

Our Foreign Missions.

Designation services for the Missionaries to Korea will be held in the first Presbyterian Church, Truro, 12 July. The three missionaries will be present. On the following evening, 13th July, farewell services will be held in St. John. A deepened interest in Foreign Missions and especially in Korea has been created by their visits to the congregations of the Maritime Provinces.

Twenty-seven Chinese sitting at the Lord's table, in Chang te Fu, Honan, on a recent Sabbath, fourteen of them for the first time, was a sight to gladden the missionaries who took part, Mackenzie, Goforth, and others. Twelve of them, who had been over a year on probation, were baptised that morning. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

"The following is a good example of the persistence of the Chinese in seeking treatment," writes one of our Honan Missionaries. "After very careful examination" of a man's eyes the doctor pronounced them incurable. The patient's companion at once prostrated himself to touch the doctor's feelings. Being assured it was useless he sat down while others were being treated, but presently returned to the attack, saying he had come over 300 li (100 miles), and asking that either by medicine or operation the doctor help him. Being told that nothing would cure these eyes, he sat down again, but presently returned, saying, 'He is my brother, and both his eyes are useless while mine are both good; will you take out one of mine and substitute it for one of his?' The missionary told him that was quite hopeless, and tried to direct him to the spiritual things of which the preacher had just been telling him. A friend suggested that he would have to enter our church. He said: 'I'll most willingly do that if only my brother's eyes can be cured.' Would that such brotherly love were more common in China and might lead to Him who gave His life for us, and not simply an eye."

Of Romish agents in Honan, one of our missionaries writes:—"They still continue their proselytism. The doctrinal inducements held out are—Worship of Mary—whom they accuse the Protestants of slighting by not honoring equally with her Son—Uniform Prayer—it being incredible that God will hear the various prayers of needy men—Absolution from Sin—which cannot be bestowed by pastor, but can by priest. To most Chinese the temporal inducements are more substantial, viz., help in all their lawsuits, protection from all persecution or reviling from religious causes, and in some cases free education and board for their children. Where our members can read, they are able to op-

pose the worldly arguments with Scripture, and with some skill, the Romanist propagandists not being able to answer them from the same source. Indeed the priest at a debate here, speaking of the Protestants' dependence on the Bible, said they were dealing in only one commodity, but the Roman Catholic Church is a "General Store."

It is noteworthy that of those chiefly responsible for introducing the Romanists into these three places, three have been refused admission to the Protestant church, and one was suspended, all because of conduct, not of doctrine."

HOW IT LOOKS IN HONAN.

Some things have two sides to them. The "Hsin Pao," one of the Ms papers of the Honan Mission, has the following:—

"A writer in a recent number of a home journal pokes fun at the folks who 'go home on furlough once in seven years and live in a halo of glory that envelops them.'"

Perhaps we do get more than we deserve, but every seven years seems hardly too often to "shut down for repairs." At any rate we will gladly share our privileges with our less-favored brethren. Why should'nt overworked and tired men at home go on furlough too, but instead of going to Germany let them come to China, India, or Formosa. Of course men would miss the advantages of the universities of Germany, but a year's sojourn, say in China, might help to clear up some of the difficulties connected with such obscure passages as Matthew 28: 19, etc., etc.

It would be good for the foreign missionaries, and would be a great thing for the Church at home, and we believe a financial success too in the long run.

Our college professors, editors, committee members, ministers, and all, should have their furlough in their turn. We won't grudge it to them, and more than that we'll lend our halo to the very first man who comes."

IN A HONAN DISPENSARY.

During the month of April there were in all at the dispensary here 1,638 treatments of old and new patients. Among the patients was a Hsien Magistrate, with umbrellas, flags, soldiers, etc., also some guns of smaller calibre. There were abscesses, tumors, cataracts, etc.

Two cases of opium poisoning were brought and successfully treated; three others were reported, but they were not brought here and could not be treated. Five in-patients were under treatment for the opium habit. One old man, who is also an opium user, has been in the habit for several years of swallowing daily (so he said) several ounces of stone dust. His tobacco pouch was well filled with sand, in evidence of the truth of his assertion. A small boy was brought to be cured of the habit of eating tobacco.