

## A GOOD MISSIONARY HINT.

We are in receipt of a private letter from the town of P. in Ontario, complaining that missionaries do not supply information as they might. Our correspondent says: "We support a missionary in R. in Manitoba. Excepting a few lines sent once a year by the missionary, who has generally to be asked for the information we hear nothing whatever of the people of R. or their work. We hear infinitely more about Formosa or points in Honan than we do of R." Now we say this is too bad. Dr. Robertson has with great energy induced many congregations in the Provinces from Ontario to Nova Scotia to support congregations in Manitoba and the West. The amounts given by each congregation vary from \$150 to \$250 or more a year. We submit such liberality deserves a better reward. At least once a quarter send down an account of your stations, your services, your people, where your people are from, any questions of public importance agitating them &c., &c. Don't let your pens rust. Some of our eastern brethren have had attacks of "cacoethes scribendi," judging by the Church papers. Can't you work off a little of this in the matter spoken of. Don't neglect the gift that is in you, oh hard worked missionary; and don't forget to send the "Western Missionary" a screed also!

## MEMOIR OF DAVID MILNE HOME.

We have received this work of more than 200 pages written by the loving hand of a daughter of Mr. Home: Mr. Home who was born near Edinburgh was son of Sir David Home an officer of high rank in the English navy. After passing through Edinburgh High School and University, Mr. Home adopted the legal profession. This however he gave up to pursue scientific studies and to perform his duties in the county where his estate lay on the banks of the Tweed. Mr. Home gained some distinction in Meteorology and Geology. The Memoir contains a valuable paper on the geology of Berwickshire. Mr. Home took an active part in the discussions of the Church of Scotland at that critical time in its history—the disruption. Though sympathizing with the cry for independence he did not deem it his duty to leave the Church of his fathers. Fortunately for us in Canada the questions of that time are nothing more than "nomen et umbra." This work is pleasantly written, and Miss Home desires to say: "The authoress of the above memoir will be glad to present a copy of it to any library of Mechanics (or library in the far west) where there are any Scotch readers who might be interested in it. Application to be made to the Editor of the *Western Missionary*."

## SIGNIFICANT.

It is stated that twenty-six out of the forty members of the new legislature of Manitoba are of Scotch descent, and that a majority of the New House are Presbyterians.