

of Dr. Mackay's earliest converts and preachers. They are good, earnest, able men ; the former is pastor at Sintiam, receives per month \$17.00 in silver, equal to \$9.71 in gold, and the congregation is self-sustaining. The latter receives \$20.00 in silver, equal to \$11.43 in gold, and these are the best paid of the native ministry, most of them receiving *eight* and *nine* dollars, silver, per month. There are more than sixty native preachers, and fifteen students, preaching from house to house.

Mr. Gould reports that during a visit to the churches on the Western coast, he was greatly interested to see shops closed on the Lord's Day, in heathen cities, when closing the shop one day in seven means to these converts a great deal of sacrifice.

**New Station** At a recent Presbytery meeting in Honan, "It was resolved that since the local magistrates acting under orders from Li Hung Chung, have publicly posted up proclamations very favorable to us, in setting forth the rights of foreigners to residence and protection in interior China ; and since property in a good location is now offered to us in Chang Te Fu, that Presbytery take advantage of the opportunity and proceed at once to secure the property, if it be possible to do so on reasonable terms.

**Field Work** The Acts of the Apostles is being in Honan, acted over again in our mission fields. At Hsin-ts'un, a large market town some fifteen miles from Chu Wang, one of the stations in Honan, there is a hopeful work that has arisen from touring and field preaching. The Lord has called six or seven men who are not afraid to witness for Him, and many seem to sympathize with them. But many oppose, and it is a live question. In shop and street the discussion between the two parties goes on, and sometimes scores gather to listen.

Another centre is Ts'ai Yuan, a town about twenty-three miles distant. In that region there is a certain sect, numbering some eighteen hundred members, who have selected the stars as one of the chief objects of worship. Some of the chief men among them are now interested in the Gospel. This work is full of promise, for if several of the leaders believe, it will probably influence the whole sect in favor of Christianity.

**A Good Opportunity.** In February, four of the Honan missionaries, Messrs. Goforth, McGillivray, Grant, and McKenzie, attended a great fair at Hsün-hsien. During the fifteen days of the fair, several hundred thousand people assembled to worship the goddess, Loa Nai-Nai. Each day preaching was carried on simultaneously in three different parts of the city. "This opportunity for spreading the truth," writes a missionary, "is the best we have had throughout

the year. It is there that we hope to strike the most effective blow against idolatry."

**A Chinese College.** The American Presbyterian Mission in Shantung, the Province adjoining Honan on the east, recently asked the Presbytery of Honan to unite with them in the establishment of a college for the higher education of native Christians, and fitting them for teachers and preachers to their own people. The request was considered and the matter referred back to the Shantung mission for fuller information without taking any definite steps. China must be evangelized by the Chinese and men must be trained for the work

## THE YEAR OF JUBILEE.

### A STORY OF FAITH AND TRIUMPH.

ON the eleventh day of July, 1844, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia resolved "to embark in the Foreign Mission enterprise." This little body was one of eight Presbyterian Churches then existing within the bounds of the present Dominion of Canada. After several local unions, the number was reduced to four in 1867, and these four in 1915 became one as the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This then is the jubilee year of Foreign Missions for our Church. We cannot over-honor nor too closely imitate the faith, zeal, sacrifice and loyalty to the Captain of our salvation, of the little Church of fifty years ago that so nobly resolved to undertake the sending of a missionary to some region of moral darkness and to equip a station for him there, that the heathen might "see a great light" and have their night of misery dispelled.

In the providence of God they were led, after diligent and prayerful inquiry, to adopt some part of the South Sea Islands as their post of work ; and later on, when Mr. Geddie, the missionary designated, to whose earnest pleading in the pulpit, the press, and the Church courts, the awakening of the missionary fervor is principally to be attributed, reached the Islands of the South, he was directed by the leadings of God to Aneityum, one of the New Hebrides group of Islands, as the spot where he should set up the standard of the Cross. In that group the work has ever since been carried on, and at the close of 1893 there were reported by the clerk of the Mission Synod eighteen missionaries, representing, besides the Presbyterian Church in Canada, seven other Churches who are engaged with us in prosecuting this work.

Our interest in this field should surely be undying, for, besides Dr. Geddie, the apostle of the mission who, with his devoted wife, labored four years without a colleague, a goodly crowd of witnesses testify to the longing of the fathers for the