

what is of their own ingenious construction, let it be so. Our suggestion is, lose no time in placing them on centre tables, counters, work-benches, office tables, and the desks of Sabbath-School Superintendents, and where else they can be made of service.

In the prized manuscripts of the late Peter Jones there is a description of a Missionary Meeting held in Liverpool which he attended, and he says, "Several Missionary Boxes were presented and opened before the people. One was in the shape of a chest, another a steam carriage on the railway, and another a coach. These depositories contained perhaps nearly a hundred pounds. Any way to get money for a good cause."

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### TO OFFICERS AND MISSIONARIES.

The exact attention of many Branch Society Officers and Missionaries to the regulations issued by the General Superintendent of Missions, has been very satisfactory; while the inattention of others has, year after year, compelled the publication of the Annual Report at a period too late to gratify some of our generous and intelligent subscribers. Notice is now given, that immediately after Conference the preparation and printing of the Report will be commenced, and that it will be published much earlier than formerly, and documents not in time for their proper places will appear in an Appendix.

For information as to the preparation and presentation of Branch Lists, the respected Officers are requested to read the "*Directions for Reference*" found in the Notices, November, 1855. Every Superintendent Missionary of the Society, too, is expected to transmit a report of his Mission—very concise, yet comprehensive; besides the Schedule sent in March to all the Stations. The May District-Meeting is the time for all returns of Lists and Balances and Missionaries' Reports to be made, when all other Connexional returns are imperatively required by the Conference; and the *very latest* time for any remaining Missionary Returns is the session of Conference—whether they come from Superintendents or Chairmen of Districts. By these necessary means we hope to add to the value of the Report, do justice to our worthy patrons, and contribute to the systematic management and efficiency of our very extended Missionary Department.

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The REV. DANIEL WEST, Deputation to the Wesleyan Missions in Western Africa, and an able and esteemed servant of Christ, after having finished his important visitation of the Missions, died at St. Mary's, Gambia, February 24th, universally lamented.

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HUDSON'S BAY INTELLIGENCE just received is, from *Rossville*,—Rev. T. Hurlburt, Dec. 22d, 1856: *Oxford House*,—Rev. R. Brooking, Dec. 4th, 1856: *The Plains*, between Edmonton House and the Rocky Mountains,—Rev. J. Woolsey, Dec. 31st, 1856. The information from these brethren is of sufficient interest to justify the early issuing of an extra number of the "Notices."