

A REMARKABLE PETITION.—A petition from Mysore was received a short time ago, in England, addressed, "To all the societies of wise gentlemen in England," asking that a school may be established there, in which the English language may be taught. Three thousand three hundred and forty names were appended to this petition, in eight languages. Mysore is not nominally under British rule; those who petition are Hindus and Mussulmen; they petition in behalf of all the inhabitants of the city; the petition is forwarded by a missionary, and they understand well that, if a school shall be established, it will be conducted on Christian principles. What a change, it shows, is taking place in the feelings of the people of India in respect both to education and to Christianity.

A MISSIONARY MEETING IN NEW ZEALAND.—At a missionary meeting in New Zealand held in the open air, on account of the numbers present, very many were provided with good and capacious tents, and all were remarkably well dressed in European costume. Twelve native teachers and three chiefs addressed the audience, and a collection was taken amounting to about \$240. One individual present proposed that these meetings be discontinued, but the people, on its being referred to them, exclaimed with a hearty voice, No, never. When we give up our missionary collections, we shall have renounced Christianity.

MISSION PRESS IN CEYLON.—Since the Establishment of the press in the mission of the Board in Ceylon, upwards of one hundred and sixty-six millions of pages have been printed.

A CHINESE ALMANAC.—An Almanac has been issued by the immigrants in China, in which the year is divided into weeks, and each Sabbath is duly marked as a day of worship. The distinction of lucky days, and the calculation of destiny with which Chinese works of this kind are filled, are rejected from it on the ground that "times and seasons are at the disposal of our Heavenly Father, and he who piously performs his duty will at all times enjoy the divine protection."

LEUNG AYA.—Leung Aya, the first Chinese convert, is still actively engaged in the service of his Master. He is, says one who recently heard him, very earnest and happy when addressing his countrymen on the subject of the great salvation.

THE NEW TESTAMENT FOR CHINA.—The British and Foreign Bible Society has resolved to print, with the least possible delay, a million copies of the New Testament for circulation in China.

A REINFORCEMENT FOR CHINA.—The London Missionary Society is making strenuous efforts to add at least ten new labourers to the present number of its missionaries in China.

CONGREGATIONALISM IN NEW ENGLAND.—In the New England States there are 1,378 Congregational churches, 1,530 ministers, and 164,600 members; 3,694 were added the past year.

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TORONTO, MARCH, 1854.

THE TORONTO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Jennings, has paid off one hundred and nineteen pounds of debt on church property within the last four months; and has had added fifty-five members during the last nine months.

ORDINATION AND CALL.—The following notices we take from the *Huron Signal* of Feb. 16th, sent for insertion:—

The Presbytery of London met at Harpurhy, in the United Presbyterian Church there on Tuesday, the 14th inst., and after Divine service by the Rev. Mr. Logie, proceeded to the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Barr, to the ministry and pastoral charge of the United Presbyterian Church at McKillop, lately presided over by the Rev. Mr. McKinnis. The Rev. Mr. Caran ably and very impressively charged the members and congregation on the relations between a minister and his congregation. A Solenne took place the same evening, which was well attended, and passed off very pleasantly.

We are happy to learn that the Rev. J. A. Devine, A. M., has received and accepted an unanimous call from the United Presbyterian Congregation at Goderich.

On the 27th February, the United Presbyterian congregation of Esquewaug, invited, by a unanimous call, the Rev. Robert Torrance of Guelph, to be their pastor.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, IN CONNEXION WITH THE U. P. CHURCH, HAMILTON,

HAMILTON, 19th January, 1854.

Agreeably to intimation, the annual meeting of the Missionary Society was held this evening. Mr. Thomas Fotheringham was called upon to act as Secretary.

The Committee's Secretary, Mr. John Y. Reid, read the following report:

In presenting their fourth annual report, your Committee would desire to express their gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, for the increase of success with which he has heretofore blessed their labours; but while grateful to God for the past, they are yet sensible that the missionary zeal of the congregation has not been sufficiently called forth, since nearly as much money, as at present, was collected for missions when the church was not one half its present size, and they, therefore, hope that their successors in office will be stimulated to still greater efforts, in the cause of their common Master. Your Committee are thoroughly persuaded, that the spiritual prosperity of a church is intimately connected with its missionary operations—that churches, in a larger sense than individual christians, are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, and that the command is just as obligatory as at the first announcement—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature;"—they would therefore call upon the members of the church to increased liberality in the work of missions, and would express an ardent hope, that the next year may be characterized with greater and much more sustained effort than the past.

The congregation has been divided into five districts, and a collector has been appointed for each. They have laboured with diligence and fidelity in the good cause, and it is chiefly to them, that your Society is indebted, under God, for its success.

Your Committee have to report that there has been collected during the past year, the sum of twenty-five pounds seven shillings.

Your Committee would recommend that the missionary collections should be applied to ameliorate the spiritual condition of the province, and that it be appropriated to the following objects:—

Theological Library, in connexion with the U. P. Church, Canada	£10 0 0
Theological Institute, do	5 0 0
French Canadian Mission	5 0 0
Synod Missions	5 7 0

£25 7 0

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend the cause of missions to the sympathies and prayers of the congregation, and they would remind them of the honor and rich spiritual blessings which result from being workers together with God. May the kingdoms of the earth soon become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ, and may the predicted period soon arrive, when the days of heaven shall be on earth, and when all flesh together shall behold the salvation of our God.

The report was adopted, and agreed that the monies collected during the last year be allotted as recommended in the Committee's report.

J. Y. R.

ELORA, 20th February, 1854.

MR. EDITOR,—

The Annual Meeting of the Juvenile Bible and Missionary Society, held on the evening of the 7th inst., in Knox's Church, was opened with praise, prayer, and a short address by myself. John Keith, Esq., in the chair. The Report having been read and adopted—office-bearers chosen—the money voted—new subscriptions taken, and a very suitable and encouraging address given by Mr. Wilson, Teacher, Irvine—the meeting was closed with the benediction.

JOHN DUFF.

First Annual Report of the Juvenile Bible and Missionary Society, in connection with the United Presbyterian Church, Elora, for the year ending February 7, 1854.

Your Committee, in reporting as their efforts in support of the above named Institution, with the management of which you entrusted them during the past year, have great pleasure in recording the flourishing state of the Society: It has prospered far beyond their most sanguine expectations, and the fact that we have now 107 members on our list, given ample proof of its prosperity. Your committee have great pleasure in recording the "noble efforts" of the members. They seem to have taken seriously and earnestly to the good work, and have been very successful in the collecting, of small sums it is true, but given, as we believe, freely, and with the sincere prayer, that their efforts may be increased an hundred fold.

Your committee would here take the liberty of proposing a "motto," to be adopted as the motto of this Society, (as indeed it ought to be of every missionary society,) "Freely have we received of the Gospel, freely let us give." The gospel of Christ has been given to us freely and fully, consequently, we are only acting in the spirit of its doctrine, in taking these words as our onward cry in the spread of the Gospel.

In conclusion, they have only to state that it now rests with you to dispose of the funds on hand, (amounting to £25 1s. 1½d.) to whatever mis-