

and cities? There are not a few circuits in the Connexion where the Sunday-Schools do nothing for the Missionary cause. Why is this? Who is responsible?

It is of the greatest importance that the youth of the Church should be brought into intelligent sympathy with the great Missionary movement of the day. To do this two things, at least, are necessary: 1. They must be supplied with information from Mission fields, and 2. They must be encouraged to give freely of their own for the support of Mission work. Wherever a Sunday-school Missionary Society can be formed, (and it can be done wherever there is a school, no matter how small), we will be glad to send collecting books, missionary boxes, &c., free of charge.

PLEASE don't forget the Missionary prayer-meeting. Once a month the Missionary idea should be made prominent in the week-evening services, and if a little pains be taken it may be made the most interesting service of all. Hymns, passages of Scripture, and selections from the *OUTLOOK*, arranged beforehand and judiciously intermingled, will give variety and life to services that at present are often dull and spiritless. Please try the experiment and let us know how it works.

WESLEY defined an enthusiast as one who expects the end without using the means. The end we expect is the universal sympathy and co-operation of our people in Missionary work; the means we use are one or two sermons and a Missionary meeting in the course of the year. This is trying to build a pyramid small end downwards. We must construct a broader base if we expect to succeed. A Missionary prayer-meeting once a month, and a rousing Missionary sermon once a quarter, would be a great help—to the preacher as well as the people. Then supplement this by scattering Missionary information broadcast. "Keep it before the people."

A CONSIDERABLE number of Missionary Meetings have already been held, and in many cases there is a cheering advance in the contributions. This is as it should be. The times are prosperous; business has revived, the blessings of Heaven have been poured out with a bountiful hand, and it is meet that many a thank-offering find its way into the Lord's treasury. That there is a disposition among our people to "honor the Lord with" their "substance," we fully believe; still, it may be necessary to "stir up" their "pure minds by way of remembrance," for in this, as in other things,

"Evil is wrought by want of *thought*,
More than by want of *heart*."

X BRO. MCLEAN, laboring among the Indians on the Lower Blood Reserve, near Fort McLeod, makes an earnest appeal for a teacher:—

"Send us at once a married man. Let him know something about carpenter work, and be determined to learn the language. I have promised the Bloods a teacher besides myself. Take pity upon me and my Indians, and send a teacher. If you only told the people at home the strait I am in without one, and the earnest cry of the Indians for one, they would give more money to pay for a teacher for me. I have had to stop work on my Mission premises for want of money. I had to pay a man \$40 and board for helping me one month. I have the house to raise yet, and I cannot do it alone. I cannot find language expressive enough to convey my strong desire and that of the Indians for a teacher. Plead for me, and send me one soon."

A NOTE from Bro. Beaudry, on a matter of business, closes with the cheering words, "We are in the midst of a blessed work of revival." Thank the Lord for that! Let Christians everywhere pray for the French work. It has in it the germ of a mighty spiritual revolution.

Editorial and Contributed.

A MISSION BOAT FOR PORT SIMPSON.

A FEW days ago the treasurers received from a friend in Nova Scotia the sum of five dollars "for a Mission Boat for Port Simpson." We have known for some time that such a boat is very much needed; but as no appeal for help had been made, we were a little surprised by the reception of the contribution. We can only suppose that the good Lord has put it into the heart of our Nova Scotia brother to "set the ball rolling," and we earnestly hope that his example may induce many others to lend a helping hand.

The Mission work in Port Simpson District is entirely among the Indians. The bands are scattered along a vast extent of coast line, and it is imperatively necessary for the Chairman to make long and frequent voyages up and down the coast, up the rivers, and into the deep inlets that penetrate the country for great distances. Hitherto, the voyages have been made in one of the large canoes of the country, a mode of travel which involves great toil and risk. Something better and safer is needed, and it would be a fine thing if Bro. Crosby could take with him, when he returns to Simpson, sufficient to purchase a suitable boat.

A small steam vessel would be of immense service. Not only would it enable the Chairman to visit all the scattered tribes on the coast, but also to extend his

journeys to the Hydahs on Queen Charlotte's Islands, some seventy or eighty miles off the coast. At other times it could be utilized in freighting supplies to the various Mission Stations, thus greatly lessening the cost, and in conveying building material to any point where it might be advisable to erect school houses or churches.

If sufficient cannot be secured to purchase a small steamer, the next best arrangement will be the purchase of a good-sized sail boat, though the great violence of the winds, and the suddenness with which they rise, makes sailing in those latitudes very dangerous. We are scarcely prepared at present, to say what the cost would be in either case; but we will make further enquiry, and perhaps return to the subject next month.

THE MEMORY OF A GOOD MAN REVIVED.

IT is not well that the laborers of the past should be forgotten; and we are glad of any opportunity of calling up their names, and perpetuating their memories. Probably not many of our readers know anything of John Raine, and yet some forty years ago he was a faithful and zealous Missionary in the Province of Quebec, and his memory is yet fragrant among the older generation of Methodists in the Melbourne country.

We have just received from the Rev. E. M. Taylor, B.A., a letter written by Mr. Raine in 1843, and we gladly publish it as showing that the Missionaries of a past day held fast to the old "Methodist Testimony" of full salvation, and found in it the secret of power. In a note accompanying the letter Bro. Taylor says:—

"This letter was written shortly before his death. The people on the Hatley Circuit and on this (Melbourne) revere his memory. His grave is a few yards from here, and the stone contains the following:—

IN MEMORY
OF THE REV. JOHN RAINE.
HE WAS ORDAINED A.D. 1836,
AND DIED IN THE LORD, AUG. 24TH, 1845,
AGED 40 YEARS.
"HE WAS A GOOD MAN."

THIS STONE WAS ERECTED BY HIS BRETHREN IN THE MINISTRY.

"In the events of Providence I was sent to Hatley, and there found the old people still talking of him and his devotion. I was then sent to Melbourne, and came to find the last field of his labors, and his grave."

The letter referred to by Bro. Taylor was written to Simon Stevens, who is still one of the official members of the Melbourne Circuit, and is as follows:—

"WESLEYAN MISSION HOUSE,
"MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY, 23rd July, 1843.

"My Dear Simon,—I felt very much to regret that I had no opportunity to protract a conversation with you last evening on the subject of 'full salvation,' a blessing to which I be-

lieve every justified believer in Jesus Christ is called in the Gospel of the grace of God. I need hardly say to you, my dear brother, that it greatly rejoices my heart to learn from you that your mind has been impressed with the importance and necessity of the entire destruction of sin, and the establishment of your soul in 'righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost,' which, according to the testimony of St. Paul, constitute the kingdom of God in the heart of the believer.—Rom. xiv. 17. I would say to you, my dear Simon, cherish the influences of the Holy Spirit in your soul, and let it be the earnest cry of your heart, that the Lord would search you and fully reveal to your mind whatever of evil principle may yet lurk within you. Be not afraid to know the *very worst of yourself*, rather covet a full and evangelical knowledge of all that may yet have a lodgment within you, and cry, oh, cry to God for deliverance! I mean that deliverance which embraces the complete destruction of the principles of moral evil. You will find it of great advantage to read, in addition to your *blessed Bible*, the biography of departed saints, who eminently distinguished themselves for their attainment of Christian holiness. I send you the accompanying "Dialogues," which I hope and pray may be made a great blessing to your precious soul. You will find it a means of great comfort and edification, and of instruction also to converse with those who are most acquainted with the *deep things* of God. I am afraid there are but few, if any, amongst us who are enabled to testify from heartfelt experience the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin; but I think you will find a few, perhaps a very few, who are beginning to feel after God for this great blessing—'Full Redemption.' To such open your heart, and at all times encourage each other by freely and unreservedly disclosing to one another the feelings of your hearts and the breathings of your souls, and be sure never to part without fervent, united, and believing prayer for 'a clean heart.' If you could accomplish it, you will find it a great blessing to have a weekly special meeting for prayer and conversation upon this all important subject. God bless you.

"I am, yours truly,
"JOHN RAINE."

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Third Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, including the Minutes of the Third Meeting of the General Executive Association, held May 9th to 13th, 1881.

THIS is an attractive large-size pamphlet of eighty-four pages, every part of which is brim full of good deeds done by the devoted women who compose the Society. There are four Executive Officers, who, with five other women, constitute the Executive Board, three of whom are a Publishing Committee. The Society has been organized only some three years, and is designed as an Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The object is to send forth well-qualified female missionaries, teachers, and Bible readers, to heathen lands. Branch Societies are appointed in all the Conferences, one member of which is corresponding member; and