

Whitby, Mr. P. McF. McLeod; *Toronto*, Dr. Laing; *Owen Sound*, Mr. J. Campbell, (Harriston); *Guelph*, Mr. D. J. Macdonnell; *Paris*, Dr. Laing; *Chatham*, Mr. J. H. Ratcliffe; *Stratford*, Dr. Cochrane; *Maitland*, Dr. Cochrane; *Manitoba*, Dr. King; *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, Mr. R. H. Warden; *Peterborough*, Mr. P. McF. McLeod; *Lindsay*, Mr. D. J. Macdonnell; *Barrie*, Mr. P. McF. McLeod; *Saugeen*, Mr. W. T. McMullen; *Hamilton*, Mr. J. Somerville; *London*, Dr. Laing; *Sarnia*, Mr. J. Rennie; *Huron*, Dr. Cochrane; *Bruce*, Mr. D. J. Macdonnell.

It is hoped that Presbyteries will arrange for the hearing of these deputies at a sederunt, when the attendance of members is likely to be large, so that their presentation of the scheme in its details may reach as many of the brethren as possible. A circular has been addressed to all the ministers of the Western Section of the Church, soliciting their active co-operation on behalf of the scheme.

R. H. W.

Our Foreign Missions.

WESTERN SECTION

To the Editor of the Record.

YOUR readers will all be pleased to know that a telegram has been received from Mr. Wilkie, of Indore (India), containing those significant words, "Liberty gained." The message is brief, but it means much. We may understand it to intimate that the main obstacles which have of late been preventing the missionary work of our labourers there have been removed. Let us all rejoice with them, and unite with them in giving thanks to Him from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie have been up in the "hills" for a brief season of much-needed rest and quiet. We remember Him who long ago said to His disciples when worn out with the excitement and the toil of work so new to them, "Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile." Well, He is "the same Jesus," ever ready to sympathize with His people in all their times of weakness and weariness, and ever ready to impart to them the needed strength and consolation. Mr. Campbell, after seven years of service in the mission field, comes home on furlough. He will rejoin Mrs. Campbell, whom failing health has compelled to go to Britain for medical treatment. But we may expect to see them among us in Canada, perhaps, by the time of the next Assembly.

Messrs. Builder and Jamieson are now on their way to their respective fields of labour; the former to India, the latter to Formosa.

Miss Rodger is likewise, with restored health, returning to India. Those who are thus called upon to go and tell the dwellers in darkness and in the shadow of death of the way of life and salvation through Jesus are highly honoured. We are apt to forget this. If we have a young friend who is appointed to a government situation in India or China we are apt to think only of what we call his "good fortune." If a young man obtains a lucrative post in a bank, or in some great mercantile establishment in a foreign land, letters of congratulation pour in upon him from every side. But if a young man offers himself for mission work in a foreign field, and is sent out on that service, friends are, for the most part, disposed to regard his decision as something to be acquiesced in, rather than as something to be hailed with gratitude and joy. It must be most satisfactory to all the friends of our Foreign Mission work to know that our two brethren, Builder and Jamieson, just gone forth from among us, accepted with courage and gladness the call addressed to them. They had, indeed, offered themselves. It was in no spirit of levity that they did so. They had counted the cost. They knew that they would have to abandon much that they had held dear. But they were more than willing to go. The former, Mr. Builder, said at a meeting in Hamilton: "To go to India was my dream as a child: that I might go as a missionary has been the prayer of my youth and my manhood." The latter, Mr. Jamieson, said: "I had, with sadness, given up the hope of going to the foreign mission field; the way did not seem open to me; but now my hopes are more than realized. I thank God for this appointment and I thank you." Is this view of the matter warranted? Is there anything to bear us out in regarding this work as an honour and a privilege? The whole tenor of Scripture does so. This is what the greatest missionary among the children of men says about it, and says it by inspiration of the Spirit of God, "Unto me who am less than the least of all saints is this grace given"—this favour, this privilege, this honour, this joy—"that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

But, on the other hand, let us not forget the self-denial and self-sacrifice exercised by our brethren who have gone, or are going, forth to heathen lands, and by the devoted "women who labour with them in the Gospel." Let us not forget their self-sacrifice in bidding *adieu* to home and friends, in going away from among those with whom they have taken sweet counsel and gone to the house of God in company, in separating themselves from all the dear fellowships of their native land. Without that spirit of self-sacrifice it is vain for them to go forth. Now, as of old, it is, under God,