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THE SOUTH SEAS.

The latest letters from the far off islands of the South Seas tell that our missionaries there are well. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have gone from their field in Erromanga to Australia for a little rest. Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie in Efate, and Mr. and Mrs. Ammand in Tangoa are much encouraged by the success that God is giving them.

THE MISSION TO HONAN.

Most of our young readers have heard of our mission to Honan in China. Let me tell you a few facts about it worth remembering.

How the people are suffering. Honan is a province in North Central China with about three times as many people in it as in all the Dominion of Canada. A great river called the Yellow River runs through this province and carries down a great deal of mud from the mountains. This mud fills up the bed of the river and makes the water spread over the surrounding country. Banks or dykes of earth have been built up from time to time to keep the river within its channel, and in this way the river is higher than the surrounding country. Some months ago these banks broke away and the great river poured out over the country drowning thousands of people, driving thousands more from their homes and covering the fertile plains with sand, so that now there are multitudes suffering from cold and hunger. The missionaries not only take

to them the gospel, the Bread of Life, but are doing what they can to get food for them to keep them from starving to death.

A second fact. About a year ago we had no missionaries there. now we have six, viz. Rev. Jonathan Goforth and his wife, Rev. James Smith, M. D. and his wife, Rev. Dr. McGillivray and Dr. McClure.

A third fact worth remembering. These missionaries are entirely supported outside the Foreign Mission Fund of the Church. Mr. Goforth by the Student's Missionary Society of Knox College, Toronto. Dr. Smith by the Student's Missionary Society of Queens College, Kingston. Mr. McGillivray by a congregation in Toronto, and Dr. McClure by a gentleman living in London.

Remember these facts and pray that the Mission to Honan may be very successful.

THE PROGRESS LAST YEAR.

Never in the history of our mission work did so many missionaries go out from our Church as during the past year. I have told you of six who went to China. Besides these four went to India. Dr. Buchanan, Miss Dr. Mackay, Miss Scott and Miss Sinclair. One of these, Dr. Buchanan is supported by a congregation in Toronto, the three ladies, by the Foreign Mission Committee.

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

Why send medical missionaries? Is it not the gospel that these poor people want? Yes but one of the best ways to get them to listen to the gospel is to do good to their bodies.

When the missionaries first go to a new country, the people will not trust them. They think that it is some selfish object that takes them. Sometimes they think that our missionaries want to get their eyes to make medicine. Hard hearted and cruel themselves, they cannot understand how white people could love them so much as to go to them simply for their good. But when they get sick and their own ignorant doctors can do them no good