

mont. Stirring addresses were given by Rev. A. L. Geggie, Toronto; Rev. D. L. McCrae, Westminster, and Rev. Dr. Johnston, London. The conference was perhaps the most successful yet held, and the reports from the various societies were very encouraging.

Quebec.

The Rev. Jno. Turnbull, of Kennebec Road, who has reached the three score and ten, will retire from active duties in the course of a few weeks.

Every congregation in the Presbytery of Quebec is now in possession of a minister. The pastorates in the weak charges have lengthened very considerably in the past decade—thanks to the Augmentation Scheme.

The congregation of Inverness, after a vacancy of eight months, has secured a pastor in the person of Rev. H. C. Sutherland, B. D., late of Carmen, Manitoba. Mr. Sutherland was inducted recently under very favorable auspices.

Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. Moore returned from Toronto, where he attended the meetings of the foreign mission committee of which he is convener.

Rev. Mr. Milne continues his interesting and useful course of evening lectures, on characters in Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, in the Glebe church.

Rev. Mr. McGillivray, of Carp, occupied the pulpit in the Stewart Presbyterian church at both morning and evening services last Sabbath and preached two effective sermons. Rev. Mr. Heribson took charge of the services in Carp.

Mr. Wm. Moore, son of Rev. Dr. Moore, of the Bank street Presbyterian church, Ottawa, has been promoted to a first lieutenancy in the Royal Garrison artillery stationed at Malta. Mr. Moore entered the service some eleven months ago.

The popular Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. has gone on a trip to Ireland. Before leaving he was presented with a purse of gold in token of the esteem in which he is held by the membership. Mr. A. W. Ault, President of the Association, made the presentation.

An old and greatly respected resident of Ottawa in the person of Mr. John Hardie has passed away in his 68th year. The deceased gentleman came to Ottawa from New Brunswick about 33 years ago, and was in the marine and fisheries department, in which he was a chief clerk at the time of his death. He has been in failing health for some time and on December last he took to his bed and was never able to rise again. Mr. Hardie was a most estimable man in all the relations of life; and for over thirty years he was associated with Bank street church as an elder, and was one of the best known men in Presbyterian circles in the city.

The Journal has this to say about the new building for Erskine congregation: "The church is being built on the east side of Concession street, between MacLaren and Gilmour streets. The building will be of solid stone, the estimated cost being \$9,000. The building now being erected is intended for the Sabbath school, but will be used as a church until the congregation is in a position to erect the church proper. The church will seat over 675 persons. A gallery will be built about the sides and rear which will seat over 225, while the ground floor will seat over 450. Besides this there will be a good basement which will be used as a Sunday school hall and will be fitted with class rooms. It is expected the building will be ready for occupation about October."

Mr. W. Oatts, travelling Secretary of the British Y. M. C. A. has been visiting Ottawa, and delivered several addresses during the past few days. On Tuesday evening he spoke to a very large meeting in the Y. M. C. A. lecture hall. His address was listened to with the closest attention and several in the audience were visibly affected. Mr. Oatts associates a Christian life with the every day life of the working, worrying world, and therein lie the chief charm and attraction his remarks possess for the man and woman, earnestly engaged in life's vocations. The Bible student also gleams from his practical talks much that is fraught with suggestion and inspiration. The main thought of this address was Trust. Men, stated the speaker, place their trust in worldly things and they should place that trust to even a great-

er degree in God's promises. Thousands, he continued, read the daily papers. They see therein accounts of doings in all parts of the world. The great majority of them have only this newspaper knowledge of these events. They may never have visited the scene of action referred to in the columns of the daily paper. Some may never have known that such a place existed until they read of it, but all have implicit confidence in the newspaper reports, and that confidence is not abused. This same confidence should, Mr. Oatts continued, be placed in God's promises, as revealed in the Bible. Every Christian had found this confidence in things eternal to be a confidence well and truly placed, and it only remained for others to do likewise. The meeting closed with earnest prayer and the singing of the doxology, in which Mr. Oatts led.

Foreign Mission Notes.

BY REV. DR. MACKAY, F. M. SECRETARY.

The F. M. C. met on the 21st instant and was in session two and one half days. The docket was long and contained points difficult to solve.

Dr. Mackay's Serious Condition.

The Committee was saddened by the news from Formosa which reported the very serious condition of Dr. MacKay's health. A certificate was read from Dr. Wilkinson reporting the gravity of the situation. The Native Church is greatly excited and distressed over the uncertainty as to his recovery, and the fear lest they should lose their much beloved Pastor and father in Christ. Mr. Gauld has wisely sent for Dr. McClure, of Honan, to advise with him as to Dr. MacKay's health, and as to the situation in general. Dr. McClure, it is believed, is in Formosa at present, and will be a great strength to the missionaries there both by his presence and council. The Committee sent a cablegram expressing sympathy with Dr. MacKay, and also a resolution warmly expressing their appreciation of him and the hope that he may be providentially spared for longer service. Mr. Gauld is industriously visiting the churches, and seeking as best he can to keep the machinery in motion.

Central India.

The Indore Presbytery asked that if possible, five more men be appointed this year. Their burdens are very great. There are at present 527 orphan girls and 556 orphan boys under their care. Land has been secured in Indore, which is to be used for industrial purposes. The responsibility of caring for so large a number of children is so great, that without an increased staff, it is not possible to maintain other departments of work that have already been established. Notwithstanding the urgency, the Committee has only been able to appoint two additional men, namely W. G. Russell, and Mr. F. J. Anderson, who have been appointed conditionally upon a satisfactory medical report. Dr. Wilkie is at work again in the College, and also urges the necessity of strengthening the staff there if the College is at all to accomplish the purpose for which it is established. That one or two men should attend to all the duties of an institution comprising high school and college work up to the B. A. degree in Calcutta University, is an unreasonable demand upon their strength. Certainly if the College is to be maintained at all in efficiency, accomplishing the work undertaken, the staff ought to be increased. The Council in India finds its work equally oppressive. The care of famine girls and famine widows has added very greatly to the burdens already too heavy for their numbers. The Boarding School has had up to 106 girls present at one time. The increase was of course largely due to the reception of famine girls, which correspondingly increased the labor in-as-much-as these children were in such condition as to require very special attention. Miss Sinclair with all her energy must be overtaxed by such responsibility. It was decided that in the future the Financial year should end on the 31st of December, according to a request made by the Presbytery and Council.

The Situation in China

is gradually quieting. Missionaries of other Boards are returning to provinces near the Coast. The proposal has been made and entertained cordially by the Board of the Presbyterian Church North, that Canadian Missionaries at present in China should co-operate with their missionaries in Shantung until the Mission in Honan again opens. The proposal has been cordially received by the American Board, if it can be satisfactorily arranged. The Mission-

aries in China will be corresponded with, and their well known enthusiasm in the work will lead them to accept the proposal if insuperable difficulty is in the way. The work in China, is after all, one, and contribution to the mission staff in Shantung will be doing as much perhaps for the ultimate evangelization of China, as if they were in their own Mission. They will also be in readiness as soon as opportunity comes, to return to the work in Honan, and to which the Native Converts there are eagerly inviting them. There may be difficulty in the proposal however on account of house accommodation, &c., which must be adjusted.

Mr. Goforth and Dr. Menzies are in Canada contributing to the work and stimulating the Home Church according as their strength will allow.

Mr. MacKenzie, Mr. Grant, and Miss Dr. Wallace are in Central India, and their services are much appreciated by the Presbytery and Council there.

China in Canada.

After careful enquiry, the Committee decided to extend a cordial call to the Rev. Alexander Don, of Dunedin, New Zealand, to be Mr. Winchester's successor, to the Chinese in B. C. The Chinese population in Canada is steadily increasing, and it is deemed very important that the staff amongst them should be considerably strengthened. Mr. Don is reported by Mr. Winchester, who knows him personally, to be a man of exceptional power and great fluency in the Chinese language. He has also personal knowledge of the Chinese villages from which Chinese in Canada come, which will enable him to get more quickly into sympathetic touch with them.

It was agreed by the Committee to establish a Mission in Macao, the part of China from which the Chinese in Canada come. The Chinese themselves desire this, and it is believed that their contributions will largely support the Mission.

At the present time some of the Chinese in Canada are contributing towards the support of a Chinese Helper in B. C. It was agreed to ask Mr. Ng, the Native Preacher in Victoria, to go to Hudson and Rossland to labor amongst Chinese there. Mr. Coleman will introduce him to the work if he is prepared to undertake it.

Indian Missions in the West.

The work, amongst the Indians in B. C. is prospering. The school in Alberni is full, and more accommodation is required. The Committee is not as yet prepared to either enlarge or erect another building. Mr. Oswald has gone North and is acquainting himself with the work in Uclulet and Ahousat before entering upon his work at Nootka Sound. It is feared that difficulty may be met with there because of the Roman Catholic interference, but no doubt patience and perseverance will prevail. The Boarding school at the Lake-of-the-Woods is in the course of erection. It is to be called the "Cecilia Jeffrey" School, in memory of Mrs. Jeffrey, who was so much interested in Indian work and especially desirous of seeing this school established before her death. Mr. McKittrick the Missionary is a practical mechanic, and has assumed the responsibility of erecting the building. The Industrial School at Regina is now under the control of the Rev. J. A. Sinclair. Twenty-five of the pupils graduated this spring, so that the number in attendance is greatly reduced. The policy of the Government is that the elder children from the boarding schools should be passed on to the Industrial School at Regina.

Lepers in India.

A letter was received from Mr. Wallace Bailey of Edinburgh, Secretary of the Leper Mission, asking whether or not the missionaries in India in our Mission, would be allowed to undertake the care of a Leper Home, if money were provided by the Leper Mission. The proposal was appreciated by the Committee, the only difficulty being the great amount of care and responsibility resting upon our missionaries already. There should be further correspondence in that connection.

To Deepen Interest in Missions.

A carefully prepared Report was submitted as to the best method of exciting deeper interest throughout the Home Church in Foreign Missions. Proposals were made as to the introduction of mission studies into our colleges, and methods of stimulating greater activity in congregations in this respect. It is strongly felt that notwithstanding all the visitations made by missionaries and agents of the church the interest is not equal to the importance of the work.