

self. 'I am not,' he continued, 'working for a day only, but that this thing may be permanent.' This, he said, was the determination of himself and his people."

This earnest Macedonian call comes from a band which numbers from 370 to 400 Indians, which is presided over by perhaps the most popular and influential chief of the Cree nation. Mr. Mackay has indicated, moreover, his willingness to labour among these people who plead so earnestly for his services. He reports thirteen baptisms and three marriages among the Indians of this Reserve. Your Committee have already taken steps which may lead to the early occupation of this promising field.

At Okanase and the associated stations, Rev. George Flett has laboured with his usual zeal and self-denial, and is, upon the whole, encouraged by the decided indications of good accomplished. He reports 37 baptisms at Okanase, 7 at Fort Ellice, and 24 at Fort Pelley, making a total of 68 registered, during the year, among the visible people of Christ. Of these 32 were adults. He reports also 7 marriages, 7 deaths, and 34 members in full communion, resident at Okanase and Fort Pelly. Owing to the scarcity of provisions among the Indians, many of them during the past winter, were with great difficulty saved from starvation, and Mr. Flett's limited resources were taxed to the utmost to meet the pressing calls made upon him. He writes "Just before Christmas, I had to make four trips to a camp of Indians north of us, to bring them some food and medicine, and also some clothing which Mrs. Bryce had the goodness to gather from other kind friends. I saw there was danger of their freezing to death, so I got my team of horses and made two trips, and brought them all to my place—twenty of them." And when we add to this, that Mr. Flett had himself to feed from 20 to 25 Indians every day, for more than a month, the Church will easily perceive the burden that such a winter lays upon a self-denying and generous missionary. The Committee made a grant of \$200.00 to aid in the erection of a church at Okanase, where the lack of such a building was greatly felt. The wood for the church was got out during the winter, and this gave a little employment to some of the young men, and aided in a measure to lessen the distress.

The work among Sioux or Dakota Indians, near Fort Ellice, has been carried on as formerly, by Rev. Solomon Tunkansuicye, but as he does not either speak or write the English language, there is great difficulty in obtaining detailed information in reference to his work. He enjoys, however, the full confidence of the Presbytery of Manitoba, and of Christians who reside in the neigh-

bourhood in which he labours. He travels over a considerable extent of country, visiting the Reserves which have been set apart for the Sioux Indians. The school at the Reserve has been kept open for a portion of the year, but, owing to the very small attendance, it seems probable that it will be found necessary to close it. Your Committee await further information respecting it.

II.—MISSION TO CHINA.

Your Committee have always been able to turn with satisfaction to this department of the work. The blessing which so early crowned the labours of your first missionary, continues to attend the work in Formosa. Marked progress has been made during the year. Five new chapels have been opened, and two old ones rebuilt. When the last Report was presented to the General Assembly, there were fifteen chapels and fifteen trained native helpers, now there are twenty chapels, each of which is supplied by a trained native helper. There were then 255 members in full communion, now there are at least 300. More than 2000 persons have abandoned idolatry, and wait regularly on the means of grace in connection with the various chapels. Elders and deacons have been ordained, two Bible women carry the Gospel to their heathen sisters, and eight schools are giving elementary instruction to the young.

During the year an hospital has been erected at Tamsui at an expense of nearly \$3,000. The honour of this enterprise is chiefly due to the large-hearted liberality of Mrs. Mackay, of Windsor, Ont. She desired to perpetuate the memory of her late husband by the erection of a permanent building in connection with the Formosa Mission. The sum of \$1,700 has been received from Mrs. Mackay, in two donations, and invested in the fine building which has been completed at Tamsui. Your Committee propose that it shall hereafter be styled "the Mackay Hospital." In this way they hope that the streams of beneficence which may be expected to flow steadily from the Institution will, both in Canada and China, be constantly associated with the name of departed worth.

Dr. Ringer, in his Annual Report, states that "the new Hospital, now completed, promises to be a most satisfactory edifice. It contains four wards, a consulting room, and large hall; the latter doubly utilized as a waiting-room and chapel. There are also several private apartments for assistants, and the general accommodation in every way justifies the hope that considerable increased indoor relief will be afforded to sufferers during subsequent years."

The Hospital has, under the care of Dr. Ringer, continued to render excellent service