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## *Field Notes.*

**D**URING the past year there has been steady progress in Japan. The number baptized in connection with all the churches is 5,500, and the amount contributed by the native Christians of all denominations is about \$40,000 in gold. Japanese missions are moving steadily in the direction of self-support.

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MR CH'AN, our Chinese missionary in Vancouver, writes, under date of June 26th: "We have, during the past few weeks, held open-air divine services in connection with our several in-door services. I spoke in my last letter that Westminster Mission work was progressing most favorably, and last Sunday we had two more young men converted to God, and they were baptized that day in the Mary Street Methodist Church.

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**D**URING the past winter the Rev. A. T. Pierson, D.D., spent several months on a missionary tour through Scotland, and was everywhere received with the utmost cordiality. Leaders in the Scottish churches did everything in their power to facilitate the object of Dr. Pierson's mission, crowded congregations listened to his sermons and addresses, and there can be no doubt that through his labors a great impetus has been given to the cause of missions.

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**O**UR friends of the New Credit Indian Mission are setting their people a noble example of generosity and independence which we hope may prove a stimulus to other Missions. It is with pleasure we publish the following extract from a letter received from the Rev. T. S. Howard, missionary at New Credit: "We expect to repair the New Credit church to the amount of \$800 this summer, the expense paid fully by the Indians. The Council unanimously passed a resolution to ask the Ottawa Department to allow them to put on a new roof, veneer it with beech, and build an orchestra at the end, behind the pulpit, 12 x 15 feet, take out the gallery, and paper and calomine the inside. The agent told me on Monday that he had a letter from the Department, saying all right, to go on with the work. We will not ask the Missionary Board for any part of this \$800. I have been endeavoring to get a

bridge across the Boston creek, which separates the New Credit church from the Delaware, and has been a great drawback to the work ever since it was a mission, and now have the promise of a new bridge this summer. The Inspector of Bridges and Streams has been to see it, and told me we would have a bridge this fall. The want of a bridge has often prevented the missionary for six weeks at a time from getting to the Delaware appointment. I had to walk and cross in a boat several times last fall and spring. At Delaware the shed is finished and in use all winter; church floored, ceiled with lumber inside and out, making it look like a new frame; orchestra behind the pulpit raised four feet, and new windows. When the subscriptions are collected we will paint and reseal it.

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**O**F some 5,000 students in schools and colleges who have volunteered for the foreign field, about 250 have reversed their decision, and 50 have been rejected by the various Boards on account of health. The remainder may be classified as follows: Completed their studies and gone to the foreign field, 250; still at home, 150; expect to complete studies in 1890, 400; about 500 will complete their studies each year for the next four years; 500 more are uncertain when they will finish their studies, owing to health and means; 1,200 have more than four years of study yet before them.

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**T**HE arrival of Mrs. Large, widow of the late Rev. T. A. Large, of Tokyo, Japan, in this country, has naturally excited a good deal of interest among the friends of missions. To her it has not only been given to labor, but to suffer for the cause of the Master. Henceforth, like Paul, she bears the marks of the Lord Jesus. It is interesting, too, to know that the tragic occurrence, which has been the immediate occasion of her return to Canada, has not diminished her missionary zeal, or abated her interest in the particular field to which she has devoted her life, and for which she has done and suffered so much. After a stay of one year in this country, during which she, doubtless, will not be idle, she intends, life and health permitting, to return to Japan to resume her missionary labors. She will, in the meantime, meet with a hearty reception wherever she goes, and her visits can scarcely fail to be an inspiration to all with whom she comes in contact.