

of the Indians being gathered together and settled on their reserves, and states that the mission work among them can be much more efficiently carried on when that is done. The report next refers to the mission work being done in India by Miss Fairweather and Miss Rodgers, labouring about 750 miles north-west of Calcutta in connection with the missions of the American Presbyterian Church. In this place they have charge of several schools. The report recommends that the Assembly do more than heretofore towards carrying on the mission work in India, and that a mission be commenced in that country next year—referring to the Province of Indore, in Central India, which at present is entirely unoccupied. The work in Formosa had gone on prosperously during the year, where Rev. Mr. McKay is labouring, and who has recently been supplemented by the arrival of Rev. Dr. Fraser, from Canada. The report gives a detailed account of the work being done by these two missionaries, showing that it is in a prosperous condition. Other men were urgently required for Formosa, but the Committee had been unable to secure the services of a third missionary for that field. Three who had been invited had declined, and the Committee were now in negotiation with a gentleman in the Lower Provinces well qualified for the work, and also willing to engage in mission work in India, China, or Japan. The contributions of the Church towards foreign missions were steadily increasing, the amount being \$2,067 in 1861, and in 1874-5, \$12,558. The receipts for the past year were \$20,989, including \$8,481 balance on hand at the beginning of the year. Expenditure, \$12,228; leaving a balance of \$8,761, which would be reduced before the report could be published to about \$3,700.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the report be received and adopted, and that the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Convener and Secretary, for their diligence and zeal in conducting the important business committed to them.

ORPHAN CHILDREN OF LATE REV. J. NISBET.

In connection with the Foreign Mission Report, special attention was called to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet had left four orphan children, and that it was necessary that steps be taken to provide for them. A committee was appointed to consider the matter. At a subsequent sederunt the committee reported, recommending that steps be taken at once for raising the sum of \$2,000, to be invested for the benefit of the orphan children of Mr. Nisbet. It was understood that the amount would be raised without any general appeal being made to the congregations of the church. The report was adopted; and it was agreed that Rev. Messrs. W. Reid, W. Meikle, and Mr. John Barclay, be a committee to take charge of the fund for the present year.

MR. GEORGE FLETT.

On application from the Presbytery of Manitoba, asking the Assembly to grant leave to the Presbytery to ordain Mr. George Flett, at present a missionary to the Indians in the neighbourhood of Fort Pelly, was taken up by the Assembly, and in accordance with said application, the Presbytery received authority to license and ordain Mr. Flett.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Report of Committee on Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers was given in, and read by Mr. John McTavish, Convener. The report