, Kiean-hsien and other places have been attacked in the same way.

A special messenger is being sent down the river, so I have written this note, though I have neither pen, envelope or stamp, and will have to trust to the people down the river to start it on its way.

Miss Ford arrived some two weeks ago, and you may be sure I was glad to see her, and have been glad of her company all through, but sorry she has had such an experience so soon after her arrival in the country. Mrs. Kilborn is also with us, and several have had rather narrow escapes. Will write you more fully later on.

From the same, dated CHEN-TU, CHINA, May, 31st, 1895.

DEAR MRS. ENDICOTT,—Before you receive this you will have heard of all the trouble up here, but I did not know the messenger sent yesterday was to stop at Kia-ting, or I would have sent you a note at least. Mr. Vale said he wrote full particulars to Mr. Ririe, and one of the gentlemen wrote to Dr. Hart, but we had heard that Kia-ting had been treated in like manner, and so were doubtful where you would be found. As we may have to remain here several days yet, and a messenger is to start out again today, you will get this in time to make out a list of anything you may want from the coast, as we will doubtless go right down, having nothing here in the way of clothing, stores, furniture, etc., and more than that, no house to live in.

Everything was as usual when we returned on Monday, after seeing you off. Miss Ford unpacked her box, and we are so glad you got your things out of it, also a piece of the cake—wish you had it all. Tuesday, word came that the regular missionary meeting would be held at the China Inland Mission, and Mr. Cady lead. About four o'clock, messengers came, saying that the meeting had been postponed, and brought a note from Dr. Canright, saying none of them would be over, because of the rumors on the streets and posters which had been found. When these messengers returned, they stopped to tell me there were crowds of people on the street at Si-shing-tsi, and they were stoning the place. This was about six o'clock. We anxiously waited for more news, and the gateman went out and returned, telling me he had sent twenty-five men over to help protect the place. Hearing nothing further, we thought it all over with, and got cur tea and tried to read, but about eight o'clock, Mrs. Kilborn's woman came in with Lila S. in her night-clothes. She was very much excited and frightened, and had had the child torn from her on the street, but one of the servants had come along and helped her. From that time until midnight the servants were back and forth with reports, and we would not have been surprised to have heard they were coming to us at any time. Sent word to the other missions, and heard Drs. Stevenson's and Kilborn's wives and children were on the wall, and chairs had been sent from Dr. Canright's for them. The children were all in their night-clothes, and they were on the wall until midnight, when they went to the C. I. M. instead. I asked the gatemen about sending for men to guard our place, but he said he did not want them, and it was better without. You may be sure I did not sleep any that night. Several of the servants from the other place stayed, and three Chinese women; Mrs. K's woman, mine, and that woman who had been in the hospital, slept in our room on the floor. The following morning early, Mrs. Hartwell, with her two children, came over to our place, and we soon heard Mr. Hartwell's new house was burning. The gentleman, no doubt, told you how nearly everything was torn down and burned, and goods carried away at your place the night before, and what was not finished then was completely finished next morning.

In a short time the servants ran up to tell us to go quickly, as the mob was coming to us. We climbed over the back wall, and, of course, could only take a hand-bag; the people there got us chairs, and we went to the C. I. M. Dr. Kilborn had previously sent us word they were trying to get chairs, and were to take us all to the yamen, but not to go before they came, and I had sent back word we would wait unless we had to go out at the back because of the mob coming in at the front.

At the C. I. M. were Mr. and Mrs. Cormick, Miss Vale, Mr. Jackson (C. M. S.), Dr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn, Mrs. Hartwell, Miss Ford and myself. Mr. Hartwell had remained over at the other place.

We spoke of coming here at once, but the man in charge said he had a good force there, and we had better remain where we were. Later on, about 11.30, probably, he came to say it would be best to go, and he would send two men with each chair, and two chairs to go at a time.

Dr. and Mrs. Stevenson went first; shortly afterwards, Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Hartwell, then Mr. and Mrs. Cormick. In the meantime the crowd had been getting larger and more excited, and as these last chairs left, they made a rush for the place, and Dr. Kilborn and Mr. Vale rushed

back to tell us to get over the back-fence as quickly as possible. This we did (Miss Ford and I had Lila S. and Geraldine H.) and the servants and several officials and soldiers followed. We ran down a little narrow passage way, through a couple of rooms, and came to a locked door. The people on the other side refused to open it and it was torn from the hinges, and we went as far as we could into a bedroom at the extreme end of the house, and all five of us grown-up people and three children got on that small bed (about three and one-half feet wide) and drew the curtains, and were obliged to remain there for three hours, scarcely daring to speak even in a whisper. Three pieces of silver were given the people there (I had managed to carry most of the silver with me), and they were as kind as possible and threw the people off the track who came to enquire about foreigners. We could hear the place next door being torn down, and the yells and cries of the mob until nearly four o'clock, when we were able to get off the bed and stretch our tired limbs, thankful that our lives had been preserved, because we knew, had the mob found us there, there would have been no hope whatever.

After dark we were conveyed over here to the yamen as quietly as possible, and shortly after our arrival, Mr. Hartwell came in, and, later on, the people from San-ci-kiai, who had been concealed in a little room in the loft of their neighbor's house, while they watched the destruction of all their property.

The Catholic places were all destroyed as well, making eleven in all. Yesterday there were all kinds of rumors about, and bones of children were brought here, saying they had been found in the wells; a boy was also brought who could or would not speak, and who, they said, had been found in a tin box under the chapel. Things began to look rather dark until towards night, when a telegram came from the Consul saying the matter was known in Peking, France, and at home, and he was to be kept informed of every fact. This was in answer to a telegram sent early Tuesday morning, which we were not at all sure had gone through, and it was probably due to the fact of that operator being friendly to foreigners that it did get through, as the Americans attempted to send one yesterday morning and were told the wires were cut.

Since that, a good proclamation has been put up and fifty or sixty men arrested last evening, court held, and three or four beheaded this morning, and several put in cages. This seems a pity, as we know they are not the most guilty, and it would be much more satisfactory could the men in authority be punished. We may be obliged to stay here several days, but think we will get off safely now. We have no change of clothing and no books, and will be glad to see a home again; but perhaps the Chinese may have some of their homes a little better furnished because of all they have carried off. Could we call this helping to civilize the Chinese? Don't criticize this letter, as I have scribbled it in such a hurry, I could tell very little of what is in it.

S. BRACKBILL.

The Faith of Little Ichi Usami.

IN Sadomachi, Kofu, in the Province of Yamanashi, there lives a little boy named Ichi Usami, eight years of age. For a long time he has attended the Christian Sunday School in Kofu church, and for about three years he has understood something of the spirit of Christianity. He has one little brother, who is lame, and these two little boys make up the entire family.

Last winter his father, anxious to show his patriotism and do his little to help in the war, secured the position of director of coolies, and went to China for this purpose, leaving his home in January, and sailing for China in March. But he was sick on the way, and on landing, ere he had begun his duties, he went to the hospital and died five days after first being taken ill. On the 2nd of June the ashes of his bones and his hair reached his home.

Ichi's mother was an earnest Christian woman, but his father was not a Christian, and this was a great source of anxiety to Ichi. He used to say, "It is a pity my father does not believe God."

When his father left for the war, he said to his mother,

"Because my father does not yet know God, while I and my mother can go to heaven, father cannot. As I can't pray yet, please, mother, pray for my father that he may go to heaven." His mother wrote this to her husband and Ichi, who was present at the time, told her to tell his father to believe, that God would give him power so that he would be able to win in the war.

When the news of his father's death came, Ichi felt badly. Shortly after he remarked to his mother, "Father did not believe, and so I said to Fuji Kobayashi (a little friend of Ichi's and the son of the pastor of the Church) he must have met with an awful fate. But Kobayashi's son replied, 'Your father died for his country, and so he would be saved.' What do you think about it, mother?"

"If he did not believe he could not be saved, even though he did die for his country, but if he prayed to Christ before he died, perhaps he would be saved," replied the mother.

At another time Ichi said, "As I have no father, God will help me, and He will help me all the more because I have no father. If I ask Him, He will guide me in some good way."

The poor mother used to weep as she thought of the loss of her husband and Ichi asked her, "Why do you weep so much? Have you a pain?"

"No, I have no pain," answered the mother, "I was thinking of your father, but I will not cry any more."

"You needn't cry," said Ichi, "as long as God doesn't die, He will help us, but if He dies, what will we do?"

"God will never die," Mrs. Usami replied, assuringly, and the little boy's mind was at rest.

The poor widow does not yet know how she is going to make a living, nor where she is going to get the wherewithal to support herself and two children. But she has strong faith and seems to keep a serene mind during all the sorrow of bereavement and uncertainty as to the future. It was a beautiful lesson to observe her self-forgetfulness in the first days of sorrow, her courageous and cheerful spirit. She has had to pawn many of her things, but her little boy assured her that if she waited till he grew up he would buy her things she needed.

Ichi's grandfather, a strong Buddhist, offered to take him and bring him up. When the mother told him this, "I am willing to go," said he, "but he is a Buddhist, and as I have no father and no one to help me, I would not like to be a Buddhist. If I went and God would help me if I sang hymns, all right, but I don't want to go because God does not help those who do not go to church." Knowing he would be so circumstanced in his country home that he would hardly be able to get to church, he seems to have felt it an insuperable obstacle to receiving the much desired help from God.

The mother has decided that for the present, at least until her child is older and more firmly grounded in the faith, she will keep him with her, for she feels her child's faith to be the most important point. But who can doubt that already in his heart is planted deep the seeds of true faith, and that out of the mouths of babes and sucklings God is glorified.

A. PRESTON, Kōfu.

District Doings.

BELLEVILLE DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE Belleville District Convention was held in the church, on the 4th Concession of Sidney, on May 22nd. The attendance was excellent, both morning and afternoon, and the attention and interest all that could be desired.

Mrs. Massey, the Organizer, presided, and in an admirable address gave a concise report of what had been accomplished during the year. One new Auxiliary and two new Mission Bands were added, making a total of eighteen; several boxes and bales of bedding, clothing, etc., were sent to poor missions, and a larger amount of money raised than on any other District in the Branch.

Encouraging reports from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, with a programme of short papers, sacred solos, duets, and

recitations filled up the time till late in the afternoon, the only intermission being that required for the bountiful luncheon prepared by the ladies of the Auxiliary with their well-known generosity.

Two memorials were voted to be presented to the General Board. One, to have the financial year of the W.M.S. to correspond with that of the other organizations of the Church, and the Branch Meeting to be held in May instead of October; and another, requesting the formation of a Superannuation Fund for the benefit of disabled or worn-out lady missionaries.

Resolutions were also passed, strongly condemning anything in the lottery line for raising money for missionary purposes; and of condolence to Mrs. Hall, of the French Institute, and others who had suffered through bereavement.

The presence of the beloved President of the Branch, Mrs. Carman, added to the interest of the occasion, the question drawer being, as usual, left to her able handling.

L. L.

BRIGHTON DISTRICT CONVENTION.

A CONVENTION of the Woman's Missionary Society of Brighton District was held in the Methodist church, Brighton, on Thursday, June 20th, 1895.

The weather being favorable there was a good attendance at both sessions. Mrs. (Rev.) Watch conducted the devotional exercises, and was afterward chosen by the Convention to preside over the morning session.

The first item on the programme was the roll call of auxiliaries, to which eight, out of ten, responded. This was followed by reports from auxiliaries, eight auxiliaries and two mission bands reporting. From the general tone of the reports all the auxiliaries seem to be working energetically, and the different branches of work engaged in showed a wide and intelligent interest in the work. All reported increased membership, funds, and literature taken.

An excellent paper was given by Miss Hinman, of Salem, on "How to make our Meetings more Interesting." Some practical points were: (1) That each member should attend and feel that the success of the meeting in some measure depended on them individually; (2) that we should give as earnest, consecrated effort to this work as we would to any pleasure or business of life; (3) make the room of meeting as attractive, and all the preparations as carefully planned as if to meet an honored guest.

The afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. T. D. Platt, of Picton, Branch Corresponding Secretary; the opening exercises being conducted by Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson, of Colborne.

A kindly welcome was extended to the delegates on behalf of the Brighton Auxiliary, by Mrs. Scripture, and responded to by Mrs. Hendrick's, Frankford. Greetings also were read from the Baptist Woman's Foreign Mission Society.

A paper was read by Mrs. Poole, Hilton, on "Reasons Why the W.F.M.S. should be thankful." Some reasons given were: (1) For their organization—develop talent of women, gives power in prayer, public and private—the question was here suggested whether the W.F.M.S. does more for the heathen or for those at home; (2) for the work done in foreign lands, for young men and women volunteering for foreign work; (3) for the preservation of our missionaries' lives.

The question drawer, conducted by Mrs. Platt, gave some helpful suggestions as to how to increase the monthly attendance, and how to interest the pastor.

On account of Miss Taggart, District Organizer, being obliged by removal to resign her office, Mrs. Holt, of Colborne, was elected for the remainder of the year. A consecration service was held, conducted by Mrs. (Rev.) Watch, who made some very appropriate remarks.

This was followed by a paper on "Indifference to the Work," by Mrs. Kennedy Colborne. It presented beautifully the privilege of being co-workers with God.

Mrs. Hendricks gave an address on "The Voice of God Speaking to His People." "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou visitest him?" He speaks: (1) By golden opportunities for entering foreign

work; (2) by open doors everywhere and voices calling; (3) recounted the progress made in the various nations of the earth, as the voice of God to us to encourage us in our work; that though it may seem small, yet that every effort helps; (4) by those who are working for them in foreign lands, pleading not only their miserable condition, but, the greatest of all reasons, the constraining love of Christ.

A paper from Wicklow was read, on "The Benefits of Attendance at the Monthly Meetings." The main thought being that attendance ensures interest, because of connection with the work of previous meetings.

Mrs. Platt gave an impressive parting thought—Are we neglecting what sometime we would wish we had done?

The Convention expressed their thanks to Mrs. Platt for her presence and help, after which the meeting was dismissed by Rev. Mr. Watch.

The ladies of the local Auxiliary served refreshments to the delegates before leaving for their homes.

We believe that this, our second Annual District Convention, will be productive of increased interest among our workers during the year.

MISS K. AUSTIN, *Sec. of Con.*

In Memoriam.

PALMERSTON.—It is with sadness we announce the first loss to our Auxiliary by the death of Mrs. Thos. Best, who passed away, May 12th, after a lingering illness, which was borne with Christian fortitude. She was universally respected and much loved, which was clearly demonstrated by the large attendance at the funeral service which was held in the Methodist church. Our departed sister was unable to attend our Monthly Meetings for some time, but we had her sympathies and prayers. We feel that we have lost a dear and loving friend, but we know that our loss is her eternal gain.

E. M. STRINGER, *Cor. Sec.*

COATICOOK.—For the first time, death has entered our Society and taken from us a dear sister, Mrs. G. L. Masten, who died, May 17th, 1895. She had been identified with our Auxiliary since its organization. She was universally respected and much loved. We greatly miss our dear sister, but the fragrance of her godly life still lingers, and is an incentive to renewed zeal in the Master's work. She was ever ready to help on a good cause, and she will long be remembered by those who knew her best. Eternity alone will reveal the good she has done here. To him, who suffers a greater bereavement than we, in the loss of a wife, we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

MRS. J. H. KNAPP, *Cor. Sec.*

VANCOUVER.—As you probably already know, a great and irreparable loss has fallen upon Homer Street Auxiliary in the sudden removal at the early age of 29, of its painstaking, efficient Treasurer, Miss Mary Wintemute, a name well known in all Mission Circles throughout the Dominion, her sister being one of the first sent to Japan by the Woman's Board of the Methodist Church. Not alone in the Auxiliary is the void felt. For four years a teacher in one of the large city schools, always to be depended on by a large primary class in the S. S., the Epworth League was never disappointed in her ready assistance, and everywhere in the home and in the city is missed the inspiration of her presence and ministrations. The universal regret of the city was evinced by the unparalleled profusion of floral offerings from societies and private friends, either she or some member of the family being identified with most of the philanthropic enterprises of the place. The fragrance of a devoted, Christian life and inspiration of a helpful spirit will long linger among us as incentives to follow as she followed Christ, and a reminder to be also ready for a hasty "promotion" to the higher ranks—as she was called from her duties so unexpectedly and was not permitted to leave any dying testimony—for though, not robust, she taught until Friday night; was out on Saturday, came home worse, and was unconscious until on Friday fortnight, 21st June, her disembodied spirit took its upward flight. Her sister, Mrs. Latimer, now of Nelson, was the only other Treasurer.

MRS. W. McCRAVEY, *Cor. Sec.*

BELLEVILLE.—For the first time in the history of Hallo-way Street Auxiliary we have been called upon to part with one of our dear sisters and oldest members, Mrs. J. W. Turner. She fell asleep in Jesus and was promoted to higher service in June. We will miss her from our midst, although laid aside for some years from active work. The memory of her beautiful, consecrated life will be an incentive to renewed zeal in the service of the Master she loved so well. While we deeply regret our loss we rejoice to believe that she has gone to be with Jesus, which is far better. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved family, and especially to her husband, who feels his loss most keenly, and trust that we shall all meet again "Some sweet day." Among the floral tributes was a beautiful pillow from our Auxiliary.

LAURA ROW, *Cor. Sec.*

EGLINTON.—It is with sorrow that we announce the death of Miss Georgie (Dolly) Moore, for several years the corresponding secretary of our Auxiliary. She took a lively interest in our society from its commencement, and was one of the leading spirits when every effort was needed to keep it together. She possessed a bright, active disposition, and being most intelligent, it was a delight to converse with her. For some time she has been laid aside from active work by illness, consumption, and although suffering from weakness so that for weeks together she was not able to come to the house of God, yet when our Mission Band was started her sympathies were at once enlisted, and she became vice-president. Her prospects in life were seemingly very bright, but she cheerfully resigned them all, believing that to be with Christ was far better. Her end was indeed peace. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of our Auxiliary.

A. WOODLY, *Rec. Sec.*

BRANTFORD (Wellington Street Auxiliary).—Death has again entered our circle the second time this year, and claimed from our midst a beloved and useful member, Mrs. T. Fissette. We record our deep sense of loss to our own auxiliary. She will be long remembered by us all for her quiet, unassuming manner, and her willingness always to do what she could to promote the interest of our Society. While we bow in submission to heaven's behest, we would express our sympathy with those upon whom the stroke falls heaviest, and pray that sustaining grace may be given to each one of them. May we who are left, still continue to work in His name, and feel that our interest in missionary work is increasing, until we are called to join those who have gone before.

Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to man benighted
The lamp of life deny?

H. E. JENNINGS, *Cor. Sec.*

CANSO.—Our Auxilliary has been called to mourn the loss of two of our members since the advent of the present missionary year. Our dear sister Hadley entered into rest the first week in June. How full of sadness that time has been to those who were closely associated with her can only be known by those who were acquainted with her bright, loving, cheerful spirit. We miss her from our services, but while our hearts grieve that her place is empty, we can rejoice that the loss is all ours, for she has "entered in through the gates into the city," and there awaits the home-coming of her dear ones. Her sickness was of short duration. Almost from the first, she feared she would not recover; but though held by the strongest, earthly ties, she cheerfully and peacefully faced death, leaning on the arm and staff of her great Deliverer. So may we triumph when life's work is o'er.

O. C. W., *Cor. Sec.*

NEW RICHMOND CHURCH, TORONTO.—It is with profound regret that we have to record the removal, by death, of our honored Vice-President, Mrs. Jane Mossop Brown, who fell asleep in Jesus, on the 27th of July. The loss which the Church, as well as the Woman's Missionary Society, will sustain is almost irreparable. A member of the latter from the very first she, by her kindness of heart, indefatigable zeal and courteous bearing had endeared herself to all, and proved her ably qualified to fill the different offices to which she had been appointed, with credit to her-

self and profit to the work in which she took such an abiding interest. "She was a model Vice-President," lovingly said Mrs. Stuart, our President; "she came up to the standard so clearly defined in the OUTLOOK of February, as to all that a Vice-President should be." We loved her as a friend, true and devoted; we respected her as a fellow-worker, earnest in purpose and faithful in the discharge of every duty, and we esteemed her highly as one who had the courage of her convictions, and fearless in the expression of them. Her memory will long be kept bright in our hearts, and be an incentive to us to follow her as she followed the Lord Jesus. Her bereaved family and relatives have our deepest sympathy in this the time of their great grief and sorrow.

MRS. ANNIE MURRAY, *Cor. Sec.*

Notes From Workers.

ILLERTON.—On the afternoon of May the seventh, the Littlewood Auxiliary of the W.M.S. held, instead of the regular May meeting, an "At Home," at the residence of the First Vice-President, Mrs. L. Hughes. The members of the auxiliary, particularly the little girls who are mite-box members, furnished a very interesting programme, after which all were served to refreshments, and enjoyed themselves socially.

T. V. H., *Cor. Sec.*

SALEM.—An Auxiliary of the W.M.S. was organized at Salem (Carrying Place Circuit), May 17th, by Mrs. H. L. Platt, District Organizer, with a membership of eleven: President, Miss M. E. Parliament; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. Carnrike; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev.) Strike; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Osborne; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Parliament; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Spencer. We hope soon to report an increased membership. May we all be ever ready to work for the Master.

MRS. E. J. PARLIAMENT, *Cor. Sec.*

MILLGROVE.—Our Auxiliary had intended holding the Thank-offering at Easter, as was requested by the Executive, but owing to the weather it was postponed until May 28th, when we held a missionary tea and concert, consisting of recitations, music and an address by our former pastor, the Rev. Dr. Orme, which was highly appreciated. The chair was very ably filled by our pastor, the Rev. J. E. Hockey. A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent, and we find that these gatherings are a great inspiration to mission work. The Thank-offering amounted to \$25, in aid of the Hospital at Chen-tu.

FANNIE E. BORER, *Cor. Sec.*

GANANOQUE.—Our society held their annual Thank-offering Monday evening, April 29th. A good programme was given, consisting of music, singing, readings, recitations and interesting addresses. This meeting resulted in bringing some people more in sympathy with our work and the mission cause, we earnestly hope more will follow. The offerings in the envelopes amounted to about \$23.00. We are sorry to lose one of our members, who was called home a couple of days previous to our meeting. She had been sick for a long time, and only able to attend our meetings once in a great while. Her work is finished here, she is at rest.

S. THOMSON, *Rec. Sec.*

OTTAWA WEST.—We are glad to report progress. The attendance at the meetings is increasing and greater interest is being manifested in the work. We raised \$22.59 this quarter, of which \$20 was sent to the branch treasurer. In May we held an "At Home" at which Mrs. Sawyer delivered a very interesting and profitable address on, "The Kingdom for the King." While we thus give a pleasing report of our society, we deeply regret recording the death of Mrs. R. Fraser. After a long and painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude, she passed to her eternal rest. Although deprived of the privilege of attending our monthly meetings on account of ill health, she was ever ready to aid with her sympathies and her prayers. The members of this auxiliary manifested their sorrow by a resolution of condolence, conveying to the bereaved family their deep and heartfelt sympathy for those who had suffered a greater bereavement in the removal of a loving wife and mother.

M. YOUNG, *Cor. Sec.*

BARRIE.—Although our Auxiliary has not sent a report for sometime, we are glad to be able to say that our interest in the cause has not in any way diminished. We can report a fair measure of success during the past year, six new members having been added to our roll, while our monthly meetings have been well attended. Our programme committee has been very faithful to its duties, usually providing us with an interesting and helpful programme. We have had one entertainment which proved somewhat of a novelty, and was a financial success, an account of which appeared in last month's OUTLOOK. We also have twenty-five mite-boxes distributed, and over fifty subscribers to the OUTLOOK. Placing our faith in Him who overrules all things with justice and wisdom, we look forward for greater success during the coming year.

CLEMA MINNS, *Cor. Sec.*

NORWOOD.—The Norwood Auxiliary was organized in April, 1893, with a membership of nine. We record an increase of fourteen, our membership now being twenty-three. We take twelve copies of OUTLOOK and fifteen of the *Monthly Letter*, and usually follow the programme suggested in the latter. Since last September we have raised \$20.50. In November we prepared a box of clothing, quilts, etc., which was sent to Rev. F. B. Stacey of Moose Jaw. In February a social was given at which a collection was taken up amounting to \$5.55. The Easter Thank-offering, amounting to \$1.85, was taken up at the May meeting. We received \$3, very kindly contributed by the Junior League, and have also to thank Mrs. Beavis' class for a contribution of \$3, to be given through our society for the medical work in China. We are thankful for the earnestness manifested by some of our members, and we pray that the interest may still deepen and broaden.

BROCKVILLE, (Wall Street).—We have in our Auxiliary this year some eighty members, with new ones coming in at each meeting. We have very interesting monthly meetings, our President and Rec. Secretary contributing largely to the success by their punctuality and devotion. Have been taking up the Watch Tower; two very interesting papers have been given on Japan and China. At our January meeting we invited our sisters of the George Street Auxiliary to meet with us in the consecration service, when we had a short programme, social hour and tea, and we were, likewise, entertained at their April meeting. "Blest be the tie that binds," and this missionary work is one of the links in the golden chain which we all love. Last fall we sent to Mrs. Raley, Kitamaat, two bales, valued at \$75.00; also had a nice little Thank-offering for Hospital work in China. Altogether we feel encouraged to continue our work in His name, and pray that His blessing may attend our feeble efforts, and thanking him for all temporal and spiritual blessings, will ever trust Him to lead.

A. BRACE, *Cor. Sec.*

PEMBROKE.—Owing to the fact that we have been in existence for about ten years, we take a backward glance to see what we have accomplished in that time. Our Auxiliary was organized by Mrs. Williams in September, 1885, with a membership of 14, and our income for the first year, \$146.67. During the nine and a half years that have elapsed since then, we have held 107 monthly meetings, 14 public meetings, and have sent to the Branch Treasurer about \$1,900, an average of \$190 per annum. We have had an average attendance of 33 at our meetings for devotional exercises, and our monthly teas continue interesting and profitable. While, owing to financial and other causes, our membership during the present year has somewhat declined, yet we are looking forward with hope to brighter times ahead. We trust God and take courage. Our Annual Thank-offering meeting was held on our regular monthly evening in April, and was eminently successful. The sum of \$37.20 was realized. We are grateful to God that He has given us this opportunity of doing something for Him and for fallen humanity. Yet, when we think of the millions who still sit in darkness and of the little this will accomplish, our hearts are sad, and we are forced to say, "How long! O Lord! How long until the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord!"

MARY E. PERRETT, *Cor. Sec.*

LONSDALE AND EMPEYHILL.—As it is some time since we have sent any report from our Auxiliary to the OUTLOOK, we think it time to let our sisters hear from us. Our auxiliary was organized six years last spring. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for his protecting care over us, during this time death has not entered one of our homes. As we read the memoriams of other auxiliaries in the OUTLOOK each month as it comes, we can truly say God has been good to us. We sent \$42.78 to Branch Treasurer, and a box of bedding and clothing, valued at \$32 00. We find each year adds more interest to the cause, and we hope to see the time when every Christian woman may feel it a privilege as well as a duty to work in this God-honored cause. MRS. C. H., Cor. Sec.

EASTON'S CORNERS.—Although it is some time since we have reported to the OUTLOOK, we have not been idle, but are working steadily on. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the homes of the different members. We use the suggested programmes at our meetings, and find them both interesting and instructive. We have three new members added to our number, which has repaired the breach made by removals. Also have nine subscribers to the OUTLOOK, and take twenty copies of the *Monthly Letter*. On Easter morning we held our Thank-offering service, the proceeds therefrom being \$7.00. We trust that God will inspire our hearts with greater zeal for the cause which lies so near the great heart of the Divine Father, and that we, by our prayers and contributions, may help to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of His Dear Son. GRACE M. PUTNAM, Cor. Sec.

Facts and Illustrations.

ARCHBISHOP WHATELY said: "If our religion is not true we are bound to change it; if it is true we are bound to propagate it."

BETWEEN five and six thousand tons of opium are sent from India to China annually, as an article of English trade, from which the Indian Government derives at the present time an annual revenue of about \$32,000,000.—*James S. Dennis.*

THE person who stands alone in the advocacy of a great reform is called a fanatic; when a few cluster around him he is then called an enthusiast; but when everybody endorses his opinions he is called a hero.—*Lady Henry Somerset.*

AT least in some parts of China the truth has been fairly well planted; for a missionary affirms: "I could walk from Canton to Shanghai, over eight hundred miles, not walking more than twenty miles a day, and could sleep every night in a little village or town that has a little Christian community."

THE first matter to be settled with anyone who is consciously called to be a foreign missionary is this: Am I cordially willing to put myself absolutely at the disposal of the Lord? The more our own will is merged and lost in His will, the more *usable* we are. God does not allow an instrument long to be idle, which He has thoroughly prepared for His uses. And He has ways of His own of indicating both the field of labor and the path by which it is to be reached. Were there a truer self-surrender and less self-reserve, were there more believing prayer and less dependence upon man, God's workmen would sooner get at work where He would have them, and be more successful in their spheres. . . . We grow more and more into the unalterable conviction that *comparative destitution* is the law of choice. Mary Lyon used to say to her pupils, "If you would serve God most successfully, be prepared to go where *no one else will*." That deserves to be engraved as the motto of a consecrated life. The most heroic missionaries have been the men and women who went to those most hopelessly lost to God without the Gospel.—*From Replies to Correspondents, by A. T. P., in Missionary Review.*

AN American lady, Mrs. Ellis, is physician to the Queen of Corea, at a salary of \$18,000 a year.

A HINDOO conversing with a Church Missionary Society missionary, in answer to the question, "Which of all our methods do you fear the most?" said, "Why should I put weapons into the hands of an enemy? But I will tell you. We do not greatly fear your schools, for we need not send our children; we do not fear your books, for we need not read them; we do not fear your preaching, for we need not hear it; but we dread your women and your doctors; for your doctors are winning our hearts and your women are winning our homes, and when our hearts and our homes are won, what is there left us?"

THE conversion of the world waits on the generosity of God's people. The habit of storing or laying aside one-tenth of our income is the secret of a happy, useful, and often a steady-going Christian life. Of course it pays. A Christian Hindoo, who tried both keeping and neglecting it, once remarked, "It pays to mind it, for nine-tenths with God's blessing goes much further than ten-tenths without it." We hold our possessions as stewards from God. Mark Guy Pearce says: "There is no stealing so mean or so bad as stealing from God." Then, on the other hand, the habit of giving elevates the character, enlarges the heart, and invigorates spiritual life. "It is a great help in getting away from self." One of our members, who two years since adopted this plan, met the Secretary the other day, and said, "Do you know anything that wants funds? I have given all my subscriptions, and I still have money to give away." In another case, whenever a special sum is needed for some purpose, the Secretary has only to telephone, and it is sent over. Other instances might be given showing the benefits to the giver of adopting this plan, and sticking to it. If you are paid weekly, and your salary is \$10 each pay day, take out \$1 and put it in this separate box, recognizing it not as your own.—*Association Monthly.*

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