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## Field Notes.

FOR some years past we have strongly advocated the idea of a cent day for missions. Mr. S. F. Wilkins, a Boston banker, has been urging this same thing in the United States, and the *Missionary Review* draws attention to the fact that if the thirteen millions of Protestant Christians in the United States would give at that rate, instead of the \$6,000,000 now raised yearly for foreign mission work, there would be given nearly \$50,000,000. A cent a day is a very small sum, but that is one reason why we have such faith in it. No one can say, "It is not for me;" it is even within the reach of most, if not all, of our children. Try it, brothers and sisters.

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AN analysis of the subscription list of our Missionary Society would reveal some surprises, especially when one is aware of the circumstances under which the subscriptions are made. For instance, in a list from a thriving country town appear side by side two amounts of equal value intrinsically, but one comes from a wealthy man and the other from a poor widow. Curiosity on this point has led us to a comparison between the contributions of our ministers and those of the rank and file of the Church, at least as regards sums of \$25 and upwards, which appear this year, as usual, in a place by themselves in the annual report. The following is the result: The total amount of this class of contributions is \$31,500, and out of that 76 ministers have given \$2,700, or over \$35 apiece; 14, whose salaries are \$2,000 and over, contribute \$47 each; 4, with salaries ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000, give \$31 each; 19, who receive on an average \$1,100 a year, give \$34 each; 7, who receive a little over \$800 a year, give nearly \$30 each; 12 give a like amount out of less than \$700; and 3 more, with less than \$600, give the same; while 1 dear brother paid in \$25, which was one-twelfth part of his yearly stipend. Eight men, retired from active work, contribute about \$42 apiece. After a review of these figures, there can be no doubt that if the rich contributed in the same proportion, the income of the Society would be increased tenfold, our domestic missionaries would not have to complain of deficiency, nor those on foreign fields of inadequate support.

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REV. J. E. HOWELL, of Berlin, writes: "Our missionary anniversary was held yesterday. Though the weather was somewhat uncomfortable, the congrega-

tions were good. Financial results gratifying. Though not up to the total of last year, they are considerably in advance of what was done at the meeting, and we believe when the collectors and Sunday-school have done their work, they will be in advance of last year. Rev. C. T. Cocking, late of Japan, conducted the services, both morning and evening, with great acceptability, and entertained the Sunday-school with his pictures of scenery and life in Japan. I have no doubt but he will greatly enhance the interest of our people in Japanese mission work by his addresses at missionary anniversaries during the fall and winter. We are all delighted with his spirit and devotion."

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THE following is from Brother Emerson Bristol, of Ancaster: "As you have a chance of knowing the most needy person, cause, or institution among us, you will please appropriate this memorial sum of ten dollars to the best advantage. This sum is the same as last year. It is the memorial of my spiritual birthday, i.e., 1st of October, fifty-six years ago, on the day I was twenty-two years old. So that I was born, naturally and spiritually, on the 1st of October, twenty-two years apart; but both are worthy of remembrance. I am seventy-eight and fifty-six years old to-day. Thanks to God our Saviour for His long-suffering and great patience with me. I am the child of Providence; many are the great deliverances wrought out for me and mine during these seventy-eight years of life. Praise God, O my soul, and forget not all His mercies."

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IN April last a society was formed, and is known as the "Canadian Indian Research and Aid Society," the object being to promote the welfare of the Indians, to guard their interests, to preserve their history, tradition, and folk-lore, and with a view to creating a more general interest in both their temporal and spiritual progress. We have just received the first number of a magazine published under the auspices of this society. *The Canadian Indian* is a twenty-four-page illustrated journal. The aim of the society is to give, through this paper, "general information of mission and educational work among the Indians (irrespective of denomination), besides having papers of an ethnological, philological and archaeological character. The editors are Rev. E. F. Wilson and Mr. H. B. Small. With the aim and object of this society we are in hearty sympathy, and would bespeak for this publication a wide circulation. By sending \$2, and your name and address, to Rev. E. F. Wilson, Sault Ste. Marie, you will become a member of the society, and receive a copy of the *Canadian Indian* for one year.