

Empire; for an increase in the number of workers, who are overtasked; and shewed the importance of taking over as largely as possible the care of the young, in gaining an influence over whom the hope of the mission really lies; the opportunity afforded by the present distressing famine being great, as the people were having recourse to the mission stations in large numbers, as so many refugees.

REV. W. H. GRANT'S ADDRESS.

Mr. W. H. Grant, home on furlough from Honan, was next introduced to the Assembly, and gave an interesting account of the present disturbances in China, showing that the country is honeycombed with secret societies, that of the Boxers being of recent origin and being specially directed against foreign influences. So far, the missionaries of the Church in Honan had been exempt from danger, but there was no telling how long this happy situation might continue. He concluded with urging that not Western civilization, but Christianity alone could save China.

REV. J. WILKIE'S ADDRESS.

The Moderator next introduced Mr. J. Wilkie, of the Indore Mission, who referred to the invincible prejudices created by caste; to the successes attained specially among the low caste portion of the population, and also emphasized the crisis through which India is passing, occasioned not only by the famine, but also by the unrest evinced by the educated young men of the country who are assuming the role of agitators.

REV. A. B. WINCHESTER'S ADDRESS.

The last of the foreign missionaries introduced to the Assembly was Mr. A. B. Winchester, in charge of the Chinese missions on the Pacific coast of the Dominion, who entered a powerful plea for fair play to the Chinamen who come to our country in the enjoyment of treaty rights, defending them from the unjust aspersions cast upon them by politicians who were trading on the question. He also cited instances to show that in spite of the feeling of unfair treatment which these foreigners entertained, not a few of them were receiving the Gospel.

After the singing of another hymn, the Assembly adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

At Halifax, and within St. Matthew's Church there, the sixteenth day of June, One thousand and nine hundred, at half-past ten o'clock in the morning:

The General Assembly met, as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. J. B. Mullan leading in prayer at the request of the Moderator. The minutes of last Sederunt were read and confirmed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

The Assembly called for the report of the Committee on Legislation, which was