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Field Notes.

WE call the attention of Ministers to the fact that several teachers, both male and female, are required for Indian Schools in the North-West and British Columbia. If you know of persons suitable for this work, please put them in communication with the Mission Rooms forthwith.

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THE Rev. C. T. Cocking and wife have reached this country from Japan, but owing to impaired health will not take Circuit work this year. Bro. Cocking, however, will be able to render a good deal of service in connection with missionary anniversaries, and on special occasions. He has a large number of beautiful stereopticon views, and is open for engagements to lecture where his services may be required. Brethren who wish information on this subject should write direct to Bro. Cocking at Markham, Ont.

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CHAIRMEN of Districts are earnestly requested to bear in mind that the General Board of Missions will meet this year at the close of General Conference, about *one month earlier* than usual. This will necessitate an earlier date than customary for holding Financial District Meetings, so that schedules of recommended grants may be printed before the General Conference begins. These schedules should reach the Mission Rooms not later than the middle of August.

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IN the North-West money prizes are given by Government for the best conducted schools. The first prize for the past year (\$50), has been won by Rev. R. B. Steinhauer, B.A., of Saddle Lake, who, in addition to his duties as missionary, teaches the Indian school there. We congratulate Bro. S. on his record.

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THE Rev. J. A. Dunlop, B.A., who went to Japan as a self-supporting missionary a couple of years ago, and returned home for a short visit last spring, left again for his distant field on the 11th ult. He has been appointed, in connection with our regular work, to open a mission in Nagano, a city of over 25,000 inhabitants, where there is no other missionary. Let the churches remember him, and all our other workers, in prayer.

"WHERE there is a will there is a way." Rev. J. Lewis, of Garnish, Newfoundland, writes: "The people are very poor, and the amount raised by our juvenile collectors (\$4.84) is very creditable for a first attempt. I could not get a supply of the ordinary missionary boxes without expense and delay, and so obtained a dozen unused lobster cans from the factory, and with these novel receptacles the children made their initial attempt on behalf of missions.

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THE following paragraph we clip from a letter from the Rev. C. Ladner, dated Kamloops, June 2nd, 1890: "I am happy to inform you that I baptized five Chinamen last night. They had been in our Sunday-school for some months, and met twice a week in the parsonage for instruction. Rev. Mr. Ch'an, our missionary from Vancouver, has been with us for some days, preaching to his brethren and visiting them, and has been a blessing to his countrymen.

Editorial and Contributed.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE observe with a good deal of regret, that the General Conference of the Methodist Church South has decided to "postpone" the question of Methodist union in Japan. Nothing can be gained, but a good deal will be risked, by a policy of putting off. The difficulties in the way of union will never be less than now, and continued divisions will retard the growth of Methodism as an evangelistic factor and of Christianity as a whole. The missionaries on the ground are agreed, and so, as a rule, are the native churches; the hindrances come from the home authorities. We sincerely hope our brethren of the Church South will yet see their way to fall in with the movement.

It will be in the memory of many of our readers that, in a series of papers which appeared some two years ago in the *Methodist Times*, the methods pursued in connection with the foreign missions of the Wesleyan body, especially those in India, were somewhat severely criticised, and an entirely new departure recommended. The results, thus far, have been a good deal of commotion in Wesleyan circles, animated