

gratitude to the Scottish and Irish Churches for the generous and timely aid rendered at this crisis in our great North-West Mission work. The appeal made to them by Mr. Gordon has resulted not only in an addition to the funds of nearly \$9,000.00, but has created a deep heartfelt interest in our great work, never before manifested. Your Convener, in his constant correspondence with the Conveners and treasurers of the Church of Scotland, Free Church of Scotland, United Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and in meeting last year with many friends of the Canadian Church in the old world, can testify to their high appreciation of the efforts we are making to evangelize their countrymen and ours.

The contributions from the British Churches, as received, have all been acknowledged by the Convener, in correspondence with the secretaries, or parties sending them, and, in addition, Mr. Gordon has sent them the names of the stations allocated to the several congregations whose missionaries are supported in whole or part by their contributions, along with any other particulars of interest connected with the fields.

The Rev. A. G. Morrison, B.D., for some time our missionary in Victoria, B.C., having left on a visit to the Old World, has been authorized to present the claims of our mission field before the churches in Britain, as opportunity offers. The Rev. P. M. MacLeod, who appears before the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, will doubtless do the same.

Very special thanks are also due the congregations of our own Church and generous individuals, who, in addition to their regular contributions for Home Missions, helped to make up the large deficit of nearly \$10,000 that faced the Committee in March. They have their reward in making glad the hearts and homes of our hard-wrought missionaries, whose salaries, even when paid in full, are all too little in comparison with the services rendered.

The Eastern Section of our Church continues to aid us in our work in the North-West and British Columbia. This year their contributions amounted to \$1,789.28. The congregation of Fort Massey Church, Halifax, also contributed the handsome sum of \$500 towards the deficit. The continued kindness of the Maritime Provinces, the Western Committee desires gratefully to acknowledge.

### Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Mission Report is a voluminous document. The whole field is already large and the information placed before General Assembly is full and comprehensive as the importance of the work demands. The report is divided into nine main chapters, each of which deals with a separate territory or place of work, e. g., the New Hebrides, Trinidad, Indians in the Northwest, China, Central India, Chinese in British Columbia, Alberni, B. C., Jews in Palestine, Chinese in Montreal. It will be impossible to give more than a few of the more notable facts regarding these missions in these columns; the report as a whole will be accessible shortly, and ought to be read carefully and prayerfully in every congregation.

Following is a summary of the total receipts for home missions, for the year 1894-95: Home Mission Fund, \$75,826.56; Lumberman's Mission, \$350; COLLEGE SOCIETIES;—Morris College, \$200; Montreal College, \$1,300; Queen's College, \$1,798.47; Knox College, \$2,691.66; Manitoba College, \$680; Expended by Presbyteries in Home Mission work, in addition to the ordinary contributions of congregations, \$32,737.77; Received from British Churches and individuals to provide libraries for mission stations in the North-West, \$150.—\$115,714.46

In closing this sketch of the Home Mission operations for the year, the Committee would earnestly call the attention of the Assembly to the fact that the regular congregational contributions are not keeping pace with the extension of the work. But for the assistance rendered by the British churches, and the special efforts made in April, the financial statement, instead of showing a balance in hand, would have shown a deficit of \$20,000. It is quite evident, therefore, that either the Church at large is not seized with the importance of the work, or is unable, or unwilling, to give for its maintenance and expansion; and that nothing remains but retrenchment—the discharge of missionaries and the abandonment of fields. To have repeated deficits in Home Mission Funds has been a rare exception—the idea ought not to be entertained. The congregations, as a rule, that make up the deficits are the most generous givers to the regular funds and cannot be expected to respond to special calls when so many others fail to do their part. The Committee, in accordance with former instructions of the Assembly, cannot—ought not to—enter new fields without, at least, a reasonable expectation that the churches will furnish the means to support them; they can only disburse what they receive.

### NEW HEBRIDES.

Rev. H. A. Robertson, of Erromanga, spent several months of the hot season in New South Wales. He was there engaged in putting translations of the Scriptures through the press. His health required the change. He returned to his field in March, accompanied by Mrs. Robertson, who is much improved in health by her residence of two years in Australia. Reporting on his work, Mr. Robertson says: "This completes my two and twenty years here. During all these twenty-two years I have been the only missionary on this island. But I am quite in error, for my dear wife has also been a missionary here during all those years; and if I have worked hard and suffered a good deal and have been exposed to danger often, she has worked harder, suffered more and has been exposed to quite as many dangers as I have been. Somehow churches, societies, etc., fall into the same grovelling error of speaking of what this or that missionary has done, and what he has suffered and what his victories, while his wife, who left home and parents and all, to aid her husband in the work of the church, and for the present and eternal well-being of the poor ignorant heathen, and has, it may be, had her once splendid constitution completely shattered by the constant strain and suffering, and toil, and danger of years in a trying climate, where she has had no society except that of her husband, and has had to give up her children for years, and yet one seldom hears one word about it. The missionary's wife has the suffering and he gets the glory."

Writing from Efate Mr. Mackenzie says:

Where the teacher is located there may be only two or three of the natives really friendly. Together these two or three and the teacher build a small school house, which serves for church as well. Gradually the leavening influence of the Gospel begins to operate, and in due time the whole village is gathered in. I shall take Kaltong, the teacher settled at Fila, one of our out stations, as a specimen. He conducts service regularly every Sabbath at 9 o'clock at the close of which he has a class for candidates for baptism. At 2 p.m. he has Sabbath school for the children and at 3.30 for the adults. One week days (Saturday excepted) he has early morning school for the adults, who are taught reading, writing and a little arithmetic. A little later he has school for children. On Wednesday evenings at 4 o'clock he conducts a weekly prayer meeting. He visits the sick in his district, conducts a short service at funerals; arranges for marriages; endeavours to make peace when any of his people are quarrelling; speaks to any whose conduct is unbecoming; informs me, previous to the communion, of any whose conduct is inconsistent with their profession; sees that the mission premises in his district, the church and our cottage in which we stay when we visit the village, are kept in repair; and superintends the preparation of arrowroot contributed for mission purposes, such as defraying the expense of printing books in their language. Several other things might be mentioned, but as the above will give you some idea of a teacher's work. The results of his labors are very satisfactory. All the older children read and write nicely and the majority of the adults do so fairly well. At last communion five from his village were admitted to the church. Indeed every time the Lord's Supper is dispensed at our station, some are received from his candidates' class.

From Santo, Dr. Annand reports:—This is the twenty-second anniversary of our first leaving home for New Hebrides. How many changes there have been since then! Many of our loved ones have long since gone home and some of them more recently. Twenty-two years of service for the Master in circumstances not always agreeable, but still He has never left us. Friend after friend with whom we once corresponded has dropped us from their list, and probably some of them have almost forgotten that we are still in the flesh, but the Lord has never cast us off. "I will never leave thee and never forsake thee." Could we have secured teachers, I should have had many out-stations before this time. But without native helpers we cannot extend our work much beyond our nearer villages. The mere preaching of the word on occasional visits does not seem to make much impression. Line upon line, precept upon precept, reiterated day by day, week after week, and even year after year, are needed before the hard savage heart responds to the truth. At our communion on 30th September, we received three more of our young people to church fellowship. They may become teachers to others after some years more training. We hope and pray that they may be used of God in bringing others to Him. The "Santo Fund" has come in very opportunely for the institution which our Mission Synod has decided to establish here. We are deeply indebted to the ladies for so promptly responding to my request for the balance of the Fund. We are very glad to see that there is a missionary now on his way to fill the station on North West Santo. It is a trying place, but there are many people there. It is situated on the west side of a mountain range that cuts off the trade winds. The sun beats down upon the place with great power. We hope that th