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Field Notes.

BY universal consent the past year has been written down a hard one for raising money; but we are glad to say the Mission Fund has not only held its own, but shows a gratifying increase. There is an advance of several thousands in ordinary income, and a large gain from legacies. The gross income is about \$243,000, an advance of some \$23,000 over last year. This is good vantage ground from which to advance on the quarter-million line.

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THERE are special reasons for a big effort next year. Not only must the expense of the new mission to China be met, but the large income from legacies last year is by no means likely to be repeated this year, and the difference must be met by an advance in ordinary givings, unless we are willing to close the current year with a deficit. A steady, earnest, united, prayerful effort to pass the quarter-million line is what is wanted at the present juncture. Which of our Circuits will be the first to head this forward movement?

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BISHOP NEWMAN has the floor:—"We must deluge the Church with missionary intelligence. Let in the light, give the people pictures and figures and facts. There is no reading more thrillingly interesting than intelligence about the customs, habits and countries where our missionaries are living. Rely upon it, you can stir the great Church of our choice by these missives from afar. The preacher in charge who gets the most money for all the authorized collections is the best paid man in the connexion; while he who worries about his salary, and fears that he will fall short if he is active for missions, does fall short." Brethren, are you preparing for the coming campaign by so filling your own minds with missionary intelligence that you cannot help but tell to others what grand things the Lord has done in the past, and is still doing, also, of the cry of the millions for living bread? Get filled, and you must overflow.

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AN interesting entertainment was held in the Chinese Mission Rooms, New Westminster, B.C., on the closing of the school for a few weeks during the

warm weather. The *Columbian* says:—"The entertainment, which consisted of vocal and instrumental music, short addresses, etc., capped by a treat of cake, ice cream, strawberries and lemonade, was got up and carried out almost wholly by the Chinese pupils themselves, and, as such, was very creditable indeed. A most cordial welcome was extended to the white visitors, who were principally connected with or interested in the mission work among the Chinese."

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A COPY of the report of "a work of love," known as the "Children's Fresh Air Fund," is before us, and is a most gratifying record. We know of no department of mission work that there is more reason to look for the benediction of the great loving heart of Christ upon than this, who Himself took little children in His arms and blessed them. We bespeak for this Christian enterprise the hearty support of all who love children, and this certainly takes in the whole community, for it cannot be there breathes a man or woman with heart so hard who would not delight to assist in making our wee people happy by giving them a day of innocent mirth and healthful recreation.

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Outline Missionary Series, "China." By Rev. J. T. GRACEY, D.D. A few copies of this interesting and useful pamphlet are still on hand at the Mission Rooms. At missionary meetings, during the coming season, our people will be expecting information about China, and there is no other source from which so much information can be gleaned at so little cost. It contains material for half-a-dozen missionary speeches. Every minister should order a copy. Price, post-paid, TEN CENTS.

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DR. EBY has decided to discontinue the *Central Tabernacle Bulletin*, and from the last issue we take the following:—"As *Missionary Tidings* covers a good part of the ground contemplated in the little sheet I had begun to publish, and in addition furnishes a common platform on which all the different agencies can meet and speak for themselves, I have thought it wiser to turn my little contribution to missionary literature in that direction. I do not think it wise to have more missionary organs than can be efficiently sustained, and hence hope the missionary fraternity generally will rally to this enterprise and make *Mis-*