

The Missionary Outlook.

A Monthly Advocate, Record, and Review.

Vol. V.—No. 8.]

AUGUST, 1885.

[Whole No. 56

Field Notes.

THE Rev. Dr. Sutherland, General Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society, left Toronto on the 6th of July for British Columbia. He will proceed as far north as Fort Simpson, and hopes to be able to make a thorough inspection of all our Missions on the Pacific Coast. He is accompanied by ex-Alderman John T. Moore, who may be expected to render important service to the Church in various ways during the trip. It is the intention of Dr. Sutherland and his travelling companion, who have

under \$180,000. This, in view of all the circumstances, cannot but be regarded as matter of devout thankfulness to God. The year has been more than ordinarily trying to business men. Almost all branches of trade have been in a more or less depressed condition. The complaint of hard times, which is so frequently heard, has had more reason, probably, than at any former period during the last six years. And yet in this year of comparative financial stringency none of the funds of the Church have been allowed to suffer. There has been no falling off in the contributions of the people for benevolent purposes. In no former year since the introduction of Methodism into this country have the



MISSION STATION AT APAIANG.

gone out by the Northern Pacific route, to return by the Canadian Pacific. They will probably not reach Toronto before the last days of August or the first of September. As much advantage to our Missionary work may be anticipated from this tour of inspection, doubtless prayer will be offered by thousands that their lives may be preserved, and that this somewhat arduous and urgently needed undertaking may be crowned with the largest possible measure of success.

THE readers of the OUTLOOK will be pleased to learn that the income of the Methodist Missionary Society for the year just closed will be rather over than

Methodist people of Canada poured so large an amount of money into the treasury of the Lord for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in the earth.

THE Rev. Orrin German, who has spent some time in Ontario in connection with the publication of the hymn-book which he has translated into the Cree language, is about to return to the North-west. He leaves in a few days for Whitefish lake, where he will occupy the place so long and usefully filled by the late Rev. Henry E. Steinhauer.

AN extraordinary degree of success has thus far attended the Woman's Missionary Society of the Meth-

odist Church. Though the Society is in its infancy, its income for the year just closed has reached the very creditable sum of \$6,421, all of which has been economically and judiciously expended. The Girls' School which was opened last autumn at Tokio, Japan, under the auspices of this Society has already met with such a measure of success as to render the enlargement of the building imperative. An outlay of at least \$2,000 will be required at once to provide for the girls seeking admission to the school. This sum these Christian ladies hope to raise as a special contribution, so that the regular income may be kept intact. The encouragement which they have already received, we understand, warrants the expectation that this hope will be realized.

THE Woman's Missionary day, at the Grimsby Camp, August the 13th, promises to be an occasion of great interest. At 10.30, a.m., there will be a devotional meeting of a missionary character. At 2.30 p.m. there will be a platform meeting, which will be addressed by Mrs. W. S. Blackstock, of Toronto, and Mrs. Dr. Osborn, of Niagara Falls, late missionary to India. And in the evening the Rev. Charles S. Eby will give an address on the work of God in Japan. Facilities for travel, both railroad and steamboat, will place the grounds within easy reach of all who may wish to attend. The ladies request—and we are sure that their request will not be denied—that August 13th may not be forgotten by their friends who are making arrangements for their summer outings.

WE are sure the Rev. Thomas Crosby and his estimable wife will have the sympathy of thousands all over this country in the sore affliction which has befallen them in their far-off field of labor, on the border of Alaska. A private letter informs us that they have been bereaved of their two youngest children, both of whom died within a week. Diphtheria, the disease of which they died appears to have been contracted by Mrs Crosby while ministering to an Indian girl, and from her communicated to the children. Mabel, aged 16 months, died on the 8th of June, and Winnie, aged 3 years, on the 15th. The affliction was heightened in its sorrowful effect by the fact that Bro. Crosby was away from home, attending to his missionary work, and knew nothing of the shadow which had fallen upon his household until the little ones had been laid away in their graves. But the consolations of Divine grace are as rich and abundant at Fort Simpson as elsewhere, and it is delightful to hear that in the midst of this sore affliction our beloved sister and her husband have been wonderfully sustained.

Editorial and Contributed.

For the OUTLOOK.]

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL COURTESY.

THE following copy of a note from the Rev. Dr. Withrow speaks for itself, and with him we rejoice in the existence and expression of kindly feelings manifested by the donation from the Presbyterian Sabbath-school class, and heartily thank our young friends for their generosity.

Toronto, June 9th, 1885.

Dear Doctor,—Enclosed find \$2.70 for the Crosby boat, from Mrs. Field's class at the West End Presbyterian Sunday-school. A pleasant instance of inter-denominational courtesy.

Yours,

W. H. WITHROW.

A MILLION FOR MISSIONS.

THE New York *Christian Advocate* asks from the Methodist Episcopal Church a million of dollars for missions this year, and shows how easily that sum may be raised. The price of ten average cigars, a dozen glasses of soda-water, or a couple of pounds of candy from each member of the Church would yield nearly twice the sum asked. Of course this would not do for Canada. We give at this rate, at least, already. And if our brethren in the United States gave even at the rate we do, in proportion to their numbers, their missionary contributions would aggregate nearly two millions instead of one. Already our givings for this specific object average a dollar per member throughout the entire Church. But our contemporary's illustrations show how little real personal sacrifice is involved, after all, in all that we are doing for the conversion of the world. They show, too, how easily, by a very trifling retrenchment in our needless self-indulgence, our missionary income might be very greatly increased.

THE REV. JOHN McDOUGALL.

THE following letter has been sent by General Strange to the President of the Manitoba Conference, Methodist Church:—

ALBERTA, June 18th, 1885.

SIR,—As I have availed myself for the public good of the services freely offered and conscientiously rendered by the Rev. John McDougall, of your Church, I think it my duty to thank you and the Church over which you preside for the valuable services rendered, as well as to render a brief account of those services, which, in my opinion, reflect honor not only on himself, but your whole community. On the outbreak of hostilities the Rev. John McDougall offered his services. Knowing his twenty-six years' experience in