

Field Notes.

THE General Secretary will be absent from the Mission Rooms for the ensuing two months. Immediately after the meeting of the General Board he will proceed to the Maritime Provinces, in company with Mr. Hiraiwa, and push the missionary campaign there till the end of November. Dr. Shaw will attend to correspondence as far as possible; but matters requiring Dr. Sutherland's personal attention will have to await his return.

It is with deep regret we learn of the death of our Indian brother, E. Sickles, teacher of our Indian school at Oneida. He was greatly esteemed. Bro. Shepherd, of the Mount Elgin Institute, testifies to his useful and godly life in the following words: "I fear it will be difficult to fill his place; we feel the loss very much."

DUNDAS stands true to the mission cause, be it the General Fund of the Society, or a special effort for some peculiarly needy field. A collection taken up in the Sunday-school to aid in the erection of three new churches on the McLeod Mission, Alberta, resulted in the generous sum of \$50.50.

IN a letter recently received from the Rev. E. B. Glass, B.A., missionary at Battle River, he writes: "I preach without an interpreter three out of four Sundays, and teach a class on Sunday afternoon in the Syl-labies. The members of it are chiefly young men." Bro. Glass is to be congratulated that his people can say, "We have heard the wondrous story of Jesus and His love, in our own tongue wherein we were born."

THOSE who have heard the Rev. Wm. Butler, D.D., of Boston, who founded the mission of the M. E. Church, in India and Mexico, will be delighted to learn that he is to lecture in Toronto, on the 13th of October, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society, of this city, and we congratulate those who have not hitherto had the privilege, that such an opportunity will be afforded them of hearing stories of mission life that surely are stranger than fiction.

OWING to the unsettled state of our churches during the summer vacations, there has been a lull in the mission as well as in other departments of our Church work, and it has taken the most of September to restore order; but now the call is to be up and doing, pleading that the Great Head of the Church may bless every effort put forth in His cause. A missionary writing home says: "Give us your money and your prayers,

but do not give one without the other." "Work while it is day," is the Master's command.

THE *Presbyterian Record*, rejoicing in the success of that Church in its mission fields during the past year, gives the following estimates for the work of the current year:—Foreign Missions, \$90,000; Home Missions, West, \$46,000; East, \$6,000. Augmentation of Stipends, West, \$30,000; East, \$9,000; French Evangelization, \$36,000; making in all \$217,000. Messrs. J. Goforth, of Knox College, Toronto, and J. P. Smith, of Queen's College, Kingston, will be supported in the field by their College Associations.

THE World's Women's Christian Temperance Union, of which Mrs. Margaret Bright Lucas, sister of the Right Hon. John Bright, is President, have agreed to set apart the 12th and 13th of November, 1887, as days of prayer for the growth and universal diffusion of all forms of temperance work. In another column will be found a tract published by request of Miss Frances E. Willard, Vice-President for the United States of the World's W. C. T. U.

How often the missionary sees the fulfilment of the proverb, "Man proposes, but God disposes." Dr. McKay, of the Presbyterian Mission, Formosa, writes, that since the late wave of persecution passed over that island, in which the churches were destroyed by mobs, a reaction has taken place, and a stone church is now to be seen in place of every wooden edifice pulled down by the mob. Over every one of these rebuilt churches has been placed the image of the "Burning Bush." The natives of Formosa understand the allusion. The men of the world may well turn aside, as did Moses, "and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned."

MISS CUNNINGHAM, of Halifax, before leaving for her work in Japan, was presented by the North Halifax Auxiliary with a gold watch and chain, and by the South Halifax Auxiliary with a complete outfit necessary for life in Japan. It is with great pleasure we hear of such substantial and graceful tributes of love and good-will bestowed on our missionaries who go to the front to do battle against heathen darkness. A friend writing of Miss Cunningham says: "Long ago I felt that she was specially fitted for work in that field, and it was such a joy to me when she told me that the Master had called her. We had many talks over it, for at first it was a great struggle to give up all,—home, friends, position. Then when she was willing to give up all, difficulties arose, and her way seemed hedged up; but now all has been made plain, and she sees how God has been preparing her by all this for her future work."