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## *Field Notes.*

THE Annual Meeting of the General Board of Missions will be held in Montreal immediately after the adjournment of the General Conference, which will begin its sessions on Wednesday, the 10th of September, in St. James' Church.

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THE income of the Methodist Missionary Society, for the year just closing, will be about \$3,000 in advance of last year. There is an increase in the Juvenile offerings, and five hundred extra copies of the report will be required. This is a matter of devout thankfulness to God. The year has been one of unusual financial stringency, and all branches of trade have been more or less depressed, yet the offerings from the Methodist people of Canada for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom will be over \$218,000.

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THE Missionary Reports are well under way, and it is expected that they will be ready for distribution about the end of September or beginning of October.

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REV. GEO. COCHRAN, D.D., who has had charge of the Theological Department in our school in Tokyo, Japan, has never fully recovered from the serious illness from which he suffered last fall. Satisfactory arrangements having been made for his school-work, Dr. Cochran has decided to spend a year in Los Angeles, Cal. The Doctor has done good work in Japan, and we earnestly hope that this change and respite from labor for a time may be the means, under God, of adding many years to a useful and valuable life.

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UNDER date of July 10th, Dr. Eby writes: "This matter of burning the tabernacle falls heavily upon me. Not that I have the slightest doubt of its being built, but I do so want to lay down the trowel and grasp the sword. The weather is very hot again. Cholera has broken out in Nagasaki, and is creeping on to the capital—a very deadly type, too. But we are 'under His wings.'"

REV. C. M. TATE, Chilliwack, says, in a letter just to hand: "We are now in the midst of our salmon fishing season, and I suppose there are not less than 4,000 Indians engaged at the seventeen canneries. A great number of these are from Vancouver Island, both east and west coasts. We reach about 1,000 with the Auka-me-num language, the balance with Chinook."

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REV. J. E. HOPPER, Langvale, Man., in sending an order for missionary supplies, adds the following sentence, which speaks volumes when read in the light of the Master's words: "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." "We are having a blessed revival of religion, and many have sought the Saviour."

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IN a recent letter from the Rev. Jos. Hall, Chairman of the Victoria District, British Columbia Conference, are the following words of encouragement: "No part of our work in British Columbia, whether among whites or Indians, is more successful than that among the Chinese. It is intensely interesting and cheering."

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THE election of members of the first Japanese National Diet took place on July 1st. Returns are now all in, with one or two exceptions, and the political complexion of the body may be declared with some degree of accuracy. The Liberal party, under the leadership of Count Okuma, has 64 representatives. The different sections of Radicals, will number 116; while the Conservatives can count only 18. There will be at least 10 Christians in the Diet, one in thirty.

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*The Gospel in all Lands*, for August, has a number of interesting articles treating on Methodism in Italy, Bulgaria and Germany; also a concise account of the Missionary Conference, held in Shanghai, China. Published for the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Hunt & Eaton, Fifth Avenue and 20th Street, New York. Price \$1.50 a year.