

lay hold of the abundance of life and strength there was in Christ for her. This lesson she is still trying to learn, and the better she learns it the happier she grows.

Dear little children, there is so much to be learned in Christ's school—you have no idea how earnest his young scholars need to be. But he is very, very patient with the stupid ones. If they have really given themselves to him, if they are really willing to be his, he will teach them to pray, and he will teach them to love and study his word, and so they will learn to keep his commandments and to do those things that are pleasing in his sight. He will lead them "in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

Dear little folk, "seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon while he is near." He has specially said, "They that seek me early shall find me."

Remember too, and never be afraid to trust each word of his. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away."

### The Death of Andrew Pattullo.

A few days ago, I received from Miss E. P. Robson of Laurier, Scotland, a letter in which she spoke of the circumstance above mentioned. She said that it had greatly startled and grieved her and her brothers, of whom there are two. No wonder. He was a cousin of theirs. His mother was a Jean Robson. Her father and mother, and all their sons and daughters, except her brother George, came to Canada. My parents and they were well acquainted in "the old country." George studied for the ministry. His parents were not able to pay his expenses while so engaged, so he had to support himself. He "shore" in the "har'st," to make a little money to help him in his studies in the Divinity Hall. My mother, her brother, and at least one of her sisters, wrought along with him. Many of the reapers said that when my aunt referred to, came near him, he smiled most graciously. But "it was not to be." He was fully fifty years, the United Presbyterian minister of Laurier—the only charge in which he ever was.

For some time George's sister, with her husband Halkett Pattullo and their family lived in Blenheim, Ont., a short distance from Drumbo. They attended the Rev. Mr. Gillespie's church. When he went to Ireland to get himself a lady partner, I was appointed his successor for the time being. Mr. Pattullo had been dead then several years. I staid with Mrs. Pattullo and family. My home there was to me a most pleasant one. I often saw young Andrew who was then a little boy, going to school with a sister of his, a little girl. No one ever supposed that he would pass from time into eternity as he did. It is well for us that we do not know all our future.

Poor Andrew Pattullo has gone to where his character and state are eternally fixed. We don't know whether he was prepared for the great change or not. Hugh Miller the famous stone mason, and editor of the "Edinburgh Witness," took his own life. Shortly before, he said that his brain felt as if it were on fire. We have no proof that Andrew Pattullo was affected in a like way. We must, therefore, leave him with the Lord. "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?" But we cannot refrain from saying, "Let me not die his death; let not my end be like his."

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### Foreign Mission Committee Notes.

The F. M. C. met on the 19th inst., and dealt with matters that have arisen since the last meeting as well as with estimates for next twelve months.

Formosa is becoming an object of interest to other missions, now that the Japanese are in authority and increasing in numbers. Letters were read from London and New York looking towards such a union in Formosa as has taken place in Japan amongst the Presbyterian Mission churches.

In Honan the work is expanding and encouraging. As usual, the Presbytery desires the occupation of other points, not yet entered upon. Whilst doors stand open the temptation is to go in and take possession. Some day it may not be as easy as now.

Miss Agnes I. Dickson, has been appointed first lady missionary to the Micao Mission. She will be supported by the ladies of Montreal. Miss Dickson is a graduate of Toronto University and has had two years experience in Y. W. C. A. work in Peterboro. It is probable that another lady will be appointed to accompany Miss Dickson. Such appointment has not yet been made.

Mr. W. A. Lohead a graduating student of Montreal College has been appointed to Honan. A friend has undertaken the entire support of Mr. Lohead as well as his travelling expenses to the field.

In India, the plague has not disappeared from the country, but has disappeared from our mission stations. The work will gradually get back to normal conditions. Rev. J. T. Taylor had a narrow escape. His horse became in some way affected, and went mad. He foamed and plunged until he dropped dead. In the efforts to secure him, Mr. Taylor's hands were chafed and came in contact with the poison. He immediately took treatment in the Pasteur Institute and danger is past. It seems very many require to be thus treated in India owing to bites from animals.

The F. M. C. entered into somewhat extensive correspondence in order to secure a suitable field of labor for Dr. Wilkie, in accordance with the instructions of the General Assembly and General Assembly Commission. But having been informed by Dr. Wilkie that he could not accept such appointment, the Committee adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas the Committee, having in obedience to the instructions of the General Assembly and of the Commission of Assembly, made strenuous efforts to secure for Dr. Wilkie some suitable field in connection with the Foreign Mission work, has not been able to find for him a suitable field among the existing Mission fields of the church. And whereas Dr. Wilkie has informed the Committee that an appointment to a Mission field under the control of a sister church, even though he should be supported in it by this church, would not be accepted by him. The Committee is constrained to reconsider the question of opening a new field in Central India where Dr. Wilkie might be allowed to work independently of his brethren now in the Central India Mission. And the Committee having fully reconsidered the whole position of our Mission in India, as well as the other interests intrusted to the care of the Committee, again resolves that it is not in the best interests of the church that a new Mission should be established in In-

dia, and reports to the Assembly that the Committee is unable to secure for Dr. Wilkie any suitable field in connection with the Foreign Mission work of the church."

Dr. Warden stated that whilst the receipts for Foreign Missions to date, are nearly the same as at this date last year, yet that the expenditures are so far beyond last year, a large deficit can be avoided only by very largely increased contributions before the end of February. Unless such extra contributions are forthcoming. Dr. Warden predicts a deficit of \$28 000.

Rev. R. A. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell left for China this week. Just before leaving Mr. Mitchell was cheered by the announcement that Central Church, Galt, had adopted him as their missionary. Other churches are considering a similar step, which will be good for the churches and missionaries and general funds.

### Notes from the West.

The week of prayer was duly kept, generally throughout the west. Attendance fair, and interest manifested by those in attendance, good.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the young men of St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg, was held in the lecture room of the church for the purpose of discussing the advisability of forming a young men's organization. Those present showed great interest in the movement, and after considerable discussion it was decided to organize under the name of the St. Andrew's Young Men's Union.

Winnipeg is arranging to build a church for what is now known as Dufferin Avenue Mission. Elmwood another suburb of Winnipeg is also having a Sunday School and evening services, and are looking for a church site. Norwood another part of the city is also saying they have 25 Presbyterian families, and services began with the new year. A church site is being looked for.

Rev. A. F. Smith, of Oakville has asked the Church and Manse Building fund for a loan of \$500 to assist in the building of a church at Mill Creek, to cost \$1 300, and another grant of \$600 to assist in the building of a church at St. Andrew's, Salem, to cost \$1 100. Both applications were approved and ordered to be sent to the church and manse board.

The regular annual meeting held at Roland and Myrtle showed finances in good condition. Church givings this year better than ever before. At both meetings Rev. F. J. Hartley, pastor, gave his lecture on "People I met Abroad." Music was supplied by members of the church and the ladies prepared and served a sumptuous lunch. Both churches have provided a new Sabbath School Library this last year.

There was a fair attendance at Morden K. O. church annual meeting. The reports showed all the societies in a flourishing condition. The Ladies' Aid Society have over \$600 to the good. The congregation after paying all demands has a balance on hand of \$89. Instructions were given to purchase a good organ, the committee being already appointed. The Sunday School is in a good position the average attendance being 165, number on roll 223, contributions to schemes of the church \$45. Paid on library \$50, which has now 720 volumes.

Many people would make greater headway in the world if they would attend to their own business.