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NEW SERIES.

Field Notes.

THE General Secretary being absent from home, we have stolen a march on him, and give our readers his photogravure, which, we think, is fairly good; but it tells little of the genial Chief of Staff

whom his associates at the mission rooms have for years felt it to be an honor and pleasure to know and call friend. The editor may not quite approve of the liberty taken, but the deed will be done, and the appreciation and thanks of his many friends and admirers will amply repay us for any adverse criticism we may receive from himself.

REV. DR. HART says :- " Encourage the Church to back us in this temporary defeat. We are sor, y, and almost dazed at the sudden blow that has come upon us, but our permanent victories often spring from temporary defeats. The war has not had anything to do with these troubles, but the officials have."

REV. ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, D.D. General Missionary Secretary.

THE following is the last paragraph in a letter from the Rev. D. Macdonald, dated Tokyo, June 20th, "To-day is the anniversary of the great earthquake in Tokyo. We were reminded of it by a rather decided shock."

MR. F. C. STEPHENSON, a medical student, who hopes to go to the foreign field as a medical mis-

sold some books, and quite a few of those tracts done up in the envelopes. They make me think of garden seeds. I was wishing that they were called 'Garden Seeds,' instead of 'Missionary Tracts.' But if we can get them planted, I feel sure, no matter what we call them, they will bring forth fruit for the Kingdom."

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sionary when his course is completed, writes: " I have

Let more of our friends send for a number of those five-cent packages of tracts, and do some sowing in their own neighborhood. Sow beside all waters—the promises of God are sure, hence a harvest time is sure, and our reward is sure.

THE whole of the department "Along the Line" has been devoted this month to letters regarding the troubles in West China. We hope our friends will give them a careful reading : also, be much in prayer that He who never makes a mistake, nor never loses sight of His children and their efforts to win the world for their Master, will speedily so work that these fiery trials may be the means of opening up a broader and clearer highway for the send-

ing forth of the gospel of peace and good-will to men.

THE Lord has been pouring out rich blessings upon the inmates of McDougall Orphanage. Under date of July 15th, Bro. Butler, the principal, says: "Just a line to tell you how the Lord is blessing us. We had