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## *Field Notes.*

THE Ministers who move this year, and whose post office addresses is not given in the published list of stations, would confer a favor by sending a card to the Mission Rooms giving this information, that the mailing sheet may be corrected before the issue of the *Outlook* for August.

REV. D. McDONALD, M.D., one of our missionaries in Japan, and Chairman of the District, who has been on a furlough during the past year, left Toronto, June 8th, for his distant field of labor.

Dr. McDonald may have had change of occupation and climate, but his furlough can hardly be termed a year of rest for him. He came home by the way of England, where he spent some time pursuing special medical studies, and after his arrival in Canada, merely paid his father a short visit, after which he left for New York, where he remained until the latter part of December, still continuing his medical studies. On his return to Canada, he at once took up the missionary campaign, speaking night after night on behalf of missions; notwithstanding all this, he leaves looking happy and robust, ready to spend and be spent for the Master, whom he has served so loyally in the past.

SOME little time ago, we received a note from a brother enclosing \$5 for a needy missionary, and on the 28th ult. another came to hand, enclosing \$10, from which we copy the following:—

“During the past year, Providence has blessed me with a good degree of prosperity while very many of my fellow farmers have had failures in their crops, and heavy losses among their stocks; my farm has yielded a good return; my stock has done well; and I have been able to dispose of all I had to spare at fair prices. I feel that it is a very small thing that I should offer the Lord this \$10 as an acknowledgment of His goodness to myself and little family.”

We note the praiseworthy incidents, hoping that others may be encouraged to go and do likewise. Hath not God, our Father, said, and shall He not bring it to pass? “Bring ye the tithes into the storehouse, that there be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that

there shall not be room enough to receive it.”—*Mal.* 3: 10.

A SHORT time ago, restrictions were put upon the agents of the American, and the British and Foreign Bible Societies in Russia, regarding the distribution of Bibles, which greatly cramp them in their work, and it is now feared that they may be expelled from the country. The pastors of the Lutheran churches in the Baltic provinces are objects of special hostility, four of them having been exiled to Archangel, while sixty are under arrest for violating government decrees, the aim of which is to enforce conformity to the national church. The German people, as well as the pastors, of the Baltic provinces are wholly unacquainted with the language, and yet an order has been issued, that the Bible be read only in Russ, thus rendering it impossible for the pastors to conduct divine service.

WE are sure that Mr. Odlum, Principal of our school in Japan, will have the sympathies and prayers of thousands all over this country in the sore affliction through which he is passing. A private letter, dated 10th May, informs us that Mrs. Odlum, after a short illness, passed away the day before. Since the formation of our mission in that country, in God's good providence, death has not invaded the ranks of our missionaries until now, and it is with deep sorrow we learn of this first break. Mrs. Odlum was greatly beloved by the students, numbers bearing witness to her faithful and earnest labors among them, and although only a year and a half in Japan, there are many whom she has been the means of leading to the cross of Christ.

THE eleventh International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association will take place in Stockholm, between the 15th and the 20th of August this year. Over two hundred delegates will be present from nearly every part of the globe. The price of the round trip will not exceed three hundred dollars. As far as is known, the following distinguished gentlemen will address the convention: The founder of the Associations, Banker George Williams; the court preacher Frommell, from Berlin; Senator Pressensé, from Paris; Cornelius Vanderbilt, from New York