

to pay salary and exchange. There is no deficit, however, and sufficient on hand to pay the next half-year's salary due in October. Mr. Burns and the committee appointed with him to secure an interest in this fund on the part of those who are not yet connected with it will, no doubt, bring the fund up again to where it was when we not only paid our missionary's salary, but gave liberally for the distribution of Christian literature among the Chinese. MONTHLY matters were found very promising, though unfortunately the old debts are not quite wiped out, and many of our subscribers are in arrears. The action taken this year, however, was more practical than ever before. The twenty-five men who gave their guarantee—in writing—to share the responsibility for the debts will prove just twenty-five active workers for an increased subscription list; while the representative agent in each presbytery will no doubt soon succeed in having forgetful subscribers pay in advance. With regret we accepted the withdrawal of Messrs. Macdonald and Anderson from the editorial staff. W. G. Wallace is one of our old editors, while W. A. J. Martin is as yet untried. We wish them well in their positions as editors.

The only element of sadness in our meeting was occasioned by the announcement of the death of Rev. Andrew Wilson, one of our ex-presidents. A suitable minute was adopted.

Our "Goforth" letter was grand. Be sure to read it in THE MONTHLY.

Rev. W. A. Wilson's address on the difficulties, methods of work, and needs of the people in India was intensely interesting, while his earnest appeal for men must have touched every heart. We hope it may bear fruit.

The conference topic was well discussed. The executive's analysis of the general topic was exhaustive—on the testimony of Dr. Proudfoot. The papers in each of the five subdivisions were worthy a place even in the columns of THE MONTHLY, while the "remarks" were, on the whole, pertinent to the matter under discussion. The sentiment of the association seemed to be that the men for the ministry are those whom the Lord has called to that work; that a pastor's duty is to prayerfully seek through the family, and by personal dealing, to direct the minds of young men to the Christian ministry with a view to discovering the right men; that presbyteries ought to have a higher realization of their responsibility to the Master for the kind of men they certify to our colleges, and should by kindly, personal intercourse encourage and advise students under their charge; that the college senate should be firmer in insisting on the church's regulations being fully complied with, both as to the course in literature and theology.

The discussion centred mainly about the literary and theological training of the students. The aim of such training is not to load the men with