

Indore The opening of the Canadian Mission College at Indore, 22nd November, marks an epoch in our F. M. work in India. Not many years have passed since the missionaries at Indore had to meet bitter opposition that would have daunted less determined men than Mr. Wilkie and his fellow-workers. Every possible hindrance was put in their path. But success came. The authorities are friends. And in the presence of a grand gathering of some 1,300, including all the leading people of the city and Residency, members of the Durbar, and the sons-in-law of His Highness, the Maharajah Holkar; the new Canadian Mission College built on a site presented by the Maharajah, was formally declared open by Col. Barr, agent to the Governor-General for Central India. All the members of the mission staff were present.

NEW HEBRIDES MARITIME SERVICE.

At a meeting of the "Dayspring" Board held here this day for the purpose of making arrangements for the Maritime Service for 1896, the Rev. J. Gibson, convener of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and of the managing Committee of the new steamer "Dayspring" submitted certain proposals for the performance of the Maritime Service by means of the steamer "Dayspring" instead of by the Aus. New Hebrides Co's steamers. Proposals also from the Aus. New Hebrides Co. for the continuance of the present service were before the Board. After careful consideration the Board resolved as follows:—

"Inasmuch as this Board, and several of the Churches it represents, have from the first disapproved of the building of the steamer "Dayspring;" inasmuch also as the Mission Synod has expressed its regret that it was not consulted sooner and has neither approved nor accepted the steamer scheme; and inasmuch also as the suitability of the steamer is not assured nor its annual cost of maintenance conclusively ascertained, this Board is very reluctant to break up the present service and would much prefer that the same had been continued, at least until the Mission Synod had expressed its mind in regard to the acceptance or otherwise of the new steamer.

Nevertheless, with the view of keeping down expenses and also to avoid seeming rivalry, this Board agrees to accept of Mr. Gibson's proposals and to arrange provisionally with the managing Committee of the new "Dayspring" for the work of the Mission to be done by means of the "Dayspring" from the beginning of 1896, and until the mind of the Mission Synod shall have been ascertained, it being distinctly understood that this action on the part of the Board is not to be held as committing the Mission Synod to the acceptance of the steamer "Dayspring" or in any way hindering the freedom of the Synod in dealing with the matter of the Maritime Service."

JAMES COSH,

Sec'y to "Dayspring" Board.

Sydney, Nov. 26, 1895.

SEMI-JUBILEE REV. R. J. GRANT, D.D.

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THE East Indian congregation of Susamachar Church, San Fernando, and their friends in Trinidad will remember long and pleasantly the 23rd, 21st and 25th of November last, when they celebrated the semi-jubilee of their honored pastor, Rev. Dr. Grant.

The evening of the 23rd was taken up with the public and general celebration. The church was filled to its utmost capacity. The platform was crowded from end to end with members of Presbytery, Civic and Government officials, and ministers and leading members of the Anglican and Wesleyan churches of the town, many of whom testified by their words and gifts, as well as by their presence, and actions in other ways, the deep interest which they took in the celebration, and in those whom they had met to honor.

The Acting-Moderator of Presbytery presided, supported by Dr. Eakin, the mayor of San Fernando; a union of the ecclesiastical and civic authorities to which even the liberty-loving members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada would not likely seriously object.

After opening by singing the hundredth psalm and prayer, congratulations poured in upon Dr. and Mrs. Grant from the Presbytery, from the congregation of Susamachar Church, from the sister Presbyterian congregation of the Scotch Church in San Fernando, from friends and neighbors in the town and district; who, with one voice, but in varying terms, testified to the value of the mission work among the East Indians, and to the wisdom, zeal, and success, with which it had been carried on by Dr. Grant and his fellow-workers.

The Presbytery spoke in terms of the highest appreciation of Dr. Grant's diligence and fidelity, worth and work, and of the comfort and satisfaction which Dr. and Mrs. Grant must enjoy in their labors among so loyal and liberal a people. They also made special mention of the valued services, freely rendered, of Mr. T. Geddes Grant, in connection with his father's work and congregation; at the same time noting the remarkable fact, that not one of the Canadian agents of the mission, throughout its whole history, has been cutoff by any disease peculiar to a tropical climate.

The congregation embraced the opportunity of presenting Dr. Grant with a large portrait of himself, to be placed in the College. The mayor of San Fernando, at their request, unveiled the portrait, after making an exceedingly happy and impressive speech. The congregation also gave their pastor a purse containing twenty-five sovereigns, one for each year during which he had labored amongst them.

Some twenty-four friends, embracing many of the leading people of San Fernando and neighborhood, connected with almost all the churches,