

researches and speeches. Taking the Toronto celebration as a fair sample of what has been done elsewhere, Canada has every reason to feel satisfied that justice has been done to an event of great historic importance. At this writing we have not the full report of the Toronto meetings before us, but we shall give an extended report next week, which our readers will find of interest. The meetings were successfully conducted, and attracted large audiences.

#### TIMES OF REFRESHING.

THE Presbyterian Church has three missionaries laboring amongst the Chinese in British Columbia. Mr. Coleman makes Vancouver his home, Mr. Hall is in Union and Mr. Winchester, who resides in Victoria, supervises the whole work. They have now twenty-three converts. Recently all the converts were assembled in Victoria for a four days' conference. Mr. Winchester writes: "Ah! but it was a memorable time and blessed to us above what we had asked for or thought of. Many times of reviving and wonderful displays of Divine grace and energy have I witnessed and participated in, but never more marvellous evidences of the living God's Sovereign power and transforming love than were manifested in the spirit and temper and blessed fellowship of these Chinese brethren, Praise Jehovah!"

PROGRAMME:—They discussed such subjects as "Our Relation to the Lord," "Our Relation to the Household of Faith," "Street Preaching Service," "Preaching Service in the Hall," "Street Testimony Service," "Sabbath Observance," "How to Deal with Enquiries," etc. Mr. Winchester writes: "The papers read by the Chinese brethren and the very intelligent general discussion which followed, were most gratifying as tokens of the real work of God which has been advancing in the hearts of these brethren. It was meat to eat that the world knows nothing of, but which was marrow to our bones and awakens praise in our souls."

PRACTICAL RESULTS:—The following subject was discussed by Brothers Lo Cheung and Wong Fak, "What definite work can we unitedly undertake for the Redeemer?" Results: The brethren from Union subscribed \$66.00 per annum, the brethren from Vancouver \$25.00 per annum, and the brethren in Victoria \$129.00 per annum. It is to be remembered that they were only twenty-three Chinese in all—besides our three missionaries—and some of these are out of work—some have small wages, and one a mere school boy. Well, what was to be done with the money? One man named Mah Seung was the best scholar among them and full of zeal and energy. Three years ago he was their champion Confucianist at Union. One day after a long argument with him, Mr. Ng said, "That man is certainly clever, would that his talents might be like those of Saul of Tarsus turned for the defence of the truth he now so vigorously opposes." That man, now one of their number, they agreed to send to the Presbyterian College, Canton, China, to study for the ministry. He gave up good position, and when asked what remuneration he would require if chosen, replied "Remuneration? If Jesus calls, I go and leave Him to provide food and raiment sufficient,—more than that I do not ask." He has gone forth on these terms. They expect to give him \$80.00 a year to cover everything, tuition, board, clothes, books, etc.

Another brother, Lo Cheung, was chosen to assist Mr. Winchester in British Columbia, and is located at New Westminster. This man three years ago strongly declared that he would never forsake the worship of his ancestors—to-day he is worshipping Jesus Christ and seeking to teach others to know Him. Mr. Winchester writes "That man has suffered for his religion in one year more than ordinary Christians in a life time."

MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE:—They were assembled in Victoria consequently the brethren who live in Victoria had no travelling expenses. It was proposed to pool expenses—all sharing alike. They who came from Union and Vancouver refused to take anything. But it was suggested, "It is more blessed to give," etc., and that they might allow the Victoria friends to receive the blessing that comes to the donor, one replied "Good, but we too hunger for that blessing—let us put the money, yours and ours, into the Lord's treasury."

CONTRASTS:—These are the men that the citizens of British Columbia want to have excluded. How will they compare in the Great Day? How will respectable church members compare? If Grace can extract from twenty three poor Chinese enough to send one brother to college and maintain another in the mission at home, how much can Grace take out of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for the Lord's work? Yet there are in British Columbia about 5000 Chinese scattered in groups of from 10 to 500 for whom nothing is done. They stay here for a time and go back to China and have nothing to say about the Christian religion but that they have been unfairly unkindly, inhumanly treated. "Inasmuch as ye have not done it unto the least of these ye have not done it unto me."

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