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Field Notes.

AT the meeting of the General Board of Missions held in Winnipeg last September, it was ordered that the General Secretary visit the missions in Japan before next General Conference, which meets in 1890. In accordance with the wishes of our brethren in Japan, who have urged very strongly that the visit be made this year, the General Secretary left Toronto on the 6th ult., and sailed on the *Abysinnia* on the 14th, expecting to reach Japan early in June. The General Secretary will not only inspect our missions, but is authorized to organize an Annual Conference. On page 82 will be found notes of his trip as far as Vancouver.

THE Women's Christian Temperance Union of the Dominion of Canada will hold their Second Convention in Toronto, beginning Tuesday, June 11th, and will continue in Session during the week. Miss Frances Willard, President of the National and World's Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Rev. Anna H. Shaw, are expected to be present. During the Convention, the following subjects will be discussed: "Prohibition," "Franchise," "Social Purity," "Hygiene and Heredity," "Women as Wage-earners." There will be a reception on Tuesday evening, and a *Conversazione* on Saturday evening in the Normal School building.

THE new Methodist Church in Vancouver, B.C., will be dedicated Sunday, June 2nd. It was expected that Rev. A. Carman, D.D., General Superintendent, would officiate at the opening services, but owing to Mrs. Carman's ill-health, the Doctor has deferred his visit.

THE Methodist Church in British Columbia has lost an earnest and faithful minister in the death of the Rev. R. B. Hemlaw, who was stationed at Maple Ridge. We extend to his young and sorrowing widow our sympathy, and pray that the God of all consolation may be her stay in this hour of sore bereavement.

OBJECTION to Foreign Mission work is often made on the ground that there is so much to be done at home, and that time-worn proverb is frequently

quoted, "Charity begins at home." We are glad to know that many of our city churches are not allowing either department to suffer. Before us we have the First Annual Report of the Home Missionary Society of the Metropolitan Church. This society was organized in October, 1888, for the prosecution of Evangelistic mission school and other charitable work in such portions of the city of Toronto as may be deemed advisable by the Board of Management. The Society has now two missions: Lombard Street Mission (which existed for two and a half years as an independent mission, assisted by a grant from the Church) which has a staff of forty workers; and Wilton Avenue Mission, organized in November last, with twenty-five workers.

SUNDAY trains were first run for the convenience of people wishing to worship in churches at a distance from their homes, and from this has grown the Sunday railway traffic, an evil so gigantic that we hail with delight indications of reform in that direction, while some of the leading railroad men seem to have begun in real earnest. General Manager Furber has issued an order for the diminishing of Sunday work on the Boston and Maine road, and the Vanderbilt roads between New York and Chicago will discontinue their Sunday freight trains, except those carrying cattle or perishable goods. It is said that Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt is largely responsible for this change. Certainly railroad employees have a right to the one day in seven, and it rests with the people to make it easy for the managers and men in authority to give them their rights. In order to do this do no Sunday travelling; demand no pushing through of freight in such haste as to necessitate Sunday freight trains.

REV. C. T. COCKING writes from Shidzuoka:—"At one of our little country places near here I baptized nine adults a few weeks ago, and now several more are preparing for baptism. Some twenty-four of the members meet for prayer every morning at 4.30, and have a blessed time together. Thus *early* Methodism crops up in Japan, and history repeats itself. In another place the members are doing likewise, uniting in prayer that the Lord may open a house for us to preach in, in a town near by, where twice after securing houses the Buddhists threatened the owners to burn them down if we continued to preach there.