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Field Notes.

\$250,000 FOR MISSIONS is asked for the current year. In view of the "Forward Movement" of a new Foreign Mission, every dollar is needed. The amount is well within the ability of the Church, and although there are rumors of "hard times," (when was it otherwise?) we are not without hope that the sum named will be forthcoming. In another column will be found some extracts from letters, showing how the "Mission to China" is regarded. Shall we not hear from a great many others? Such letters are stimulating, and help to quicken the missionary zeal of the Church. Reports of successful missionary meetings belong to the same category, and should be sent in from every quarter. The Church is in danger of going to sleep over mission work. Let us unite to wake her up.

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SPEAKING of letters, reports, etc., reminds us that of late we have received few communications from the mission field, designed for publication. This is much to be regretted. There is nothing that interests earnest Christian people more than "tidings from the front," and nothing is better calculated to wake up the indifferent. Brethren in the mission field who have become familiar with all phases of the work, and to whom "incidents" are every-day occurrences, forget that these things are new and strange to multitudes in the Church. Our people have been well drilled in the philosophy—the general principles—of missions. What they want now are the facts. What are you doing? Where and how are you doing it? What are the results of efforts and expenditure? These are questions constantly asked, and the missionaries themselves can best answer them. Send on the facts, brethren.

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A FEW weeks ago we had the privilege of spending a Sunday, or part of one, with Bro. T. S. Howard and his Indians, at New Credit, and were greatly pleased with the evidences of material progress everywhere apparent. Improvements on the church, almost equal to re-building, have been accomplished by the Indians, at their own cost, upwards of \$1,200, and now the structure is one of the very best to be found on any of our Indian Missions, and is a "credit" to the Credit

people. The mission house, too, though built many years ago, is in good condition, and the whole place has a tidy, well-cared-for look that is pleasant to behold. At the Delaware Appointment, four miles away, extensive improvements have also been made. All that is lacking now is a sweeping revival, and that, we doubt not, will come in due season, if the workers "faint not."

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OUR readers, we know, are always glad to hear of the work and the workers in Japan. Letters from that country have been somewhat scarce at the Mission Rooms, but such as have been received indicate that the work is prospering, and that the missionaries are working with a cheerful courage. At Shizuoka, evangelistic services have recently been conducted with cheering results. Large numbers attended and the interest was great. Many will rejoice to learn that Dr. Cochran, one of our two pioneer missionaries, is steadily gaining in health in the balmy climate of Southern California, and is looking forward to the resumption of his Mission work next year. Bro. Cocking is doing excellent service at missionary anniversaries in this country, and is winning golden opinions among the people. As regards foreign work, Japan is the "first-born" of the Methodist Church, and interest in it will not be lessened by new movements elsewhere.

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THE Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions has by no means spent its strength, but seems to be gathering fresh momentum day by day. It would appear that the spark from which so great a fire has been kindled, was struck at one of Moody's Northfield meetings. At all events, it was after his return from Northfield that Howard Taylor's heart was powerfully stirred, and the first impulse given to what became the Student movement. In America, including Canada, the Union embraces probably not far short of 4,000. In England there is a Union of 165, and in other countries there are similar developments. The declaration or pledge is very simple, and consists of the following words: "It is my earnest hope, if God permit, to engage in Foreign Mission Work." The three young men in our own Church who have volunteered for the foreign work are fruits of the Student movement, and they form but the ad-