

Field Notes.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are still continuing to come in, and many are the kind words of appreciation received; but there are many yet who ought to secure the monthly visits of the OUTLOOK who have not yet sent in their order. Sample copies of the February issue can be had by sending name and address to the Mission Rooms, Wesley Buildings, 33 Richmond Street W., Toronto.

THE Rev. James Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, who has been in Ontario during the past two months attending missionary meetings, left for home on the 27th ultimo.

THERE is a good work going on among the Chinese of San Francisco and Oaklands. Rev. Dr. Masters writes to the *New York Christian Advocate*:—

“A score or more have been awakened during the last month, and have sent in their names, expressing their desire to lead a Christian life. Men of position in Chinatown, merchants, drapers, and storekeepers, have joined my church on probation. During the recent Mills revival some of the worst men in Chinatown, highbinders and gamblers, came forward and declared their intention to give up sin and follow Christ. Never before have we raised so much money for benevolent purposes as this year. Our one hundred and twenty-three members have raised \$465 for Missions, and over \$14 per member for all purposes.”

IT is always with pleasure that we see honor given where honor is due, and we know of none more deserving than the Rev. Wm. Butler, D.D., who spent many years in India, when the missionary was not so welcome in that country, even by his English brethren, as he is now. On Jan. 13, the William Butler Hall of the Bareilly Theological Seminary was formally opened, many veterans of Dr. Butler's day in India being present. This hall was built by some of the staunch American friends of Dr. Butler, who delighted to do him honor by giving him this useful monument, which will greatly aid the work begun by Dr. Butler in 1856 in India.

AS we go to press, a copy of the “Souvenir Programme” of the Annual Convention of the Young People's Association of Ontario has been laid on our desk. The programme is most beautifully gotten up, and, judging from the titles of the papers to be read and discussed, and the names of those who are to take part, we doubt not the occasion will be one of great interest and practical benefit to the young people of the Church. Yet we cannot refrain from expressing our regret that the subject of foreign missions has not been given a more prominent place in the papers to be read and discussed. Twenty minutes on the first morning, when many of the delegates have not arrived, with the Nominating Committee obliged to retire, is not likely to arouse any great amount of enthusiasm in this important department of the Church's work.

Editorial and Contributed.

Editorial Notes.

SEVERAL interesting letters are unavoidably crowded out of this issue. They will appear next month.

OUR ENGRAVING for the present month is of historic interest, and will revive pleasant memories in all who took part in the ceremony. Writing of this event, in 1889, the General Secretary said:—

“Thursday, June 13th, will henceforth be a red-letter day in our branch of Methodism in Japan, as it witnessed the organization of our first Annual Conference in that country. Some twenty-seven brethren, lay and clerical, assembled, and entered heartily into all the proceedings. After devotional services the Rev. D. Macdonald, M.D., was elected President, and the Rev. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., and M. Kobayashi, were elected Joint Secretaries. When organization was completed I addressed the Conference, sketching the origin of the Japan Mission, its growth, the movement towards independence and ultimate autonomy, and urged the development of self-support among the native churches, a prudent extension of the work, and a careful consideration of the union question.”

INDICATIONS are reaching us from time to time of the deep interest felt by many of our ministers and people in the China Mission. Offers of help to send out reinforcements are neither few nor far between. Recently we received a letter from our old friend, Rev. D. V. Lucas, dated at Hobart, Tasmania, enclosing a draft for £10 6s. 3d. stg. (\$50) “for the education of a Chinese boy for the work of preaching the Gospel to his brethren. When his education is completed I hope to be able to contribute a larger amount if necessary to keep him at work from year to year.”

ARRANGEMENTS are in progress for a World's Congress of Missions, in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, which promises to be by far the most important and comprehensive gathering of the kind ever held in the history of the Church. A tentative programme has already been issued, embracing a wide range of topics, to be discussed by recognized leaders in mission work throughout the world. The programme embraces the following general divisions, covering a large number of sub-topics:—City Missions; Home Missions (outside of cities); The Unevangelized Nations; World's Missionary Day; Programme of the Congress; Foreign Missionary Agencies; What the World owes to Missions; Beacon Lights from the World's Mission Fields; Responsibilities of Christian Governments; World's Concert of Prayer for Missions; Forward to Victory.

Self-Denial Week.

THE suggestion made last month through the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK, that there should be a week of self-denial for missions, the proceeds to be devoted to some special object in connection with our work, has aroused no small degree of interest, and the desire is frequently expressed that a date should be agreed upon, and a specific object selected, so that