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Field Notes.

TO friends desirous of helping to deepen the interest taken in mission work, by the increased circulation of the OUTLOOK, the Mission Rooms will be pleased to send sample copies of the January number on receipt of their address.

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REV. SILAS HUNTINGTON, Chairman of the Sudbury District, is passing through the deep waters of sore bereavement. Mrs. Huntington, after six weeks of intense suffering, was called to her heavenly reward on the 8th ultimo. During these weeks of agony she was wonderfully sustained by the God of all grace and love, who never forsakes His children in their hour of distress. While we sympathize with our brother, we feel that human sympathy avails little in the presence of such sorrow, and earnestly pray that the consolations of Him who has said, "I will not leave thee comfortless," may be his.

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It is with deep regret we learn from the Rev. I. B. Aylesworth, LL.D., Chairman of the Strathroy District, that the parsonage on the Marthaville Mission, with nearly all its contents, has been destroyed by fire. The missionary, Rev. R. Thomas, in writing to Dr. Aylesworth, says: "All my library, and nearly all our clothing and valuables lost. We are out of doors, that is to say, no home only as we make it among the people."

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WE have received the following from the Rev. Wm. Savage, missionary at Saugeen Indian Reserve, which we take pleasure in publishing, fully concurring in our brother's sentiments:

"Allow me, through the OUTLOOK, to thank the ladies of Seaforth, Nile and Dungannon Auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society, for the great kindness shown towards the Indians on this reservation, by forwarding to me clothing which will be of great service to them this winter, as the fishing season last fall was all but a complete failure. May the great Head of the Church abundantly reward them for their labor of love. No one can estimate the great benefit that the Woman's Missionary Society is to the hallowed work in which we are engaged."

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In a letter from the Rev. T. Hiraiwa, Japan, dated December 2nd, he gives some interesting facts which

our readers will be pleased to know: "The National Parliament of Japan, or the Imperial Diet, as it is called, was opened on the 29th of November, when the weather was very fine, and the people were at the height of their great rejoicing and satisfaction. There are fourteen Protestant Christians in the House of Commons among three hundred members, and no Catholic or Greek. Now, this is a large proportion of Christians, as there are only about thirty thousand Protestant Christians, all told, in Japan, and the legal number of three hundred representatives were elected out of the whole population of thirty-eight millions. And to crown this, the President of the House, who was appointed by the Emperor, is a Christian. Are these facts not very significant?"

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THE Chairman of the Victoria District, B.C., Rev. Jos. Hall, writes under date of January 7th that "the work of building the new Chinese church is proceeding satisfactorily, and we hope it will be ready for occupancy in from four to six weeks. Mr. Hooper, the architect, thinks by February 1st, but we have no expectation that it will be ready so soon. Everybody interested is pleased with the new buildings. The school is progressing famously, the attendance running from forty to forty-five."

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A BROTHER, in sending for missionary collectors' books and cards, adds the following paragraph: "I am so delighted we are to start a mission in China—where my brother and his wife are now laboring. I have promised in my heart to give \$50 when I can see my way clear (financially) for that work. This year I have heavy expenses and only a small salary."

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The Missionary Review of the World for February is marked by its usual variety and interest, opening with a fascinating editorial entitled "The Regions Beyond," also the following able articles: "The Mission Outlook," by Rev. J. Murray Mitchell, LL.D.; "Mission of the American Board in North China," by Rev. Henry Blodgett, D.D.; "Buddhism and Christianity," by F. F. Ellinwood, D.D.; "The Historical Geography of the Christian Church" and "The Pentecostal Church," by Prof. H. W. Hulbert; "Are we Disciples of Christ?" by W. C. Published by Funk and Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York; Toronto, Canada, 86 Bay Street. Subscription, \$2 per year.