

byterian Sabbath School, text explained how to teach a primary class, using for the purpose the Berean picture leaves, a blackboard, a bunch of grapes and her audience, which, for the occasion, resolved itself into an infant class. Dr. F. W. Kelley opened the "Conference on Appliances and Methods in the Infant Class Room," and by questioning was informed that among the requisites were perfect accommodation, small chairs, a blackboard, decorations, suitable pictures on the walls, flowers and chiefly a suitable teacher, who will carefully prepare the lesson. It was also strongly recommended that the infant class room should be separate from the Sabbath school room so that the one would not disturb the other. "The Superintendent and His Duties" was the name of an excellent paper by the Rev. F. M. Dewey, pastor of Stanley Street Presbyterian Church. The speaker believed that first of all the superintendent should be a Christian man, one known and acknowledged as such in his community. It possible he should be a man of strong convictions, of deep spiritual life. He should be a hard worker, with powers of organization, ability to maintain order in the school and keep a staff of teachers in good working order. He who accepts the office should resolve that he will spare no effort to make himself a workman not needing to be ashamed. The duties of the superintendent should lead him to be present in the school in time to greet the teachers as they enter. He should speak to the children individually as they come in, and by a warm grasp of the hand make them feel he is their friend. The paper was exhaustive and much enjoyed by those who heard it. The Rev. Mr. Cruikshank, of St. Matthews Presbyterian Church, Point St. Charles, reviewed the next Sunday's lesson, giving superintendents a practical hint of how to conduct the exercises in an interesting and impressive manner. This concluded the programme. Just before the teachers separated it was moved by Dr. Kelley, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Cruikshank, and unanimously carried, that the Rev. Principal MacVicar, Mr. J. Murray Smith, the Rev. Mr. Dewey, the Rev. Mr. Cruikshank, Dr. Kelley and Mr. D. Torrance Fraser be a committee to consider the question of "Biblical study for our Sunday school teachers; what can be done for it?"

PRESBYTERY OF HONAN, CHINA.—A regular meeting was held in Lin Ch'ing on August 14, Dr. Smith, Moderator, in the chair. Success in renting at Hsin chen and encouraging progress in the work at Ch'u-wang were reported. It was decided to appeal to the Foreign Mission Committee for an additional medical man, to arrive in the field in the fall or 1892. The following deliverance was unanimously agreed upon, with regard to a proposal from the Foreign Mission Committee, that Mr. MacGillivray should visit Formosa: Inasmuch as the Committee has not specified any particular date when such visit would be acceptable, and inasmuch as the present is deemed a most inopportune time to sanction the withdrawal of Mr. MacGillivray from the mission of Honan, even for a season: Resolved, That for the present action along the lines suggested by the Committee be deferred. In the meantime, Presbytery would respectfully remind the Committee of the peculiar difficulties of the field to which their missionaries have been appointed, Honan being considered the most inaccessible to the Gospel of all the Provin-

ces in China, with one single exception, that of Hunan. The inexpediency, therefore, of weakening the mission by withdrawing at this critical juncture one so well qualified as Mr. MacGillivray to retain and improve upon the foothold gained with so great difficulty at Ch'u-wang, is strongly impressed upon our hearts and minds. With regard to the particular reasons stated by the Committee as having led to their action we would confidently assure them that we already possess knowledge, amounting to certainty, that linguistic and other difficulties do form an insuperable barrier to the employment of Formosan converts for the work in Honan. It was owing to these very difficulties, that the Presbyterians in the South of China last year declined to enter into union with Presbyterians in the North, although unanimous as to the desir-

ability of such a union. To touch upon the other reason mentioned, it should not be overlooked that your missionaries in the North have been and are studying the methods followed in Formosa and other successful missions, and that a closer and more practical study could be pursued only during such a prolonged visit as would enable the Presbytery's deputy to acquire an intimate knowledge of the dialect spoken in the regions referred to. The Presbytery will most cordially convey its fraternal greetings to Dr. MacKay, with full explanations why the proposed visit has been deferred for the present. The following resolution of condolence was passed: Whereas God in His all-wise Providence has recently and suddenly removed from the midst of us little Donald Goforth, the son of a member of this Court, Resolved, That the Pres-

bytery hereby records its sorrow, and extends its sympathy to the afflicted parents, commending them tenderly in this hour of darkness to the Father of Lights, who, by the shining of His face, will drive away tears from all eyes. The mission thus so unexpectedly completed, though brief, was full of purpose, full of sunshine; and we mourn each one a personal loss. But, "They shall be Mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." His—hence still ours: for we are Christ's, and Christ is God's. Presbytery would further express to the parents its sense of the helpful influence of that marked spirit of resignation shown by them in this great grief, manifesting anew the reality of His presence who has promised to be with us at "all the times"—J. H. McVicar, Pres. Clerk.

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