

not laid hold upon him yet. He is thinking of how he shall speak, of the mode according to which he shall most effectively present the great message in after years, and most naturally he is drawn to one who possesses a beauty of diction and charm of putting things that irresistibly attract the student. And as he listens he forms his own style and becomes in his measure a copy of the man whose form he so admires. So many a man comes under a baleful, if beautiful influence, if the mere stylist be the popular preacher of his College city. He goes out from College halls often shorn of his true strength, able to do well, if free, but so hampered that his best effort pleased only himself while he is preparing it, and fails in its effect as it falls from his lips.

The Foreign Mission Committee.

The Foreign Mission Committee met on Tuesday morning the 15th inst., and sat until 11 p. m. on Wednesday night. The docket was heavy and important. The Famine received much attention. Dr. Warden reported that \$43,704 had been received here, and \$10,000 more at Halifax, which was sent to India. The famine cannot be relieved by rains, or a new crop for some months yet, and necessarily the distress intensifies. The missionaries were authorized to increase the number of orphans adopted by the Mission, to 1,000, and if funds continue to come in, that number may be increased indefinitely.

It was learned, with much regret, that Rev. N. H. Russel has been compelled to leave India, in order to recuperate, after serious and prolonged illness. That leaves the staff very weak for so large a work, with the additional burden of famine distress. Miss Leyden has also been ordered home, which, with the absence of others on sick leave and on furlough, reduces the staff of women workers.

Miss Mary E. Leach, Miss Susie McCalla, M. D., and Miss Elizabeth McLennan, B. A., were appointed to India, and will go out this fall. Miss Bella C. Oliver, M. D., made application, which was favorably entertained, but she cannot go out this year. Mr. J. R. Harcourt has been appointed to Honan. The Honan Presbytery wishes to abandon Hsin Chen as a central station and to establish themselves at the Wei Hui Fu, an important city almost 30 miles distant. Being a central city, the missionaries will be in constant touch with an outside population of students and others, never seen in the village, Hsin Chen, where they now reside. Hsin Chen will still be continued as an out station, and thus the work there will not be lost. Rev. W. Harvey Grant appeared before the Committee and advocated this change, which was agreed to by the Committee.

Rev. Donald MacGillivray is enjoying his work in Shanghai. He has already translated into Chinese that book so much read, and blessed to so many, "The Spirit of Christ," by Dr. Andrew Murray. Mr. MacGillivray is soon to be married to a missionary of the London Missionary Society, an accomplished lady, who will be able to co-operate with him in translation work, as well as mission work in general.

It was agreed to begin work in Nootka Sound, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Rev. A. B. Winchester appeared before the Committee and urged the need for another Chinese helper in British Columbia, and also a lady teacher missionary in Victoria. It was agreed to appoint a lady missionary at Victoria, where there are now about 120 Chinese women. Mr. Winchester was allowed to engage another helper, when he secured a guarantee of salary, which he undertook to do in British Columbia. Miss J. McNeil was appointed assistant teacher to Ahousaht, British Columbia.

Dr. Warden reported total receipts of \$69,413.56, with a balance in hand, at the end of the year of \$283.21. The above does not include the receipts of the W. F. M. S.

The estimates for next year were considered. The work grows, and must grow. We want it to grow, but if it is to grow the revenue must also grow. The Committee will need, next year, in order to do the work reasonably well, another \$10,000.

Letters were read from Dr. G. L. McKay, full of hope. Some more of the Formosa Churches have become self-sustaining, and new churches have also been organized, as well as churches reopened that had been closed through the war.

R. P. MACKAY, Secretary.

Century Fund.

The following additional subscriptions have been received from ministers upon behalf of the Century Fund:

Rev. A. A. Laing, Morpeth	\$ 20 00
" Donald Munro, Winnipeg	100 00
" J. C. Tibb, Eglington	20 00
" Dr. Robert Campbell, Montreal (from \$100) to	200 00
" John Jones, Montreal	1000 00
" F. M. Dewey, Montreal	100 00
" J. Lindsay, Kintore	25 00
" D. W. Best, Beaverton	25 00
" R. S. Whidden, North Bedeque, P.E.I. ..	80 00
" J. Gourlay, Dunnville	80 00
" Thomas Paton, Midhurst (From \$50 to ..	75 00
" S. Cunningham, Hawkesville ..	20 00
" A. MacMillan, Toronto	60 00
" J. K. Franklin, Man. (From \$80 to ..	50 00
A Professor	100 00

The Century Fund Committee has been called to meet in Toronto for Wednesday, May 30th, to prepare the report from the General Assembly. Ministers who have not yet subscribed, and desire to do so, will kindly notify Dr. Warden, Toronto, before that date.

St. Andrew's College Toronto.

Owing to impaired health the Rev. George Bruce, D.D., Principal of St. Andrew's College, has resigned his position as head master of the institution.

Dr. Bruce, whose scholastic attainments and active Church work among young men, marked him out as singularly well fitted for such a position, feels that at this juncture in the development of the school the period of cessation from active work of all kinds, that he requires for complete restoration to health, makes it necessary for him to retire from the College. He will retain however, his position on the Board of Directors where his experience and his knowledge of the needs of the school will be of great service.

To fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Dr. Bruce, the Rev. D. Bruce Macdonald, M.A., a graduate of Toronto University and of Knox College has been appointed. Mr. Macdonald possesses in a very high degree the qualifications necessary for a successful head master. He received his preparatory training for entrance to Toronto University in Ridley College, St. Catharines, from which Institution he graduated as "Head Boy." In addition to this he spent a year in foreign travel and in the studies of a post graduate course in Edinburgh. As acting principal in Dr. Bruce's absence during the past few months he has given ample proof of his ability to fill the important position to which he has been called.

There was once upon a time a fox that had lost its tail in a steel trap, and who, from that time urged the other foxes to cut off their tails. But they simply laughed him to scorn. The Independent, from the standpoint of Congregationalism, urges Presbyterians to form a new creed out of which the Calvinism shall be left. It says that this is the meaning of the new-creed movement, and says that its advocates "want to make their new creed acceptable to those who do not hold the Calvinistic system." This, however, is a thing they can not accomplish. The Presbyterian Church is Calvinistic because Calvinism is Scripture doctrine put in systematic and scientific order.—Herald and Presbyter.

In reference to having music at night to "draw" a crowd to a church, a Philadelphia pastor says he believes that unless people go to church chiefly to worship God and receive his message, there is little likelihood of their being benefited by attendance. He does not believe that the church is under any obligation or has any right to "furnish Sabbath evening entertainment, a thing which is disallowed outside of the church."