

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As many congregations make their annual contributions for Foreign missions about this time, we desire to call their attention to the work which they are called to support. The foreign work of our church, though yet in its infancy, is growing, and it is important that the staff of labourers should be speedily increased.

Among the Indians of the North-west, we have the same number of labourers as last year. The vacancy left in the Prince Albert mission, by the lamented death of our first and oldest missionary, Rev. James Nisbet, has been filled, in the meantime, by the appointment of Rev. H. McKellar, who is now in charge of the work at that point. He is assisted by Mr. John Mackay, as interpreter and missionary catechist. Mr. Geo. Flett continues to labour with encouragement among the Indians in the neighbourhood of Fort Pelly.

In Central India, Misses Rodger and Fairweather are labouring under the care and direction of the missionaries of the American Presbyterian church, but they are supported entirely by the Canada Presbyterian church. From letters received, they appear to be encouraged in their work, and to be finding an open door of usefulness among the women and children of India. The missionaries of the American Presbyterian church urge us strongly to send an ordained missionary to Central India, and point out for us an important field which is waiting to be occupied. It is very desirable that the funds may be in such a position next June that the church shall, immediately after the union, find itself in a position to undertake such a work.

In China, we have now two ordained missionaries, as Dr. J. B. Fraser has, we doubt not, by this time arrived. Rev. G. L. Mackay continues to labour with the most encouraging success. The letter from him in the present number of the "Record," indicates that the Lord is still blessing his devoted labours. It is very hopeful to find that he has already gathered round him a goodly staff of converted Chinese, who are efficient mission workers among their countrymen. The field in the Island of Formosa is manifestly ripe for mission work. The Foreign Mission Committee are anxious to send a third ordained missionary to that field as soon as they can find a suitable minister, who is prepared to undertake the work. Several attempts have been made to secure such a labourer, but as yet without success. We have no doubt ere long we shall be in a position to increase our staff at Formosa. If the funds are supplied, we do not believe that the men will be denied to us.

WM. McLAREN, *Convener.*

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 THE SCRIPTURAL MODE OF BAPTISM.

To know this we must examine, not human writings, heathen or Christian, but the Word of God. If it does not teach any mode, no mode is binding. If it teaches a mode, that we are bound to adopt. According to our version, some of those baptised went down into, and came up out of the water, and were baptised in Jordan. These expressions are not equivalent to "went down under the water," "came up from under the water," "baptised under Jordan;" and therefore the passages where these expres-