

Our Foreign Missions.

Help for the East. Rev. R. P. Mackay, the secretary of the F.M. Com. W. D. writes, "There is a deficit in the F.M. Fund of the Eastern section of over \$9,000. It is proposed that the Western section should help them in wiping out this debt. That plucky little church that led the Presbyterian Church in Canada into Mission work deserves help and no doubt will get it."

Well done West, 'twill be a goodly act. In the East the spirit indeed is willing, but—well—the Exodus is not strengthening the church. They are doing more than ever before for missions, but the enforced growth of the work makes yearly increasing demands and the debt remains. By a practical word of cheer in the way of timely help, courage will be given to attack and clear out that debt. Blessings on the conception of such a helpful idea and still more on its fulfilment.

Cannibals in the New Hebrides. Rev. J. W. Mackenzie, our missionary on Efate, New Hebrides, in a recent letter, writes as follows:—

"The number of 'cannibals without any knowledge of the gospel,' unreachable by the present agencies may be set down roughly at about 20,000. But if we had a sufficient number of native teachers to settle out, the number would be less. No one knows anything *accurately* of the population of the group, it may be 60,000, but it may be less. Of these, 40,000 may be reckoned in what the missionaries regard their districts."

By this it will be seen that the number in the group unreached by the present agencies is very much smaller than is sometimes represented, and, that one great agency needed to still further extend the work, is native teachers. Many of these have already gone from their own to other islands to assist missionaries in opening up new stations, but more are needed, and are being trained for their work as fast as can be done.

A Chaplain for Mhow. Mhow, one of our mission centres in India, is also a British military post and our missionary there, Mr. Russell, has been performing the duties of chaplain. He finds this too heavy a task in addition to the other work pressing upon him, and the General Assembly has decided to appoint a chaplain. The intention is to appoint one whose first duty will be to attend to the duties of the chaplaincy, and beyond that as far as time and strength will allow, to assist in the work of the Mission. There is a salary attached to the chaplaincy, by endowment, which will in large measure pay the salary and make the appointment a very slight expense to the church. It is an important appointment and it is hoped that very soon a man will be found who can fill the place effectively.

Mr. Kenneth MacLennan Is to go to Honan and is to be ordained by the Maitland Presbytery at an early date. He will first visit his parents in Scotland whom he has not seen for eight years.

Dr. Oliver. Marion Oliver, M.D., who is home in furlough, appeared before the F.M. Committee at Brantford and was cordially welcomed, and it was agreed that she should do no work until September, and, after that, she will do work under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board. Their desire is that when her furlough ends she may not be more tired than when she came home which is sometimes the case with our missionaries.

Difficulties Dr. Margaret O'Hara, writing from **afield.** Indore to a friend, says:—Great grace is needed in India. The home people cannot understand our difficulties. In one sense we have not the trials which early missionaries endured, nor persecutions like our missionaries in China; yet we feel day by day that we are working against fearful odds. We are fighting Satan on his own ground, superstition, idolatry, and all kinds of evil. The life of a missionary is one of constant giving out, and no outside earthly helps from which to get strength.

Did you ever think how much help such meetings as the W.F.M.S. prayer meeting and the regular church service are to you? True, we have these in a sense, but they are all held in a language not our own and thus far, even if I can understand the words, I lose the sentiment.

But notwithstanding all, I am happy in the work and love it very much. I am thankful that God has called me to be a co-laborer with Him in winning India for Christ."

Our Mission in India. The Report of this mission for the past year has just come to hand. Work is carried on in five centres, Mhow, Indore, Ujjain, Rutlam and Neemuch. The staff at Mhow, consists of Rev. N. H. Russell and Mrs. Russell, Miss J. Ross, and Miss W. Frazer, M.D.; at Indore, Rev. J. Wilkie, and Mrs. Wilkie, Miss J. V. Sinclair, and Drs. Marion Oliver and Margaret O'Hara; at Ujjain, of Rev. J. Buchanan, M.D., and Mrs. Buchanan, M.D.; at Rutlam, Rev. J. Fraser Campbell and Mrs. Campbell; at Neemuch, Rev. W. J. Jamieson, Miss Jamieson, and Dr. Margaret MacKellar.

The statistical table is not quite complete, but the school returns show nearly fifteen hundred scholars at Sabbath school in four of these stations. The medical work shows a total of nearly fifty eight thousand treatments during the year, and is one of the best ways of winning the confidence of the people and preparing the way for the message of life, which the medical missionaries, following the example of Christ when he healed, always make it their aim to give.