

ORDINATION OF DR. J. B. FRASER.

On the evening of Tuesday, 15th ult., the ordination of the Rev. J. B. Fraser, M.D., as a medical missionary to labour in the Island of Formosa, took place in Gould Street Church, Toronto. Besides the members of the Presbytery of Toronto, there were present several members of the Foreign Mission Committee, and others, including Rev. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, and Rev. R. D. Fraser, of Cookstown, the father and brother of the missionary. The Rev. J. G. Robb, B.A., of Cooke's Church, preached and presided. Mr. Robb preached an appropriate and able sermon from James v. 16—"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." He spoke first of the power of prayer, and secondly of the prayer of power, describing the quality of acceptable and effectual prayer. Mr. Robb afterwards put to Dr. Fraser the prescribed questions, which having been answered, the ordination prayer was offered by Rev. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, the father of the missionary. Rev. Prof. McLaren, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, then addressed in very appropriate terms the newly-ordained missionary. At the conclusion of his address he presented Dr. Fraser, on the part of the Foreign Mission Committee, with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and also with a copy for Mrs. Fraser, referring to the self-denial of the wives of the missionaries, and to the importance of the labours which devolve on them. Principal Cavan addressed the congregation, pointing out the necessity of the Church making greater efforts for the prosecution of missionary work, urging a higher measure of liberality on the part of the members of the Church, and exhorting them with their contributions to offer up their prayers to God for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. The meeting was one of great interest. Dr. Fraser and his work, we doubt not, will be remembered by many who were present at this ordination and by others.

FOREIGN MISSION OF CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee met in Toronto on the 15th and 16th September.

The following pieces of business were duly considered and transacted :

I. Arrangements were made for Dr. J. B. Fraser's visiting congregations within the bounds of the Durham Presbytery, in the interest of the Foreign Mission, for a week previous to his going to China.

II. After lengthened and solemn deliberation, the committee instructed the convener, in its name, to call Mr. A. Gilray, a licentiate of the Church, to become a missionary to China. In the event of Mr. Gilray accepting the call, it is hoped that he would be able to proceed with Dr. Fraser to the Island of Formosa ; and with that view, the Convener was authorized to arrange with the Hamilton Presbytery for his ordination as soon as possible.

III. Instructions were given to Rev. Mr. McKay, of Formosa, to secure a suitable site for a missionary's house on the Island of Formosa ; and he and Dr. Fraser were authorized to proceed with the erection of mission premises, as soon after his (Dr. F.'s) arrival on the island as practicable, due regard being had to comfort and economy.

IV. Dr. Fraser was authorized to procure certain medical books which, it was believed, would be of great importance to him in his field of labor.

V. Letters and telegrams were read from the Saskatchewan and the Red River, informing the committee that, owing to the very delicate state of Mrs. Nesbit's health, Mr. Nesbit had felt it necessary to remove her to