

VI. Ministers' 'Widows' and Orphans' Fund:—Upwards of 150 annuitants look chiefly to this fund for their support, and yet the average annuity is not more than \$150 a year.

VII. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund:—93 ministers participated in the benefit of the fund last year—the average annuity being only \$180. The amount asked by the Committees this year from the congregations is \$20,000. The proposed endowment fund is hastening to completion very slowly. A few thousands given for this purpose will be a good investment and very acceptable.

VIII. The Assembly Fund:—The annual expenses of the General Assembly for printing and other purposes is about \$5,000.

The Missionary Outlook.

"The hard times," have had the effect of lessening the contributions of the congregations during the past year, but our Home and Foreign missions. The Evangelistic work, however, of the committees has in no wise been curtailed; on the contrary, it has been enlarging. Hence the call for increased liberality during the current year.

As will be seen from the accompanying Chart, a few changes have taken place in the *personnel* of our Foreign mission staff. Miss Lucinda Graham, M.D. and Mrs. Malcolm of the Honan mission died at their posts in October last. Miss Sinclair has taken Miss Archibald's place in Trinidad. Miss McWilliams has retired from Central India and Miss Kate Campbell has gone out in her stead. Rev. S. A. Fraser has succeeded Mr. Coffin at San Fernando, and Rev. J. A. Slimmon formerly of the China Inland mission has joined the Honan Presbytery. Mr. J. J. Thompson, M.D., has entered on his work as a Missionary to the Chinese in Eastern Canada, with headquarters at Montreal.

An unprecedentedly large number of our Foreign Missionaries were home on furlough last year, mostly on account of sickness, and it is deemed best that those from China should not hasten their return during the present unsettled state of the country, which, among other misfortunes, has had the effect of intensifying in many districts the "anti-foreign sentiment," that has not unfrequently threatened the lives of our own and other missionaries in that country. The annual reports from the various missionary fields are all of an encouraging nature. "In due season we shall reap if we faint not."

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