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## *Field Notes.*

THE number of subscribers for the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK is steadily increasing, but it has not, as yet, reached the circulation we could desire. The OUTLOOK is just what it says, it is "a monthly Advocate, Record and Review," and from the number of encouraging and appreciative words we receive, we know that it is doing a good work in educating our people, and inspiring them with love for this grand cause upon which the benediction of the Master rests like a halo of glory. We still have some of the January and February numbers, which will be sent for free distribution to any desiring to aid in this good work. Please remember in getting up clubs that the year begins with either the January or July numbers; also be careful to give name and address in full with *each* order, not omitting the Mrs. or Miss.

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WE have just received a consignment of missionary boxes, altogether different from the old-time box that is among some of the first recollections of many of our people. The new box is of tag manilla paper, 2" x 2", and on three sides has a number of statistics regarding our missionaries, missions and income, which ought to make the young folk more familiar with the magnitude of the great work in which they are doing their part so nobly. Will our ministers or Sunday-school superintendents who desire a sample of this box kindly send their address to the Mission Rooms. We can supply the friends with the old box, but for those living in the distant provinces, or cannot be conveniently reached by express, this box meets the case exactly.

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THE Rev. J. D. Davis, D.D., writes in a very desponding strain to the *Chicago Advance* on "The Situation in Japan," and seems to be greatly alarmed by the spread of Rationalism, Unitarianism and the New Theology. It appears that several Presbyterian and Congregational pastors (native, we presume) have embraced some phase of the so-called "new" opinions, and several others who have been abroad have returned full of the idea that the new theology must be adopted in Japan. There is nothing surprising in all this, Young Japan is wild for some new thing. Opinions

cannot be too radical for his taste. At the same time it is significant that the revolt is among pastors who have been trained in the old Calvinism. Systematic theology has its uses, but after all it is not the truth but rather a system of opinions *about* the truth. Missionaries whose aim, first and last, is to lead men to Christ and build them up in holiness, have little or no trouble with the new "isms" among their converts.

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REV. C. WATSON, of Victoria, B.C., writes under date of February 3rd: "Our Chinese work is most encouraging. The Chinese Christians are displaying unexpected courage and zeal by proposing to begin an assault upon gambling and other vices among their fellow-countrymen. They are now engaged in perfecting their plans for the work. Meantime their influence upon other Chinamen seems to be increasing. I have already baptized several; they come in one at a time, which is a mark of genuineness. I give them the sacrament every month, and they take up a collection upon the occasion. They usually give between three and four dollars."

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GREAT credit is due our Indian brethren of the New Credit Mission for the way in which they have improved their church and parsonage property during the past year, and now the Rev. T. S. Howard writes: "The bridge I told you about, that the Chief of Delawares and I were working for across the Boston Creek, between the Credit and Delaware churches, is built, and the road graded from one line to the other, so that I travel direct on the new road. Crossing the creek in a canoe, or swimming the horse and laying down five fences to get from one church to the other are things of the past. In giving a short account of a visit to this mission a few months ago, the General Secretary said: "All that is lacking now is a sweeping revival, and that, we doubt not, will come in due season, if workers 'faint not.'" That the workers have proved faithful is evident from another paragraph taken from Bro. Howard's letter: "At the present time we are in the midst of a glorious revival of religion at the New Credit appointment. The meetings have been in progress three weeks, forty persons have presented themselves at the altar for prayer, and the meetings are still going on with increasing prospects."