

thing tangible, possibly in the way of proclamation or punishment of the wretches. It was at first feared that the temporary success of the beggars would encourage others to try their hand. So far from this being the case, materials have even been obtained at a fairer rate than formerly. My impression is that the folks who worked up the affair entirely miscalculated as to the result. It is sad to think that our landlord is under just suspicion of a purpose to share the spoils and probably claim the lion's share. You recollect his conduct about the brick, he claimed 4,000, Mr. McVicar claimed 2,000. The landlord lately received the money for 2,000 without a murmur.

The trouble came upon us without the least warning as a thunderbolt from a clear sky, but surely not without a restraining hand of Divine love. The doings of these fiends may be seen in the South, but here, so far, God hath restrained.

Yours sincerely,

D. MCGILLIVRAY.

#### MEETING F. M. COM., EX. W. D.

**THE** Executive met on the 12th January.

Letters were read from Rev. A. B. Winchester accepting the call of the Committee to labor among the Chinese in British Columbia. Mr. Winchester appeared before the Committee and gave an interesting statement of his views in regard to the work. He proposes to visit the Missions to the Chinese which are in operation in San Francisco, and secure what information he can in regard to methods. It was agreed to ask the Presbytery to allow him to be ready to leave for his field by the beginning of April.

Applications for employment in the mission field were received from Miss Jessie Duncan of Stratford, and Miss Agnes Scott Turnbull from near Brantford, but resident in Stratford. These ladies had appeared before the Board of W.F.M. S., and a favorable report was received from the Board regarding them, and it was agreed to recommend them for appointment to the Committee when it meets.

*India.*—Minutes of Council of date Nov. 10th were read, from which it appears that the mission work is being actively prosecuted in all departments. The most notable event of recent occurrence, was the visit of the Governor-General of India to the College of Indore; his address in response to the addresses presented to him appeared in the *Mail* newspaper. The Missionaries are kept busy in their various portions of the field. The good seed of eternal life is being diligently sown, the result depends not only on their fidelity but on the prayers of the church at home on their behalf.

A minute was agreed to in reference to the retirement of Miss Rodger from mission work in

connection with our church, expressing the appreciation of the Committee of her faithful and successful labors during the long period of her service, and the high esteem in which she is held by the Committee and the church.

Letters were read from China. The following resolution was adopted by the Committee in regard to the recent experiences of our Missionaries in Honan. "The Committee in view of the information conveyed in the letters of Rev. J. H. McVicar and Rev. J. McDougall in regard to the treatment to which our Missionaries in Honan have recently been subjected, and the danger in which they have been placed, would record their thankfulness to God for their preservation in the midst of the dangers to which they have been exposed, and their sympathy with these brethren in their trials. They trust that these painful experiences through which they have passed may be overruled to the furtherance of their own faith, and of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Letters from Dr. McKay of Nov. 21st and 24th were laid before the Committee.

An application from a minister for employment in the mission field was received and favorably entertained.

Letters were read from Mr. Morton of London, and Principal Cavan, the latter expressing his willingness to have regard in his visit to Palestine to the question which is engaging the mind of the church, namely, the most suitable point at which to commence operations in that country.

The news from several of our Mission fields is of deep interest. From the oldest, the New Hebrides, comes the story of savage cruelty and treachery, which we were beginning to think of as forever passed away, and of sore domestic trials in two of the mission homes there belonging to other churches. From Trinidad news of cheering progress, of a new departure just taken at the beginning of the year, the opening of the institution for the training of a native ministry. From India come similar good tidings. The opening of the College at Indore, the visit of the Viceroy of India, Lord Landsdowne and his Lady, both so well known in Canada, and their words of helpfulness and cheer. From China come letters that tell of robbery and sore anxiety to our band of brave young missionaries there, though we are thankful to say that the danger seems for the time to have passed away. Formosa, while it chronicles no new departure, holds steadily on its upward way. Let both the adverse and the prosperous stimulate us to pray more earnestly and give more freely until all nations shall see the salvation of our God.

Those have best learned the meaning of Scripture that have learned how to apply it as a reproof to their own faults and a rule to their own practice.