

at Tamsui is doing a noble work. 1938 patients had received medical treatment during the year. The Oxford College had been completed—a symmetrical brick building, with lecture rooms and dormitories for twenty or thirty students, and not only was there accommodation for students, but there were twenty students under instruction in the new college. Reference was made to Dr. Mackay's recent visit to the east side of the Island of Formosa, inhabited by aboriginal tribes. Thirty-six villages were visited, with the amazing result that,—"Fully one thousand have thrown away their idols and wish to be taught Christianity." Dr. Mackay is building six churches for these people—the legacy of a young lady who died lately in Ottawa was used to build three of these churches. Six preachers were to be appointed immediately. At present there are twenty-six stations with chapels in which religious services are conducted by native assistants. One hundred and forty had been baptized during the year. There was not much to report from India. The work however is being faithfully prosecuted and not without some good results. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Wilkie each reported twelve baptisms during the year. Mr. Joseph Builder, a graduate of Toronto University and of Knox College has accepted an appointment to join the mission staff in Central India, and proceeds to his destination in a short time. Mr. Taylor who had accepted a similar appointment some time ago was constrained to abandon the proposal by medical advice. Miss Isabella Ross had received a hearty welcome from the missionaries at Indore, and it was expected that Miss Rodger, absent on furlough, would return soon. The receipts for the year, including balance from last year of \$11,000, were \$51,202.45. The balance in the Treasurer's hands is \$17,858.65. This seeming plethora will be all spent before the month of November. No less than \$7,000 had been received from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Western Section, and upwards of \$500 more from other Presbyterian Societies conducted by the ladies. The aid of these Societies, was becoming every year more valuable. Before sitting down Dr. McLaren intimated his desire to be relieved from the onerous duties of the convenership. He had been sixteen years in that office and felt that the work was now so extensive, that he could not well devote the time to it which its importance demanded.

DR. MCGREGOR reported for the Eastern committee. With them, too, the year had been one of mingled joy and sorrow. Some of their beloved missionaries had been compelled to abandon their fields of labour through ill health, but the work itself had suffered no interruption. It was marked by continued

progress and tokens of the Divine favour at every point. Mr. Christie had left Couva, Trinidad, but he was not lost to the cause. He had gone to Jamaica where he hoped to be able to resume ministerial labours. Mr. Morton, too, the pioneer of the Trinidad Mission, had been laid aside by severe illness. But his work in the Caroni district was being carried on by Mr. Lal Bihari, a faithful and competent native ordained minister. The mission in the New Hebrides began thirty five years ago with one missionary and his wife. Now there is a staff of fifteen missionaries and their wives with a large number of native assistants. Three of the missionaries were ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and one of them, Mr. Robertson of Eromanga, was here to tell what great things the Lord had done for and by that little band of missionaries in the South Seas. The total receipts for the year by the Eastern committee were about \$15,000. The expenditure was \$1000 more, consequently they were in debt to that extent. Dr. McGregor threw out the hint, by way of pleasantry, that as the coffers of the Western treasury appeared to be overflowing they might do worse than bestow a little of their abundance upon their necessitous brethren in the East. Joking aside, we do not see why it should not be done. The Eastern committee deserve infinite credit for the ability they have displayed in procuring so large an amount as \$15,000 from so small a constituency, and for the careful manner in which this fund has been expended. While a union of organization is being talked about such a manifestation of brotherly love as the gift of \$1000 by the Western Committee to extinguish the debt in the east would be like precious ointment poured upon their heads. It would be twice blessed.

Two verses of the 126th psalm having been sung, Mr. J. K. Smith of Galt led the Assembly in earnest prayers for the blessing of God on the missions and the missionaries of the Church and for all agencies that have for their object the spread of the Gospel.

MR. GEORGE FLETT a half-breed from Okanara, N. W. T., and an ordained missionary of our Church made a very interesting statement of the condition of the Indians in the North-West, and of the efforts made to bring them to a knowledge of the Truth. He was not used, he said to speak in so grand a building as this. He had to preach to his people in a wig-i-wam and sometimes in no wig-i-wam at all. Nevertheless his simple, rugged utterances and his artless illustrations were listened to with intense interest. He seems to be a man of singular intelligence, tact, and consecration. More than once he was moved to tears and brought tears to other's eyes as he told of the poverty, the distress,