

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

(WESTERN SECTION.)

I. MISSION TO THE INDIANS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Rev. D. C. Johnson, Prince Albert.
" John Mackay, " "

Rev. George Flott, Okanase.
" Solomon Tunkansuicaye.

II. MISSION TO CHINA.

Rev. G. L. McKay, Formosa.

Rev. K. F. Junor, Formosa.
And fifteen native helpers.

III. MISSION TO CENTRAL INDIA.

Rev. J. M. Douglas, Indore.
Miss Fairweather, "
" McGregor.

Rev. J. F. Campbell, Mhow.
Miss Rodger.

In presenting to the General Assembly the usual Annual Statement of what has been accomplished on behalf of Foreign Missions by the Western Section of the Church, your Committee have nothing very striking to report. The work placed under their care has gone on much as usual. In the various fields occupied the missionaries continue to labour with fidelity and energy, and an encouraging measure of success has been granted, but no very signal achievements can be registered. It has been, on the whole, rather a time of sowing the seed than of gathering in the harvest. It is, however, matter of thankfulness that the good results already manifest in the fields in which your Committee have been operating are sufficient to make sense auxiliary to faith in grasping the assurance that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

I. MISSION TO THE INDIANS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

At Prince Albert, on the Saskatchewan, the oldest of our mission stations, two ordained missionaries have laboured during the year, viz.: Rev. Messrs. D. C. Johnson and John Mackay. Mr. Johnson has taken the general oversight of the mission interests, and has conducted the mission school with marked ability and satisfactory results. Owing to the scattered nature of the settlement and the presence in it, at no great distance, of a rival school recently established by another denomination, the attendance has not increased to any large extent, but it is quite as good as could be reasonably expected. The average has been about thirty during the year. The school has been kept open regularly, with the exception of a few weeks when, owing to the outbreak of scarlet fever in the settlement, it was found necessary to close it. The pupils have been taught the ordinary branches of a sound English education, and carefully trained in the knowledge of the Scriptures and of the shorter catechism. A considerable portion of Mr. Johnson's salary has been met by the contributions of the parents whose children attend the school. Your Committee hope that at no distant day it will be found possible, with due regard to all the interests which require to be conserved, to transfer the entire support of the school to the community more specially benefited by it. Owing to the removal of the Indians from the neighbourhood, it can no longer be regarded as to any large extent a mission agency. It is, however, doing work of great importance to the Church in the settlement; and it has been considered expedient to continue to the school a reduced grant, for at least one year, after Mr. Johnson leaves the field. The period for which he went to Prince Albert expires in autumn, and it is expected he will then return to Ontario. Rev. Donald Ross who goes out to take charge of the Home mission work at Prince Albert, and from whose presence your Committee anticipates much good, both to the Home and Foreign mission work, is very anxious to have the school continued for a time. And it is understood that when he removes to that distant out-post with his family, he will be accompanied by a lady of whose experience and ability as a teacher your Committee have had the most satisfactory testimonials. She will be prepared to take charge of the school when Mr. Johnson leaves. And for her support the Committee have agreed to make a grant for one year.