

the Lord will enable him, and plead night and day for the outpouring of the Spirit of the Living God. Then indeed we may look for the blessing from on high.

Ever yours sincerely,

G. L. MCKAY.

P. S.—I only pay \$12.50 a month for the house I am in, which answers as chapel—for a small house opposite where the young men I am training sleep and study, and for the Hospital, *i.e.*, \$12.50 in all. Last year I paid \$15 a month for one house.

I have no desire to build this year in Tamsui. This house will do for the present, therefore I have assisted building the new chapels inland.

Kindest regards to all who love the Lord Jesus in Toronto. That God may bless you in your labors for the cause of Jesus in my dear native land, is the prayer of yours ever sincerely,

G. L. MCKAY.

MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH.

ABSTRACT OF FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.—The Free Church of Scotland has central and branch stations: in India 51; in South Africa 33; total 84. At these there are 24 ordained European Missionaries, *viz.*, 18 in India and 6 in Africa, while there are in the former country 10 licensed or ordained native missionaries. There are many teachers and assistants of various grades. Total number of Christian agents being, in India 172, and in Africa 68, in all 240. Of Communicants in the native Churches there are in India 731, and in Africa 1,248; of baptized adherents there are in India 815, of whom 309 are adults, and in Africa 1,050. The total number admitted on profession of faith since the commencement of the mission in India is 1,254, and in Africa the number is about 2,600, in all 3,854. During the past year there have been admitted in India on profession of faith 62, and in Africa 59. There are under instructions in the schools in India 8,135, of whom 1,901 are females. In Africa there are 1,883, the total number under instruction being 10,018.

JEWISH MISSIONS.—A gentleman who has been visiting the Holy Land writes as follows about Jerusalem:—The population of Jerusalem is about thirty thousand, and is composed of two classes—the pilgrims, and those who prey upon pilgrims. There is no permanency to it. They have no interest in the city as a home. The bishops, clergy, and monks of the Greek, Armenian, Coptic, and Latin Churches, who number thousands, and the Jewish population, which is largely increasing, are foreigners, and live on the charities of foreign countries. Very few of the inhabitants of the city own any property in it. A large proportion of the houses are owned, wholly or partly, by the mosques or by some of the Christian Churches. This property held in mortmain, is literally held by a dead hand. The gripe of death is on the whole. No change or improvement can take place. It is very common in moslem countries for the pious to leave a certain annual sum, to be paid from their property, to the mosque for pious purposes. This gives the mosque a hold on the estate, which they never relinquish. It is tied up from sale or improvement by the family. This evil is felt all over Palestine and Syria. All these causes contribute to make the regular population of Jerusalem a wretched class of people. No missionary operations have ever succeeded in Jerusalem. It is said that the Jews are fast gaining in numbers, and will soon be the most numerous class. Their great vocation seems to be to wail by the great stones at the foundation of Solomon's Temple.