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**Missionary Notes.**

**FINDINGS** have been received of the death of Rev. Joseph H. Neesima LL.D., of Japan, a brief sketch of whose life and labours appeared in last number of the *Record*. The announcement was not altogether unexpected. For several years Dr. Neesima had suffered from an affection of the heart, which more than once brought him to the verge of the grave. The telegram simply announced that he died of peritonitis, but it was inferred that this beloved man passed away from earth on Sabbath, the twenty-sixth of January. A memorial volume from the gifted pen of Professor Arthur S. Hardy, will be given to the public before long.

ARCHDEACON FARRAR of London, has recently given forcible expression of his sentiments in regard to the injudicious comparisons that are frequently drawn betwixt Home and Foreign Missions. "It comes," he says, "with shocking ill-grace, and sounds like shameful hypocrisy, when those who give nothing and do nothing for missions, make the 'home-heathen' a false excuse for doing nothing. They talk as if it were weakening the resources of England! and surely that is stupendous nonsense, when we are not

even spending as much on missions as on tobacco and Christmas cards."

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Alliance lately held in India, the basis of a proposed union of the missionary forces in that country was agreed on to be submitted to the presbyteries concerned, and the home churches. It is suggested that the basis consist of the Apostle's Creed, and a doctrinal statement in harmony with the standards of the Scottish churches, and that the Westminster Confession and shorter catechism be recognized as "useful for edification"—The organization to consist of a General Assembly to meet once every two or three years, and five synods, to meet annually.

REV. HUDSON TAYLOR, the Managing Director of the China Inland Mission, and editor of "*China's Millions*," has been calling attention to the fact that a thousand evangelists, each presenting the Gospel to fifty families a day, might, within three years of such work (a thousand days) reach every family in China! In May next, delegates and representatives of all the Evangelical Protestant Missionary Societies will meet in Shanghai, and one of the most important subjects to be considered will be a proper understanding as to the division of the fields, so as to avoid the appearance even of unseemly rivalry.