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Field Notes.

WE take pleasure in making honorable mention of Mrs. M. A. Saunby, London, and Mrs. Clark, Hamilton, who have been untiring in their efforts to increase the circulation of the OUTLOOK; nor have their labors been in vain,—Mrs. Clark's club numbering 90 while that of Mrs. Saunby has reached 100.

WE are very often asked, "Do you know of any missionary who would be glad to get such papers as the *Guardian*, *Pleasant Hours*, *Home and School*, *Sunbeam*, *Sunday School Times*, or back numbers of the *Canadian Methodist Magazine*?" If any of our missionaries or teachers can make use of one or more of the above, we will be pleased to send their names to some of the inquirers.

REV. D. W. SNIDER, of Merritton, in writing to the Mission Rooms, adds the following postscript to his letter:—"A young man handed me the other day (not being present at the Missionary Anniversary a few weeks since) the following subscription,—The price of two five-cent cigars for each day between March 3rd, and May 5th." We will leave this sum for our readers to work out, and, we doubt not, the result will surprise them. Christian young men! can this habit be indulged in with a clear conscience, while the Lord's work is suffering for want of sufficient funds to carry it on efficiently?

REV. JOHN MCLEAN, Ph.D., who is our missionary to the Blood Indians, and has just returned to his field of labor, after spending some months in Ontario, has been elected by the Board of Education of the North-West Territories one of the examiners for teachers' certificates. This, in the North-West, is one of the most important offices in the gift of the Board of Education.

WE have just received a photograph of the elevation and sketch of the ground and gallery plan of the proposed Central Mission Hall to be erected in Tokyo, Japan. The building will seat 750 comfortably, but 1000 can be accommodated. Our brethren in Japan are anxious to have this House of God an actual fact, and

are looking to their Canadian friends to render them all the assistance in their power, both by their prayers and their money. The entire cost, including site, will be about 14,000 yen, of which about 9,000 yen have already been raised, including 1,000 from the Missionary Society, leaving 5,000 yen yet to be provided.

AT the last General Conference of the M. E. Church in the United States, the order of Deaconess was established. The Methodists of Canada, quick to take a hint, are moving in the same direction, and will need to ask only the sanction of the General Conference at its next session. Two of the Toronto Churches have engaged lady helpers, who although they cannot, as yet, claim the name of Deaconess, are doing the duties pertaining to such an office.

It is always with a sense of pleasure that we note the appearance of a new number of the *Missionary Review of the World*. The *Review* always comes early, and never fails to present a rich and varied table of contents. The articles in the April number are by authors whose names are a sufficient recommendation: such as Dr. Ellinwood, Prof. Hurlburt, and Dr. Ludlow. The Monthly Concert, and Monthly News, will be found valuable as well as the Statistical Tables, nor must we forget to mention the Editor's Notes, which are particularly interesting. Published by Funk & Wagnalls, 18 & 20 Astor Place, New York. \$2 per year; 25 cents for single numbers. In clubs of ten, \$1.50.

MR. E. ODLUM, who has had charge of the boys' school in Tokyo, Japan, for the past two years, is forced to return home on account of ill health. From a letter, dated February 14th, we take the following extract:—"I have been laid up with a heavy attack of pneumonia, accompanied by malaria, and followed by rheumatism. I am gradually getting better, and hope to be able to leave for home on the 21st of March. It was my intention to remain to the end of the academic year, but Dr. Macdonald thinks it would not be safe for me to attempt class work for another month or six weeks." Owing to the death of Mrs. Odlum, Mr. Odlum could not have remained longer than midsummer on account of his children, who are too young to remain in a foreign land without a mother's care.