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Miss Graham and Mrs. Malcolm.

THE news reported in our last issue that Miss Lucinda Graham, M.D., died of cholera and Mrs. Dr. Malcolm of peritonitis, came with startling suddenness, and brought profound sorrow to multitudes who have been taking an interest in their work. We understand that Mrs. Malcolm had not been in good health for some time, having had a severe attack of small-pox during the summer, but that Miss Graham never suffered any inconvenience from the change of climate, has always been in perfect health, and the more on that account is this intelligence a painful surprise. It was in the fall of 1892, that Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm, Miss Graham, Rev. W. Harvey Grant and Rev. Wm. Gauld and Mrs. Gauld left Toronto together for the mission field. Mr. and Mrs. Gauld went to Formosa, where they have been laboring with much encouragement, and in the enjoyment of good health. The rest of the party joined the mission in Honan, and have since shared the toils of that most difficult field. So these two young lady missionaries went forth together and were called away within a few days of each other, Miss Graham having died on the 13th of October, and Mrs. Malcolm on the 21st. In life they were pleasant and in death not divided. Their term of service was brief—stricken down in the midst of their days—but the term of service has often been remarkably brief for God's most honored servants. Well is it with all who go forth at the call of duty 'committing their lives unto Him, *in well doing*, as unto a faithful Creator." Life will not to such close any too soon. When the youthful Adam McAll went to the region of the Congo, and was stricken with disease ere he had fairly begun his work, his prayer was "Lord, Thou knowest that I consecrate my life to preaching the Gospel in Africa, if now Thou doest take me, instead of the work I purposed to give Thee, what is that to me? Thy will be done." So gladly went the obedient servant into the presence of his Lord. Thus have our sisters in Honan been taken instead of the service they had hoped to offer unto Him whom their souls loved, and have already received the joyous welcome into His presence, where there is fullness of joy. It is surely a life and death to be coveted! Wisely did the mother of the Wesley's say, when her sons were in America, missionaries to the Indians, "If I had twenty sons I would gladly give them all to that work if I should never see them again." Although Miss Graham's life has been cut short, yet through her medical skill, she was of service to the Chinese, although only acquiring a know-

ledge of the language and after many days the seed sown will spring forth. Indeed it is not possible for Christian women filled with the Spirit of Christ to live amongst and gently minister as they can to these crushed and loveless lives, without having an influence for good. It may never be traced by us, but it is known to Him who will recognize and reward their contribution to the world's redemption.

The whole staff in Honan has been severely tried and need the warmest sympathy of the Church. It has been a long and desperate struggle and they have never turned their backs upon the enemy, they have shown themselves to be possessed of the heroic spirit that is the glory of missionary annals. In the records of no other department of life's history can so much be seen of patient endurance, of persistent hopefulness, of unflinching courage, as in missionary biography. They strive not for a perishable crown, and under the inspiration of their Captain, press in for the joy that is set before them. We congratulate our Honan missionaries on their noble service, and unite with the whole Church in our expressions of sympathy with them and with all sorrowing friends in this present bereavement. There can be no doubt as to the future. The ranks will be filled by others who are ready to take up the work laid down, and in the end His Kingdom will come and His Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Mr. Moody's Visit.

Next week (D V.) Mr. D. L. Moody will open his course of meetings in Toronto. They are earnestly looked forward to and prayers for blessing ascend to the throne from many loving, anxious hearts. Two references to these meetings appeared side by side in the press on Tuesday which may be emphasized. One was in connection with the meeting of the Ministerial Association at which Rev. Dr. McTavish read a paper describing the preparation for the revival. He said that God had laid his hand on Mr. Moody and had fitted him for the special work in which he was engaged. A great many people would take no interest in meetings and the question of how to reach them would only be solved by the coming of the spirit of God; the other was a communication from Mr. Treble the Secretary-Treasurer of the meetings calling attention to the need of funds and giving a list of people who had already subscribed the small amount of \$180. Bearing Dr. McTavish's apt words in mind there should be no difficulty in obtaining the necessary funds. Let the Christian public act liberally in this matter, and relieve the committee of any anxiety. Hand in hand, by prayer, by faith and by work, let those who care for souls help to make the visit one of a real revival.

Home Mission Fund.

The Home Mission Committee has issued through its energetic convener, Rev. Dr. Cochrane, a circular to Presbyteries, showing the requirements for the year 1894-95. A larger expenditure calls for larger revenue and Presbyteries are urged to liberality. The two features of the work laid special stress upon are, the requirements of some parts of British Columbia where the people, having lost their all by the floods, have been unable to meet their share of the missionaries' salaries; and the help needed in the North-West on account of the unexpected failure of the crops in districts hitherto