

The Missionary Outlook.

A Monthly Advocate, Record and Review.

Vol. XI.—No. 5.]

MAY, 1891.

[Whole No. 125

Field Notes.

IN accordance with instructions from the Committee of Consultation and Finance, the General Secretary left Toronto on Monday, 27th ult., for the North-West and British Columbia, on business connected with Indian Missions and Industrial Institutes. He expects to be present at the Manitoba and British Columbia Conferences, and to return the latter part of June.

* * *

As already announced through the *Guardian*, the volunteers for China will be available to speak at meetings in any of our churches during the summer months, before proceeding to their distant field. The following are the names and addresses—Brethren desiring their services will please correspond direct, as the General Secretary will be absent for some time:—Rev. V. C. Hart, D.D., Burlington, Ont.; Rev. Geo. E. Hartwell, B.D., Athens, Ont.; O. L. Kilborn, M.D., Kingston; D. W. Stevenson, M.D., Boyne, Ont.

* * *

A FRIEND has allowed us to take the following account of a visit to Chinatown in San Francisco, from a private letter:—

“Our party hired a guide, and went through a part of Chinatown, which took us about three hours and a-half. I hope I may never again see such sights as I saw that night. There are said to be 75,000 Chinese in San Francisco, but it is very difficult to learn just how many there really are; half of their city is underground. Some of the dens were 8 x 12 feet, and literally packed with men smoking opium. They were lying on shelves all the way up from the floor to the ceiling, the room being so full of smoke you could scarcely see the occupants. Then there were people living in little rooms underground without any floor, and no kind of furniture but an old pail, full of all the dirt you could think of, in the centre of the room, and a bit of wet, mouldy straw in one corner. The smell I really could not have stood had it not been for a large handkerchief well saturated with perfume. I expressed my surprise at our guide, who was a Chinese, taking us into such places, but was informed he only showed us the best of them.”

It is only by giving the Gospel to these poor people that we can prevent such a state of affairs in our own fair country as is described above.

REV. E. B. GLASS, B.A., sends us the following cheering facts, for which we “thank God and take courage”:

“We are enjoying a solid revival that has been in progress nearly two months. It goes on every week steadily, seeking, praying trusting; the people are coming into the kingdom, and growing. A dozen have been added to the list of membership during the revival, and others are expected to follow. Most of our young men and women are now seeking the truth or rejoicing in it.”

* * *

IN sending us an account of the dedication services in connection with the opening of the new Chinese church in Victoria, B.C., which will be found in another column, the Rev. Jos. Hall, Chairman of the District, says:—

“I wish our Methodist people could just know all the blessed features of our Chinese work in this city, how they would rejoice to think, in this centennial year, of what God is enabling the Methodist Church to do, and how their liberality would flow forth in their eagerness to avail themselves of the wide fields of opportunity which God is placing before us as a Church. Wesley has been dead a hundred years, but we see no sign that his expectation shall fail of its fulfilment, viz., that the revival which God began in Methodism would continue as long as the sun and moon endure.”

* * *

THE *Missionary Review of the World*, as usual, is among the first periodicals to make its appearance, full of such missionary information as to cause us to wish that every Christian might have a copy. The May number contains the following articles:—“Evangelizing the World,” etc., A. T. Pierson, D.D.; “A Voice from the Field,” Rev. D. McGilvary; “Modern Missionary Marvels,” T. P. Brockett, M.D.; “Protestant Missions before Carey,” Rev. D. T. Leonard; “One Thousand more Missionaries for China,” Rev. A. P. Harper, D.D.; “Students’ Volunteer Convention,” Max W. Morehead. Published by Funk & Wagnalls, Canadian address, 86 Bay Street, Toronto. Subscription, \$2 per year.

* * *

THE April number of *The Gospel in All Lands* equals, if not surpasses, any former number in interest. To those desiring general information regarding foreign lands and their people, we have no hesitation in recommending this periodical. The principal papers in the April number are: “Monthly Missionary Concert on India,” “Cities and People of India,” “India’s Millions and their Needs,” “Religious Tendencies of India,” “A New Departure in Persia,” “The Children of Hungaria,” “Our German Mission.”