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## Field Notes.

BRIEF letter from Rev. Dr. Hart, dated on the Chen Too River, March 26th, contains the gratifying intelligence that the mission party, in the very best of health, had entered the Province of Tz-Chuen, and hoped to reach the city of Chen Too about the 10th of May. The slow progress is due to the fact that they have to travel by native sail boats against the current, and that even with a "spanking breeze," thirty miles is considered a big day's run. Dr. Hart reports the people as very pleasant all along the route.

DURING the session of the General Board last year, a number of the members preached in various places. Among others, a good brother preached in Chatham, N.B. Recently he received a letter from Mobile, Ala., containing \$10. The donation was from a ship master, who had been present at the service at Chatham, and was so impressed by what he heard that he took this method of contributing. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou can'st not tell which shall prosper, this or that, or whether both shall be alike good."

CHAIRMEN will greatly oblige by seeing that religious reports of the various missions are forwarded at once to the Mission Rooms. Delays in this matter make it very difficult to get out the Annual Report in good season. Sometimes reports do not reach us till the autumn—some not at all.

A CORRESPONDENT sends a clipping from a local paper respecting Georgina Island Indian Mission:-"A meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held in the Council Hall, on Wednesday evening, 4th inst., which was well attended, Proceeds \$2 .... Inspector Davidson paid an official visit to the Indian school, on Friday last, and expressed his satisfaction with the progress of the scholars. Number present twenty-one. . . . . Rev. J. W. Wilkinson conducted service and administered the sacrament here on Sunday morning."

Two or three good local preachers, holding thirdclass certificates as teachers, and one second or firstclass man, could find employment, and plenty of opportunity to exercise their gifts as preachers, in the northern part of Ontario just now. Also a good blacksmith (horseshoer), and a shoemaker, could find remunerative employment in the same region. Write to the Mission Rooms and we will give you particulars.

MISS ANNIE WHITFIELD, after spending four and a half years in missionary work in Liberia, Africa, has came home on furlough. She received a warm welcome from her old friends in Dundas, who filled the Methodist church in that town, on the evening of the 16th ult. W. A. Davidson, Esq., occupied the chair, and a cordial address of welcome was read by Miss Burroughs on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society. Miss Whitfield, in reply, gave much interesting information about the work in Africa. Stirring addresses were given by the Revs. Dr. Lang and I. H. Hilts. Miss Whitfield, we understand, will speak at missionary meetings when requested, during her stay in Canada.

MISS ROSA KNOTT, Secretary of the Aylmer, Ont., Mission Band, sends \$7.75, and writes:—"It was intended to be sent to China missions, as the children are greatly interested in the Chinese; but after reading your letter it was decided that we would follow your advice and send it in to the General Fund." This is right, and the contribution will go to the Chinese work all the same.