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Field Notes.

WITH regret we note the death of the Rev. J. A. Ivison, missionary to the St. Clair Indians, on the 18th of April. Bro. Ivison has been in delicate health for some time past, but we were not a little surprised to hear of his death. The Indian work has lost a faithful and persevering missionary. His family have our sincere sympathy in their great bereavement.

THERE are now sixteen Chinamen attending the Metropolitan Church Sunday-School, Toronto. They require individual teachers, and the Superintendent, Mr. J. B. Boustead, has no light task to keep the demand supplied. There is also a class of Italians being formed. This department is under the charge of Mr. A. H. Gilbert. We hail with pleasure the appearance of these foreign brothers in our church, and trust they will soon be recognized as "fellow-citizens with the saints."

THE monthly report of our colporteurs, Mr. and Mrs. Roman, in Montreal, has been received, and is encouraging. Mr. Roman says: "I have visited seven Roman Catholic families which have given in their adherence to our church;" and reports the sale of seven Bibles, seven Testaments, and thirteen Gospels. The sales by Mrs. Roman were three Bibles, five Testaments, and seven Gospels.

"WHERE there is a will there is a way," is happily illustrated in the following, which we clip from "Words from Workers," in the *Wesleyan*:—"A Sunday-school teacher, who is also a member of the Woman's Missionary Society, has a class of girls earning their living by their own unremitting toil. She, knowing their small means and large hearts, intimated to them that nothing be presented to her at the Christmas season, as she suspected they contemplated doing. A few days after, a generous sum was handed her, with the explanation, that as she had expressed a certain wish at Christmas, they had respected it, but now placed this token of their love at her disposal for the missionary cause, as they well knew the love she bore it. Who can estimate the blessing that must follow such giving?"

REV. THOS. CROSBY and wife left for their North-West home on the Pacific Coast in the early part of April. Bro. Crosby goes to resume charge of the *Glad Tidings*, in which he will sail up and down the Coast, and among the islands, proclaiming the "old, old story" to the scattered bands of Indians. This is a new departure on the part of the Missionary Society, in order to reach many who are not favored with a resident missionary. If the venture depends upon the push and devotion of the missionary, its success is a foregone conclusion. Their two daughters remain in Toronto, and are attending school.

REV. E. ROBSON, of Vancouver, President of the British Columbia Conference, accompanied by his son, Miss Lawrence, of the Nanaimo Mission, and Mr. P. J. Johnson, of Vancouver, took a trip up the Pacific Coast lately on the *Glad Tidings*. Mr. Robson's object was to visit as many of the Indian missions as possible, and in doing so travelled between 1,400 and 1,500 miles, inclusive of detours, and held 43 public services. The time occupied was one month and two days. They went as far north as Port Simpson, from which place we have heard of the pleasure and profit derived from Mr. Robson's visit, brief though it was.

THE following statistics are taken from an exercise on the French Work, prepared for Mission Bands, by Mrs. Ross, of Montreal, which will be found on page 76: Present population of Quebec, 1,359,000; of this number 1,171,000 are French, of whom 10,000 are Protestants. The Church of Rome receives from the families within its communion the immense sum of \$8,000,000 per annum, derived from tithes, taxes, pew rents, fees for sacraments and masses for the dead. At the opening of St. Peter's Cathedral, in Montreal, you could, for \$1, "share in the great spiritual advantages" of thousands of prayers and masses said for you during the period of four years, as well as the weekly profit of seven million aves, and many other prayers. "A ticket for heaven" was sold for 25 cents, containing beneath an engraving of the church, these words, "The Catholic Church, the voice of heaven; Outside the Church no salvation;" and offering for six years to say to the sacred heart of Mary one mass for all who would buy a ticket. From