

Field Notes.

READ Dr. Hart's letter from China, especially his appeal for a printing press and two more men for the evangelistic work. Who will help to establish a printing office among 100,000,000 of people, vast numbers of whom can read, but are without books, especially good books? One thousand dollars would make a beginning.

THE General Secretary is back from Memphis, greatly delighted with his visit and the cordial hospitality of the Southern people. His address before the Conference appears in the *Guardian*.

BRO. RALEY, of Kitamaat, on the Port Simpson District, sends an account of an evangelistic trip on the *Glad Tidings*, which we are obliged to hold over till next month. An account of a similar trip by Indian correspondents appears in the present number.

IT is late now to refer to the closing exercises of the French Methodist Institute, which took place just as our last number went to press. It was an occasion of great interest, and gave evidence of good work done by the principal and teaching staff. This institution is an important factor in our French work.

THE Church will sympathize with our missionaries in China who suffered shipwreck on the way up the Yangtse river. Through the good providence of God, no lives were lost, but there was much discomfort for a time.

THE letter in another column from Tong Chue, a native worker among the Chinese in Victoria, B.C., will be read with interest. We print it as received, with very few alterations. It tells both sides of the story with great frankness.

QUESTIONS are often asked respecting the results of mission work among the Indians. A partial answer will be found in the letter published in another column, headed, "A Missionary Trip." It becomes more apparent every day that heathen peoples must be evangelized chiefly by the labors of native converts.

THE new Coqualeetza Institute at Chilliwack, B.C., was formally opened just as our last number went to press. We hoped to have published the account this month, but have held it over until we can obtain a good photogravure of the building. The prospects of the Institute are very encouraging.

Sick-Room Thoughts and Gleanings. By Maggie P. Anderson. A volume of 141 pages, containing a large number of brief extracts and reflections, all of them deeply earnest and spiritual. The collection has been made chiefly during the sleepless hours of the night by one who has long been the Lord's prisoner,

and who from deep experience speaks to other children of sorrows. The purchase of a copy will help one who needs help. Price 75 cents. Address Miss Maggie P. Anderson, 109 Queen Street East, St. John, N.B.

Editorial and Contributed.

Home Missions.

A SUMMARY of replies to a recent circular respecting home missions has been printed. A package was sent to each Chairman of District, so that each member might have a copy; also to each President of Conference, to supply the members. If you don't get a copy, ask for one.

The McDougall Orphanage.

SOME weeks ago the Calgary *Herald* had the following: "Major McGibbon was in the city Sunday, after having inspected the Stoney reserves and schools at Morley, and left yesterday for the Sarcee reserve to complete his inspection of the agencies and schools at that place. To the *Herald* the major spoke most favorably of the work being done at the McDougall Orphanage. The school is in first-class order, and the class work done by Mr. Blewitt, a certificated teacher from Ontario, is most satisfactory. The school is one of the best under the supervision of the Indian department and is making splendid progress."

Kofu, Japan.

THE Rev. M. Kobayashi, pastor of the native church at Kofu, and chairman of the district, writes encouragingly to the Rev. Dr. Macdonald, as follows:

"Although we could not get new members during the year, I am very glad to tell you that the congregation is increased. At present we have a hundred, and sometimes more on Sunday morning; and some backsliders are coming again to their old spiritual family. Very good signs appear lately; and there is one thing very important, that the people of this Kofu church are hoping to make it a self-supporting one after the coming conference, by paying twenty-five yen a month to the pastor as salary, and other running expenses, and they will propose that plan to the next quarterly meeting. I think this a very good spirit, and very good for the growth of the church. I suppose they will do the best they can for the kingdom of God, but they are not able to raise as much as the pastor's present salary. I have strong sympathy with the church in carrying out such a plan."

Death of Miss Dingman.

THE death occurred last Saturday morning, April 28th, at the residence of George Gordon, merchant, Chip-pawa Hill, near Southampton, in her 56th year, of Miss M. Mahala Dingman, sister of A. Dingman, of Stratford, Inspector of Indian Agencies, and aunt of the proprietors of the *Herald*. She had been ill only since the preceding Sunday, when she took a congestive chill which developed into pneumonia, resulting in her death on Saturday morning. She had only gone to Mr. Gordon's for a brief visit over Sunday night, in company with Miss Cameron, and her sudden illness necessitated her remaining at Mr. Gor-