

I 1876 Rev. J. M. Douglass was sent out and settled in Indore, where he was, July 1877, joined by Rev. James Fraser Campbell. Mr. Douglass retired not long afterward from the mission. Rev. J. Wilkie was sent out in 1879, Rev. J. Builder in 1883, died 1888; Rev. W. A. Wilson in 1884; Rev. R. Murray from Pictou in 1885, died 1887; Dr. Buchanan 1838.

Besides these there have been a number of ladies. From Nova Scotia, besides Miss Johns, Mary Forrester, now Mrs. Campbell, went out in 1877, Mrs. Murray 1886, died 1887, and Mary McKay, M. D., 1888. From the West, in addition to Miss Rodger and Miss Fairweather, there went out Miss Macgregor in 1877, now withdrawn; Miss Ross, 1883; Miss Beatty, M. D., 1884, Miss Oliver, M. D., 1886; Miss Sinclair, 1888 and Miss Scott 1888.

Five ancient cities—Indore, Mhow, Neemuch, Rutlam, and Oojein, have been occupied, and from these great centres of population may the light soon spread to the ten millions of central India.

One of the chief obstacles with which this mission has had to contend has been the opposition and persecution of rulers, but with a courage and patience and perseverance that could neither be daunted nor worn out nor wearied, the missionaries held the fort. They appealed and memorialized; they wrought and prayed, and their efforts have been crowned with success. The work has now the favor of the authorities. The distrust of the people has given place to confidence, and the mission stands to day so far as human eye can see, on the threshold of an era of great prosperity and progress.

Next comes

#### HONAN

in North Central China. Two years ago the Students missionary societies of Knox and Queens colleges, each offered to send one of their number and support him in the foreign field. The committee recommended Honan, a province with a population of some fifteen millions, more or less. Rev. Jonathan Goforth from Knox college went out about a year ago, followed in a few months by Rev. James Smith, M. D., sent by the students of Queens. He was followed by Rev. Donald McGillivray, a young minister who knew that funds were low and was so anxious about it that he offered to go for five hundred dol-

lars a year, which the congregation supporting him has since increased to \$750. Still another, a medical missionary, Dr. McClure, has been sent, and is supported by a gentleman in London. This mission while under the control of the foreign mission committee, is entirely supported, so far as salaries are concerned, out-side of the funds of the church.

Youngest of all is the mission to the

#### CHINESE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA,

of whom there are eight or ten thousand. This mission was approved by last Assembly, but no missionary has yet been appointed.

I have glanced very briefly at our mission work abroad in fifty years. I might speak more fully of the development of interest at home, of the wave of missionary zeal that has swept over the West during the last two or three years, of the action of the students in Knox, Queens, and Halifax, colleges, each supporting wholly or in part their missionary, of congregations and even individuals guaranteeing the support of a missionary, either unconditionally or for a term of years, of the earnestness and activity of the women of our church, which has been manifested from the earliest days of our missionary history, of the growth of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society,—but time will not permit.

As he looks back over the years that are gone and marks the progress of the half century in the spirit and work of missions, well may our father whose jubilee we celebrate, offer the thanksgiving prayer of Simeon,—though we trust the answer may in this case be long delayed,—“Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace—for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles.”

Let us go forth from this glad meeting to work more faithfully and pray more earnestly for the speedy coming of that gladder time, the jubilee of a ransomed race.

E. SCOTT.

Dr. McGill, who was Professor in Princeton Seminary from 1854 to 1884, and since that time, Professor Emeritus, died at Princeton, Jan. 13th, after a lingering illness, in the 82nd year of his age.