

Your Committee think that the success which has already attended the commencement of the work in Formosa is a loud call to go forward. They do not hesitate to express the conviction that the Church will not be faithful to its privileges and responsibilities at this juncture, if a cordial response is not made to this appeal from your missionary. They are of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to secure another missionary, a medical one, if possible, but in any case, a second missionary to co-operate with Mr. Mackay.

Your Committee are happy to say that the finances are in a favorable position, as the following statement of receipts and expenditure for the year will show :

1872-73.	
Balance from last year.....	\$1,902 69
Received during the year	10,522 35
	\$12,425 07
EXPENDITURE.	
On account of British Columbia.....	\$ 722 50
" China.....	1,132 01
" Saskatchewan.....	4,804 50
" Misses Rodger and Fairweather	161 41
" Expenses of Com. and Con.....	104 09
Proportion of General Expenses.....	\$180
" Agent's Salary	200
	380 00
Balance on hand.....	5,120 56
	\$12,425 07

Last year the total receipts reported from all sources were \$11,212.32, while this year they are only \$10,522 35, or \$689 94 less. This decrease, however is only apparent. In the receipts of 1871-72 there is included a legacy, and special contributions for Mr. Mackay's outfit &c., amounting in all to \$1168. The ordinary revenue reported last year was \$10,043 83, and this year it is \$10,522 35, or an increase of \$478 55. This advance in the contributions is the more satisfactory as no special efforts were made during the year to increase the Foreign fund, while very energetic efforts were made to direct the liberality of the Church more largely into other channels. The previous year similar efforts were made by the Foreign Mission Committee which resulted in an augmentation of the ordinary fund to the extent of \$4,000 00. This year your Committee have to report that the ground gained financially, the previous year has been held and a step in advance made. It may be well to mention that the very satisfactory balance of \$5,120 50, on hand, is in no respect greater than will be absolutely necessary in view of the work which your Committee trust will be undertaken during the year. The contributions for the Foreign Mission Fund usually come in towards the close of the ecclesiastical year, and unless there is a considerable sum on hand, at the time of the meeting of the General Assembly the Committee is compelled, in order to carry on its work to borrow, long before the new contributions replenish the treasury.

In conclusion your Committee beg to offer to the General Assembly the following recommendations which we trust will meet with approval, viz:—

1. That the Foreign Mission Committee be instructed to select and send out to China, a second Missionary.
2. That the Foreign Mission Committee be directed when they have obtained sufficient information for their guidance, to select a field of labor for the young women at present studying in Ottawa, and to make such arrangements as they may deem expedient for their employment in the foreign field, and that the instructions of last Assembly, in reference to the securing of female co-operation in support of this department of the work be continued.