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The General Assembly met in Ottawa last year under the shadow of a great sorrow. Information had just been received of the death of Dr. G. L. MacKay, our pioneer missionary in Formosa, whose labors in that far distant island had been so fruitful. Soon after the Assembly closed its sessions, we were startled by the tidings of the sudden death of one who had taken part in its deliberations, Dr. A. B. McKay, of Crescent Street church, Montreal, one of the foremost preachers in the country. On the first Sabbath of the new year, our congregations all over the land, met to commemorate the Saviour's death, and to give expression to their gratitude to God for His goodness to us as a Church. On the day preceding that Sabbath, our heroic Superintendent of Northwest missions, Dr. Robertson, who had done more than most other men to build up the church, was called home. Two months later, Dr. Laing, of Dundas, the first convener of our Western Home Mission Committee, and one who had rendered signal service in many directions, was summoned to his reward; and, only the other day we paid our last tribute to the memory of Principal Grant, whose contagious optimism and magnetic personality made him so great a power in the Church and country, and