

obliging Agent at Toronto, the Rev. William Reid, will be happy to furnish collecting cards, such as we refer to, gratis on application.

A FRUITFUL HIVE.—Last month, under this heading, we gave the names of fifteen ministers who emanated from a single congregation in Pictou County, N. S., in the course of 33 years. Taking us at our word, the Rev. W. P. Walker, of Ancaster, has since furnished us with the names of a much larger number of ministers, hailing from the small village of Lochwinnoch in Renfrewshire, Scotland, during less than 30 years, of whom 10 belong to the Established Church, 8 to the Free Church, besides a number of others not classified. We must admit that Lochwinnoch is a most fruitful hive.

CORRECTION.—When speaking of "the United Presbyterian Church in Canada," it was stated in the first number of the RECORD that, of "those who had to do with the formation of the Synod, the venerable Dr. Taylor, of Montreal, is now the sole survivor." It affords us pleasure to be informed that the Rev. William Fraser, of Bondhead, is also one of the surviving Fathers of that Church, and one, too, who, as Clerk of Synods and Assemblies since 1848, has shouldered a great deal of the hard work of the church.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Toronto, 10th February, 1876.

EDITOR RECORD.

As many congregations make their annual missionary appropriations about this season, we desire once more to call attention to the claims of Foreign Missions. An additional labourer for the Saskatchewan Mission has been secured in the person of Mr. Thompson who, in the spring, proceeds to that field, in the double capacity of a teacher and missionary Catechist. From the high character for ability, prudence and zeal which Mr. Thompson bears, there is the best ground for con-

fidence that he will prove a valuable accession to our mission Staff. In India and China, the Committee have decided to make a forward movement, trusting to the liberality of the Church to supply the funds. A third missionary must be sent to China, and we are glad to say there is a prospect that a labourer will be soon found for that exceedingly promising field. We also decided to send one or two missionaries to Central India. Two should, if possible, be sent to initiate the work there. The field is open and most inviting. India and China are both expensive mission fields. But when we remember that more than half of the human race is found in these two countries, surely the expense will not be allowed to deter us from going in and seeking to win their perishing millions for Christ.

We are happy to say that the appeal which we made in January has already met in various quarters with a very encouraging response. Erskine Church, Montreal, which has always taken a deep interest in the work, has sent \$1000.00 as its annual contribution to the Foreign Mission Fund. Several country congregations have also sent liberal contributions. Mr. Joseph McKay of your city, who last year made a tour round the world, and who inspected Foreign Mission work in many fields on his way, has sent us a donation of \$1000. to the Fund. His letter which I append, will I am sure be read with interest, and I trust many more will emulate his noble example.

WM. McLAREN,

Convener of Western Section.

Montreal, 26th Jan'y., 1876.

Rev. Professor McLaren,

My dear Sir.—I have read with much interest your letter in the RECORD on the Foreign Missions of our Church. My interest has naturally been much increased by what I saw recently in Japan, China and India, of the missionaries, their devoted zeal and degree of success which has attended their labours in their Master's work. I feel the necessity of the work and the great need of more labourers and of increased liberal support of the cause by our people. With the view of helping forward this good work, I enclose as a donation and thank-offering, one thousand dollars towards the Foreign Mission Fund of our Church. I like the idea of raising a thank-offering as a recognition of our