

and would that it were possible to place these men, women and children, in one of our large churches at home, with a privileged people looking on from the right and the left, if it would not arouse every sympathy of the heart in behalf of the perishing, and impel to more earnest effort, the very stones would cry out.

Mr. Morton opened the service in the Hindustani language with praise, reading of the Scriptures and prayer. I then followed briefly in an English service, and read the ten commandments in the Hindustani. Mr. Morton then followed in an address to the Coolies, and two or three hymns were sung in their language. Throughout the entire service, the whole assembly was most attentive. I spoke of the body of the church being occupied by the heathens. I should have excepted the Christian teachers of our schools and perhaps some of our children. Those seated with their countrymen, led the praises of God in their own tongue in a manner that would be creditable to young people at home.

I believe many of the English-speaking people were impressed with the close attention and reverential demeanor of the Coolies. A young man said to me, on withdrawing, "Why, did you ever see people so attentive? I was watching some of them when Mr. Morton was speaking, and they did not even appear to wink."

There were Chinese also present. Very few of these people can express themselves in English with any ease. It appears to be as difficult a task for a Chinaman to speak English as for an Englishman to speak Chinese. Some plan must soon be adopted to give this people the Gospel in their own language. The church is for the Asiatics, and we must aim at giving to all the people the word of life in their own tongue.

We can already claim two as connected with us. For several months, I occasionally gave them instruction, generally through an interpreter. They urged very earnestly, for a considerable time, to be baptized; and, finding that they were growing in knowledge, and were well reported of, we considered it right to yield to their solicitations. I conducted the service, through the Court Interpreter, and I trust that we may be instrumental in confirming them in the faith.

We feel that our Mission is in a hopeful way. May we ever realize that our sufficiency is of God.

Yours very sincerely,

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P. S.—I omitted to mention the collection on Sabbath, which amounted to \$70.50.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth.

This Court met in Shelburne Church, July 31st. There was a full attendance of ministers, but no elders. Rev. D. McMillan was chosen moderator.

The delegate appointed at a previous meeting to organize Carleton and Cheboque, formerly sections of Yarmouth congregation, into a new and separate congregation, reported fulfilment of the work. He showed that the new charge, though having only about twenty-eight families, have upwards of sixty communicants with three elders; also two neatly finished, and, for them, commodious churches; and that they will raise four hundred dollars for ministerial support. The report was received, and the diligence of the delegate, and his action in reference to the congregation approved. Mr. Christie was appointed moderator of the new session.

Supply was appointed for August (Mr. McDermid of Ontario) and September (Mr. J. C. Meek.)

The Presbytery appointed one of its number to lay before the Home Mission Board a statement of the wants of the church in Yarmouth County, with the view, if possible, of securing another laborer. The same was also done with regard to Lunenburg County.

A brief and interesting report from Mr. Gerhardt, catechist at Branch and Northfield in Lunenburg County, was read and approved. The people among whom he labored, were enjoined to raise as much as possible for his services, extending over a period of ten weeks. The balance it was agreed to ask the Home Mission Board to pay.

Absence of members from Presbytery being sometimes occasioned by funerals in their congregations, the following resolution affecting the case was passed:—"Hereafter the Presbytery will not, in ordinary circumstances, regard attendance on funerals a sufficient reason for members absenting themselves from meetings of Presbytery."

A resolution strongly disapproving of Sabbath funerals (a practice largely obtaining in some places within the bounds of the Presbytery) was also passed.

It was agreed to refer the remit of Synod, with regard to the tercentenary of the death of Knox, &c., to a committee, consisting of Messrs. McMillan, Henry, and Archibald, to submit a plan for the due commemoration thereof to the next meeting of Presbytery.

Leave of absence, for a few weeks in the