

Zenana work in connection with the Scottish Ladies' Society for promoting female education in India. On her arrival she was put to live in a newly plastered house, with the result that in a very short time, just long enough to prove her admirable fitness for the work, she was compelled to give it up and returned home to die. She was a member of St. Matthew's church, Halifax, and the expenses of her passage and salary were generously paid by that congregation. About the same time Rev. Jas. Fraser Campbell was accepted by that church and just previous to the union of 1875 he was appointed by them to labor in Madras, and two years later he was transferred to the western section of the church and removed from Madras to the mission in Central India.

While at the work of the East let us glance at

DEMARARA.

Six years ago, Mr. Morton on his visit home brought before the church the condition of 80,000 coolies of Demarara, without the gospel. There is a Presbyterian missionary society there, and they offered that if we would appoint a man and pay half the salary, they would pay the other half. Rev. John Gibson was appointed in 1884, and wrought faithfully laying foundation work. His last report shows a communion roll of 37 members, with 531 children in the schools of the mission. A few weeks since, not long after our hearts were cheered by these glad tidings, came the sad news of his sudden death.

The fourth and last tributary, that of

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

requires more of time than can be given to-day. The briefest notice must suffice. As far back as 1846, all three branches of the Presbyterian Church in the upper provinces were agitating the subject of missions. The U. P. church resolved to unite with the Presbyterian church of Nova Scotia in the mission to the New Hebrides, but did not succeed in carrying it out. The Free church had decided on a mission to Bengal, and the Indian mutiny prevented, while the Kirk were planning a mission to the Jews, with headquarters at Jerusalem. None of these earlier movements came to maturity.

The earliest work in any field that is now any part of the foreign mission work of our church, was in

THE NORTH WEST

by the sending of James Nesbit to the Cree Indian, at Prince Albert in 1866. For 23 years mission work among the Indians in the North West has been carried on, and now there are in that field 10 ordained missionaries, nearly all of them Indians or half-breeds, and 7 teachers, laboring among 19 bands; with a population of 3,500.

The roving habits of the Indians have been one of the greatest hindrances to the work, but now the buffalo is gone, they are being gathered on reserves to live by farming, and it is felt that better days are coming. One good result has already been seen. None of the tribes among whom our missionaries had been laboring took part in the rebellion three years ago.

But while beginning at home, the cry from the regions beyond was heard, and in 1871 that church selected China, and sent out Rev. George L. Mackay. He settled in the north of

FORMOSA,

an island not far from the size of Nova Scotia, containing some two and a half millions of Chinese, and half a million of native aborigines. There have labored at different times with him in the mission Revs. Dr. Fraser, K. F. Junor and John Jamieson. It is 18 years since the mission was begun, and last report shows 2,650 baptized members, with fifty chapels and fifty-one native preachers.

Three-years after occupying Formosa, that church began work in

INDIA.

In 1874, the same year that Miss Johns went from Halifax, Miss Rodger and Miss Fairweather were sent from the Canada Presbyterian church to India to labor under the superintendence of the American missionaries; and thus east and west began work there about the same time, and in both cases the pioneers were women.

We now come to the union of 1875, and these missions in the far East are conducted henceforth by the western section of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Part of them we have already noticed, in Formosa and the North West. Although as we have seen there were two ladies sent out to India in 1874 and supported by the Canada Presbyterian Church,

THE PRESENT MISSION TO INDIA

was not begun until after the union.