

The committee published this petition pointing out that other expenses would be involved beside his salary if Mr. MacRae were appointed and asked the Church to signify her willingness to meet these by providing the \$450 necessary for his passage and outfit. This amount was soon subscribed and Mr. MacRae was appointed on April 26th.

During May and June the Missionaries visited congregations throughout the Synod meeting with cheering responses to their appeals in behalf of the work. Their designation took place at Truro on July 18th, 1898. They set sail from Vancouver on Aug. 1st and arrived at Seoul on Sept. 8th. Here they remained for a time to become acquainted with the customs of the people, to acquire their language and to consult with the Council of Missions in Korea holding the Presbyterian form of government as to their permanent field of labor. In the meantime they organized, appointing Mr. Foote Chairman, Dr. Grierson Secretary and Mr. MacRae Treasurer. The council met on October 19th and in consultation with them the Province of Ham Gyong Do was fixed as the field of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This is a large province in the North East of Korea with a population of about one million. The Rev. Messrs Gale and Swallen of the American Presbyterian Church had already opened work in this field with Wonsan as their headquarters and enrolled 8 members and 33 catechumens. But their work in other parts of their field had expanded so rapidly that they were glad to give up this province to the Canadian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Foote entered their field soon after the meeting of the Council. Mr. MacRae and Dr. and Mrs. Grierson arrived on February 13th, 1899. Since their arrival in Korea they made excellent progress in the language making the highest marks ever made in their Korean examination, and have been constantly engaged in mission work extending far over the Province. The field is one of wonderful promise. The natives are spreading the gospel themselves and building their own churches. So strong is the movement, that to lead and supervise the native workers is becoming too large a work for our present staff. We know of no greater manifestations of the Spirit's power even in Apostolic times. We know of no field that promises so much for what it asks—only men to supervise the work that is going on without foreign aid. It is surely a hard and a responsible thing to do to refuse the cry of these awakened Koreans for Christian teachers. And this the F. M. Committee must do unless our church members hear the cry as they do not now.