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Field Notes.

THE General Secretary has returned in safety from his long and arduous journey to the far East. In the present number will be found some "Notes" of affairs in Japan, to be followed by successive instalments, as time may permit.

WHEN this number reaches our subscribers, the Mission Rooms staff will be in possession of their new premises on Richmond Street, in the new Book Room building. Moving takes time, and the arrangement and classification of books, letters, and other multitudinous documents, after removal, takes more time. It is hoped, therefore, that correspondents will exercise a little patience if their communications are not attended to as promptly as they could desire.

THE income of the Society for the past year is, on the whole, satisfactory. There is an advance of about \$6,000 in ordinary contributions, while the amounts from Indian Department and from miscellaneous sources remain about the same as before. As was anticipated, there has been a large falling-off in the amount from legacies, as the income last year from this source was exceptionally large.

THE returns show an advance in every Conference, with the exception of Bay of Quinte and New Brunswick. In the former Conference the decrease is \$748, and in the latter \$94. In the other Conferences the increase is as follows, omitting cents:—Toronto, \$569; London, \$580; Niagara, \$39; Guelph, \$275; Montreal, \$1,592; Manitoba, \$1,359; British Columbia, \$1,074; Nova Scotia, \$554; Newfoundland, \$605.

REV. J. HALL, Chairman of the Victoria District, writes: "Things are generally prosperous on district and throughout the Conference. In a wonderful way we are having a revival of religion just now; people are being converted almost every day. No special preaching service, but our people are going from house to house from evening to evening and holding prayer-meetings with these grand results. Happy the pastor who has such a people."

Editorial and Contributed.

THE SOCIETY'S ANNIVERSARY.

THE Annual Meeting of the General Board of Missions will be held (D.V.) in Queen's Avenue Church, London, Ont., beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 8th, at 9.30 a.m. Missionary services will be held in all the Methodist churches in London, on the preceding Sunday, and collections taken on behalf of the Society's funds.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Society will take place in Queen's Avenue Church, on Tuesday evening, October 8th. Chair to be taken at 7.30 o'clock.

Detailed announcements will appear in October OUTLOOK.

NOTES FROM JAPAN.

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

AFTER a pleasant voyage of fourteen days and seventeen hours, the good-ship *Abyssinia*, of the C. P. R. Line, entered the magnificent bay of Yeddo. No rough weather was experienced; but as we ranged northward, following the "great circle," the cold became severe, and good heavy winter clothing was a necessity. The accommodation on board was good, the officers attentive and agreeable, table excellent, attendance (Chinese) almost perfection; but the route is a lonely one, and all the passengers were glad when land appeared. During the previous night fogs prevailed, and for eight or nine hours the engines were "slowed" to half speed, but the morning broke clear and bright, with a fresh breeze off shore. As we entered the harbor old Fujiyama, sixty miles away, towered up grandly, thirteen thousand feet high, its snow-crowned cone of purest white.

"Finding itself a solemn Sanctuary
In the profound of heaven."

The night before there had been a strong gale along the coast, and craft of all sorts had sought shelter in the inner harbor; now they were outward bound,—*sampans*, fishing smacks, coasting junks by tens, by scores, literally by hundreds,—were hastening away, presenting an interesting and animated spectacle. What a magnificent bay! And what beautiful shores, especially to the left.