

such. There are comfortable new houses at each of the above points.

SOON after this number of the *OUTLOOK* is in the hands of its readers, the District meetings will be held, at which time all missionary accounts for the year ought to be closed. Will Superintendents kindly do their best to have all subscriptions collected so as to report definite results at the District meetings? If District Superintendents will supplement this by transmitting their District schedules and religious reports immediately after, it will greatly aid the General Secretary in getting out the Annual Report in good season.

## Editorial and Contributed.

### A SUGGESTION.

A GOOD sister sends the following communication, which we print for the benefit of whom it may concern. We expect to secure a grant from the Dominion Government in aid of buildings, as the work lies directly along the line of what they are trying to do for the Indians, but even so there will be good use for all the volunteer gifts that may be sent in. A jubilee fund is a good idea, and the publication of the letter will quickly show if there is likely to be a response:

"DEAR SIR,—I have read the *OUTLOOK* in the past with pleasure and profit. The letters from the teachers in foreign fields are very interesting. Since reading the extract contained in the March number from the letter of the teacher at the McDougall Orphanage, and learning their great need of a suitable building and furnishing for it, as also farming implements, I have thought why could not a jubilee fund be raised by the Sunday-schools of the Dominion for this express purpose.

"A more noble or worthy object could not be brought before the children of the Sunday-schools than this to furnish a home and education for these orphans, so that they may become good men and women and do good to their own people.

"If the subject of missions with this special want could be talked up in the schools for a few Sabbaths, then on the appointed Sabbath have every child bring its offering, however small, teachers, parents, and congregation invited to add their gift, as a thankoffering that they live to see this jubilee year of our beloved Queen. . . . As all great and good things come from small beginnings, I thought why could not money be raised in this way for this object, if a better one has not been devised already. I can think of no better way to have such a plan carried out than to write to you as editor of the *OUTLOOK*, and leave it to you to carry it out if, in your judgment, it will succeed.

"A CANADIAN."

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### ANOTHER SUGGESTION.

CONVERSING a few days ago with one of our wealthy and influential laymen, who has a relative in the mission work in Japan, he referred to the communications of some of the missionaries, in which the great need of a commodious church in the neighborhood of our Tôkyô College, where not only the students, but also the better class of residents could be gathered, was strongly urged, and enquired what the proposed building would cost. We told him the District Superintendent estimated the cost for lot and building at some \$5,000. "Well," said this generous friend, "surely we have ten men in the Church who, for such a desirable object, would readily give \$500 each, and I will gladly be one of the number." The suggestion struck us as an admirable one, and we requested our friend to keep his offer open till an opportunity was afforded for other volunteers. Who will be the next to take up this most Christian challenge, and put the thing through? Please be quick, or you may lose your chance.

### THOUGHTS ON FOREIGN VS. HOME MISSIONS.

THE fact of the great revival of interest in Foreign Mission work among the students in the universities of this continent suggests a variety of thoughts. That fifteen hundred young men in America alone are studying and planning with view to work in the foreign field is exceedingly significant. For the information of those who may not have heard of this great movement it may be well to state that it began last summer, when about three hundred young men gathered together to spend two or three weeks at Mr. Moody's school in Northfield, for the purpose of conference and prayer in regard to missionary work. The influence of that meeting has so extended that up to the present time fifteen hundred have signified their desire of engaging in this important work, fifty-four of whom belong to Toronto Colleges. While all of these may not ultimately go, it shows the trend of thought and sympathy at the present time. Many of these young men are, to all human appearance, making large sacrifices in order to carry the Gospel to those who are in the "regions beyond."

The foregoing fact may give rise to the thought in some minds, that the heathen in pagan lands are occupying a great deal of attention that could be better bestowed nearer home, and they ask, "Why not take care for the heathen at home? They are all about us, and it would cost much less to preach to them than to go so far away, and our duty is to them." They say, "Charity begins at home." Without under-estimating the urgent need for this home