

effect. *Miss Dr. Oliver*, lately arrived at Indore, will be able to render much assistance in *Miss Beattie's* work. *Miss McGregor* has also been on the sick list for some time, but recent advices intimate that her health is so far restored as to lead to the expectation of her early return to Canada on furlough. The number of Canadian ordained missionaries is five, with their five wives, besides whom there are other five Canadian ladies, and a staff of 46 assistants, chiefly natives.

FINANCES.

The total expenditure for 14 months, from 1st January, 1886, to 28th February, 1887, was about \$25,027, of which nearly \$4000 were raised in India. The ordained missionaries receive for salary \$1,250 a year; the ladies \$750, and the native assistants according to their qualifications.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The report for the western division enumerates 256 auxiliaries, 76 mission bands, and 20 Presbyterian societies. The amount of their contributions last year was \$18,581.00. "Year by year, the operations of this society are seen to be, more and more, an essential part of the Foreign Mission work of the Church. Without its aid, the work among heathen women and children, the extension and prosperity of which it is our privilege to report, could never have been overtaken. The society is "devising liberal things" not only in the way of supporting the present missionaries, and adding to their number, but in providing increased accommodation for educational work in Central India, and among the Indians of the North-West. We say a hearty, Amen to the words with which the report of the society closes: "Let us go forward in 'His name,' with faith and prayer, in this great work of elevating and saving the women of the world."

VOLUNTEERS TO THE FRONT.

The report speaks of the offer of service by *Mr. Jonathan Geforth* of Knox College, Toronto, and *Mr. James F. Smith* of Queen's College, Kingston, both of whom have since been accepted and designated to the mission field. Besides this there is an offer from *St. Andrews Church*, Toronto, to support a missionary, as is done by *St. Paul's*, Montreal. Regarding these instances of consecration as evidences of a more earnest attention on the part of Christ's people to His great command,—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," the committee yet cannot conceal from the Assembly the fact that these offers, so encouraging and so generous, have occasioned no small anxiety to the committee. For they imply an additional expenditure for outfit, buildings, etc., which, in the present state of the mission fund, we are not prepared to

meet. We have to report a deficit for this year of nearly \$3,000 in the western division, and of over \$2,000 in the eastern, making a total of about \$5,000. This deficit we cannot take the responsibility of increasing. In the whole matter we desire to be guided by the wisdom of the Assembly. And the more explicit the directions of the Assembly, the more satisfactory will they be to the committee."

JEWISH MISSIONS.

The committee reported the receipt of a letter from *Hon. Alexander Morris*, intimating that he was the custodian of \$5,400, placed in his hands some years ago by *Rev. Dr. Aiton*, to be used for the advancement of a mission to the Jews, "beginning at Jerusalem." *Mr. Morris* having expressed a desire to be relieved of his trust, the General Assembly agreed to the recommendation of the committee, authorizing it to accept this money and to exonerate *Mr. Morris* from all further responsibility in the matter. In addition to this, contributions amounting to \$329.90 were received during the year in aid of Jewish missions. It may be stated here (though not mentioned in the report) that while our church has not yet instituted a mission of its own to the Jews, the General Assembly of 1886 instructed the Foreign Mission Committee "to select the channels of disbursement of contributions given by congregations or members of the church for this cause."

GENERAL SUMMARY.

OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

No. of Mission Fields	6
" Ordained Ministers, Canadian ..	23
" " " native ..	5
" Lady missionaries, teachers and doctors, in addition to the ministers wives	13
Other labourers, chiefly native teachers and catechists	174
Total number of labourers employed ..	215
Total expenditure for 1886	\$76,590.12

REV. DR. WARDROPE of *Guelph*, Ont., and *REV. ALEXANDER MACLEAN* of *Hopewell*, N. S., are the Joint-conveners of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee. *DR. REID*, of *Toronto*, and *REV. P. M. MORRISON* of *Halifax*, are the Treasurers.

It should be added that the Editor of the *RECORD* is solely responsible for the paragraph on page 238, headed *SANTA ESPERANZA*. It is not a part of the committee's report, though we believe it to be substantially correct. It is just possible that the Mission Council may not favour *Mr. Annand's* choice of locating on this island at present.—[EDITOR.]