

commission was sent (by Li-hung-chang)

Dr. Mackenzie, appointing him, in company with Dr. Irwin, physician to the yamen,—the latter, practicing medicine for a calling, being made the recipient of a salary which will equal five hundred dollars a year. Dr. Mackenzie was appointed, or commissioned, 'to heal the sick,' of the city, and a large ward with ample buildings was forthwith set apart to own his use. This is part of the great temple of the city recently built by the same Viceroy,—the temple in which he received and did honor to General Grant. Miss Howard has been promised a similar commission to treat the women, and is to have another court and buildings at the temple for her dispensary. The Viceroy promises to pay all the expenses of this dispensary work.

For nearly three weeks the dispensary has been opened, and Dr. Mackenzie, assisted by our vice-consul, Mr. Pethick, who has been indefatigable in his labor of love, has daily given treatment to eighty or ninety patients, in addition to an average of forty or fifty opium smokers, who with medical help are trying to break off the habit of using opium. Many interesting surgical operations are performed. Four days ago the number of hare-lips cured had reached eleven. There is a general of the army at the dispensary whose leg is being set for an old fracture. Many other surgical operations have been successfully performed. In all this the Viceroy is intensely interested."

This feature of surgical operations, performed with the approval of the Viceroy, strikes one acquainted with the former prejudice of the Chinese against the use of the knife on the human body, as the most remarkable thing in this whole movement. In past years foreign physicians have not dared to let it be known that they had such a thing as a human skeleton in their house, and a few years ago, when Dr. Dudgeon was lecturing to the students in the Peking University on the anatomy of the human body, the dissection of a human body would not for a moment have been allowed.

From these letters it will be seen how rare is the opportunity for medical missionary labor in North China. Preach-

ing missionaries are already offering themselves to go and strengthen the hands of their brethren in that interesting field. No grander opportunity could be offered to the consecrated ambition of a Christian physician than that now offered. Urgent appeals are being made for physicians from the stations of Pao-tung-tu, Kalgan, and Tung-cho. Shall not the hearts of the brethren at the front be soon cheered with the glad intelligence that men are on the way to enter upon the work of ministering to men's bodies, and thus assist in the great work of ministering the bread of life to the famishing myriads of the heathen?—*Miss Herald*.

There is in every human countenance either a history or a prophecy.

#### SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

The Colonial Committee, on making an appeal to the Church of Scotland, in Scotland, for increased liberality to their scheme which assists churches in Nova Scotia and elsewhere, declare that their financial year closed with a deficit amounting to £2201, 7s. 4d. Many on this side of the Atlantic, who have done but little to meet the Church of Scotland's kindness to her children in this part of the field, will surely on knowing this come to the front, and set a part they have never yet attempted. It has often been said, and not a few have been misled thereby, that the Colonial Committee have far more money than they require. Their deficit of £2201 7s. 4d. will show that such is not the case. As the Church in the Maritime Provinces has for a lengthened period been receiving aid, the Colonial Committee cannot but expect that, now in straitened circumstances, she will come to her aid, and ask but as little as possible. And why should she not? To the Church of Scotland it would be more than gratifying to find her children so willing to make every effort to help her in time of need. To the church here, to say the least, it would be both to her credit and honour. As many of the congregations are actively engaged preparing for Bazaar and Tea Meeting, for the good of their church and to meet the resolutions of the General Assembly, viz. "to wind up, as