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Field Notes.

REPORTS are being sent out by express as quickly as possible to all circuits that can be reached in that way; all others by mail. Superintendents who fail to receive their parcels will kindly notify the Mission Rooms of the fact.

THE General Secretary, after a long and prosperous though fatiguing journey, arrived home on the morning of the 20th ult., and left again the same day for Montreal, where he laid the corner-stone of the new French Institute on the 22nd. While in Vancouver, B.C., he had the pleasure of laying the corner-stone of a new Methodist church, which, when completed, will be an ornament to the place and a credit to the denomination. The building is to be of wood, on a stone foundation, and will cost not far from \$10,000.

WE regret to learn that death has again visited the house of the Rev. A. E. Green, our missionary on the Naas River, B.C. A little over a year ago Brother and Sister Green parted with a winsome little fellow of some two years of age, and on the 4th of October, Bertie, their second son, died of disease resulting from scarlet fever, from which he suffered a year ago. At this time especially Bro. Green and his wife need the sympathy and prayers of the Church that God would abundantly fulfil His promise "As thy days so shall thy strength be."

TORONTO has been favored with a visit from the Rev. Wm. Burgess and wife, of the English Wesleyan Conference, who are *en route* for India. Mr. Burgess is Superintendent of Missions in Southern India. He and his wife have spoken in a number of our churches, and those who have been privileged to hear them have been both interested and profited. That a grand and permanent work is being done by the Methodist missionaries in India cannot be doubted. A thousand may be born in a day, but unless the new converts are taken and nurtured with care and wisdom, how can they be expected to glorify God by a godly walk and conversation? Our Heavenly Father took centuries of time, object-lesson after object-lesson, precept upon precept, to educate Israel up to the dimmest perception of

His justice, holiness and love; and we must follow our great example, resting upon the convincing power of the Holy Ghost, if we would lift the pagan out of his darkness and superstition. Encouraging accounts were given of the school and Zenana work. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess left on the 30th ult. by the C. P. R., intending to visit Yokohama and Tôkyô, Japan, on the way. May their journey be pleasant and safe to the end, and may they find that their work has prospered during their absence.

AN account of the laying of the corner-stone of the new French Institute at Côte St. Antoine, in the suburbs of Montreal, by the General Secretary, will be found on another page. We hope to have a cut of the Institute for a future number of the OUTLOOK. The building will accommodate 100 students, and cost some \$35,000. We have heard it said "Why spend so much money where we can see so little return for the outlay? Business men put their money where they can get the quickest and largest returns, and mission workers should do the same." We must confess to feelings of repugnance, and a sense of the unfitness of the comparison, when we hear mission work put on the same footing as business concerns. In the Scriptures it is the family life that is set before us. God our Father, Christ the Son and our Elder Brother. We would think little of the father or brother that would neglect the weak and erring one of his own flesh and blood, because he was perverse and hard to influence, and try to lift up and help the erring one of his neighbor's household because he seemed to be a more hopeful subject to work upon, and so of our French brethren; they are of our own country, we cannot separate our life from theirs, and to us God has entrusted the work of enlightening our benighted brothers.

THERE has been a great deal of interesting matter held over this month to make room for the reports of the Woman's Missionary Society, among which are notes by the General Secretary on his North-West and British Columbia trip.

IN sending orders for missionary supplies, such as envelopes, collection books, juvenile cards, etc., will the brethren kindly state the number required, as it is impossible for us to be accurate in our calculations.