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Field Notes.

WE are very often asked, "Do you know of any missionary who would be glad to get such papers as the *Guardian*, *Pleasant Hours*, *Home and School*, *Sunbeam*, *Sunday School Times*, or back numbers of the *Canadian Methodist Magazine*?" If any of our missionaries or teachers can make use of one or more of the above, we will be pleased to send their names to some of the inquirers.

REV. S. A. ARKELLS, of the Warminster Mission, who has been ill for the past few months, has gone to New York for medical treatment. Bro. Arkells has our warmest sympathy in his severe affliction, and earnest wishes for his speedy recovery.

WE give a paragraph from a letter of the Rev. Geo. Boyd, St. John's, Newfoundland, in which he enclosed a list of the juvenile collectors of the St. John's East Church, the aggregate sum collected amounting to \$473.28. This was collected by the "Blake" system, and gives an illustration of the success of this system, when properly carried out: "I send our list of subscriptions for last year, from our Sunday School, per 'Blake' system, which, I am glad to say, is 75 per cent. over last year. You will be struck with the anomaly of \$100 from one of our scholars; that happened this way: One of our girls in Cochran Street Church was in poor health, and it was deemed unwise to let her attend day school for the time being. After the other books were issued to collectors, she conceived the idea of doing this work for the Master, thus using her time for Him with the above result. I am glad to report her health is better, and at the last meeting of the S. S. Committee, she was appointed a teacher."

REV. LEROY HOOKER has handed us the following figures, which we take pleasure in giving to our readers. From the statement individual members can have an idea of what they are doing. We hope it will arouse many who have it in their power to devise more liberal things. One who saw these figures sent

in, after having given his subscriptions for the year, a cheque for \$4, marked "for four more."

By multiplying 46,799, the number of actual communicants in our mission fields, by $4\frac{1}{2}$, we get 210,595, as the number ministered to by our Society. The total income last year was \$219,480. A comparison of these figures reveals the fact that, practically, for every dollar expended by our Society, one soul is furnished with the Bread of Life for a period of twelve months. Who among us will practise, if need, be a little more self-denial, in order that the Bread of Life may be given to a yet larger number?"

Chronicle of the St. James Street Methodist Church Montreal. By G. E. JAUQUES, JUN. Toronto: William Briggs.

A most interesting and readable little volume of 116 pages, neatly printed and attractively bound, packed with information, historical, statistical and biographical, concerning Old St. James', its pastors and officials. To Mr. Jaques the preparation of this memorial volume has evidently been a work of love, and right well has he performed his task. Those whose memories are in any way connected with this historic church, cannot do better than send to the Book Room for a copy.

The New West: Historical, Statistical, Biographical Winnipeg: Canadian Historical Publishing Co.

In a quarto volume of over 200 pages, the publishers have given the best bird's-eye view of the Dominion, and especially the great North-West and Pacific Coast that has yet come under our observation. Paper and type are unexceptionable; the engravings are superb; the maps carefully engraved and printed, adding very much to the value of the book; while the literary work seems to have been done with painstaking care, save that here and there a slip in figures has occurred. For example, Toronto is credited with a population of 120,000, which is a good 40,000 below the fact. All the principal towns from Port Arthur to Victoria are graphically described, and although the descriptive list of business houses in each case gives a somewhat "advertising" appearance to the work, and detracts from its literary character, yet even this feature will be of use to the tourist and the settler. We hope the enterprise of the publishers will be well rewarded.