

Mission Field.

THE Hasein Christian Karens of Burmah are running a sawmill and making a profit out of it. Last year they added \$4,000 to the endowment of their normal and industrial institute.

THE Moravians have now 5 missionaries at their stations to the north of Lake Nyassa, only one of them with a wife. A day's journey off is the Berlin mission, and not very far away is Livingstonia, the Scottish Free Church field.

THE Methodists in Peking appear to be appropriating heathen temples by the wholesale. Three have already passed into their hands, and their eager eyes are now fixed upon a fourth, which will be laid hold of the hour the cash is forthcoming from America.

A BAPTIST association in Burmah is named after the place where Dr. Judson suffered his cruel imprisonment from which he nearly died. The place is Oungpenla, or, as it is now spelled Aungbinle. The site of the death prison is now occupied by a Baptist mission school.

THE very general notion that the Chinese are a stolid, unemotional race, and hence we should not expect to find a joyous, fervid type of piety among them, is a mistake, writes Rev. N. W. Brewster, in Gospel in All Lands. When the Chinaman becomes filled with the Spirit he has as much joy and manifests it in much the same way as other people.

IN 1842 the Amoy mission of the Reformed (Dutch) Church was founded; in 1848 a house of worship was built—the first one in China; in 1850 a church was organized; by 1862 the work had developed into a presbytery; and in 1894 into a synod consisting of 19 churches, with 2141 members. And certainly this is an excellent record for fifty years.

A PATHETIC touch is given to the close of the career of Lobengula, the vanquished King of Matabeleland, by a recent English writer, who states that when Lobengula saw that war would certainly come, he sent a message to all the white people living in his country, including women and children, informing them that in the event of war he could not protect them, advising them to leave the country, and promising an escort beyond his boundaries. As the result, not one was harmed, and nothing belonging to them was lost or damaged.

THE statistics of the Irish Presbyterian Mission in Manchuria show that in addition to the five principal stations there are eleven out stations occupied by native agents, and street chapels at two others. The number of baptized members at the beginning of the year was 522, and at the end of the year is 855, of whom 325 are communicants. There are also 130 applicants for baptism. Thirty-three native Christian agents are employed in addition to the native assistants who work under the medical missionaries. Fourteen of these are evangelists, two are teachers, and nine are colporteurs.

Foreign Mission Committee, (Eastern.)

THIS Committee met in Truro. Word was received from Mr. Annand, giving news up to May 1st. The missionaries and their families were then well. The Mission Synod lately met at Aneityum and determined to establish an institution for the education of native teachers and pastors. They appointed Mr. Annand principal, with power to select a site for the institution, and to employ an assistant—who is to be paid by funds to be raised by the synod. Mr. Annand expects to place the buildings on Tangoa, his present field of labour.

Rev. S. A. Fraser, having been previously invited by the committee to go to Trinidad, expressed his readiness to do so, subject to the will of the Presbytery of Pictou in releasing him from the charge of Hopewell. He was accordingly appointed; and the committee, while sympathizing deeply with the congregation in the prospect of losing their beloved pastor, requested the Presbytery to relieve him from his charge, and to designate

him to the work in Trinidad, in time for his sailing from Halifax about October 11th.

Miss Cecelia Sinclair, of Lochaber, having applied for the school in Princetown, to be vacated by Miss Archibald at the end of the year, and having presented certificates of health and qualification for the work, was appointed. Some members of the committee who know her well spoke of her as just the right person for the position.

The draft of a letter to be sent to the churches of Australasia and our missionaries in the New Hebrides, on the question of transferring the New Hebrides mission to the said churches, was adopted.

The booklet recently issued by the Rev. Robert Murray on the jubilee of our F. M. work was warmly commended to ministers and congregations, as well adapted to give information in brief form on the work of the past fifty years. It is to be hoped that it will have a very large sale, and that ministers and elders will use diligence to circulate it widely. The profits are to be given the F. M. Fund. Ten copies can be had for 50 cts. Orders should be sent to the *Witness* office, Halifax.

W. F. M. Society, (Eastern.)

THE fifth annual meeting of the St. John Presbyterial W. F. M. S. assembled at Woodstock. All the meetings were held in St. Paul's church, which was prettily decorated and fragrant with plants and flowers, and the twenty delegates present enjoyed the kind hospitality of Woodstock friends. As usual, the first half hour of each of the three sessions held for the transaction of business was spent in devotional exercises, after which the president, Miss Upton, of St. John, took the chair. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. James Ross, still a member of the Woodstock auxiliary, though now residing in St. John, and Mrs. R. D. Ross, of St. Stephen, gave the reply. The president's address and the reports of secretary, treasurer, and secretary of Young People's Work, each showed an increasing interest on the part of the members in the work. Four new auxiliaries, fifty members, twenty scattered helpers, and three life members have been added during the year. Four excellent papers were read at the different sessions; one on "Foreign Missions in China," showing the reflex influence of missions, was written by Miss McKee, of Fredericton, a graduate of the New Brunswick University, and by a unanimous vote of the society the secretary was instructed, with Miss McKee's permission, to request its publication in the "Message." A second paper on the "China Inland Mission and its Founder" was written by the Misses Barker, one of whom is shortly to start for Constantinople to labour there as a missionary. "Systematic Benevolence," by Mrs. Jas. McWha, of St. Stephen, contained many home truths which were readily endorsed by all the members present; and the fourth paper, "The True Missionary," by Miss Beasie Barker, of Florenceville, showed that it is not necessary to go to foreign lands in order to be a real missionary. A pleasing feature of one session was the resolution passed, by request of the president, making Mrs. Mackay, wife of our devoted missionary of Formosa, a life member of the St. John Presbyterial. The twenty-five dollars necessary for that purpose were at once cheerfully paid in by the members present. The certificate, which most opportunely arrived from Halifax that afternoon, and the resolution, were presented to Dr. Mackay, in behalf of his wife, at the evening meeting. Mrs. McCready, a member of the Woman's Home Mission Society of St. John, extended greetings and read an interesting paper on Home Mission work in the St. John Presbytery, which aroused an animated discussion, followed by a resolution that "each auxiliary be requested to contribute some portion of its funds to the work of Home Missions within its bounds—said contribution to be over and above what is now given to Foreign Missions." A committee of three was appointed to meet the W. F. M. S. in St. John on the second Monday in July, and the secretary instructed to report the result of

the conference. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. F. Rankin, Grafton; vice-president, Mrs. Fiske, Florenceville; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Fotheringham, St. John; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Robinson, Moncton; 4th vice-president, Mrs. McFarlane, Fredericton; secretary, Miss G. R. Stevens, St. Stephen; treasurer, Miss Lottie Upton, St. John; secretary Y. P. Work, Mrs. R. D. Ross, St. Stephen.

The ladies of St. Paul's church generously entertained the delegates and other friends at tea in the vestry on Wednesday afternoon, where interchange of kindly greetings and renewals of old acquaintances took place and formed a very pleasing, and by no means unimportant, part of the programme. The public meeting on Wednesday evening was presided over by Rev. K. McKay, of Houlton, who introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Dr. Mackay, of Formosa, to the large audience which quite filled the church, and who listened for over two hours with rapt attention while Dr. Mackay told of the wonderful work in that island so dear to his heart, and among the people who have so entwined themselves around his affections, and where such marked success has crowned his untiring efforts. The collection taken up in the meeting was devoted to the Jubilee Fund. The usual votes of thanks were passed for kindness shown to delegates, for the bountiful tea, for the use of the church, etc. The contributions to the question box called forth a profitable discussion. Other business matters of a practical nature were arranged, and after singing and prayer the society adjourned to meet in St. Stephen on the 2nd July, at 3 p.m.

Two new auxiliaries were organized in St. John Presbytery by the Rev. James Ross, viz., Waweg and Bocabec. The officers at Waweg are: Pres., Mrs. J. B. Macdonald; vice-pres., Mrs. W. Bartlett; secretary, Mrs. S. H. Simpson; treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Greenlaw. Bocabec—Pres., Mrs. M. Kerr; vice-pres., E. E. Ervin; secretary, Miss M. Kerr; treasurer, Mrs. R. McCullough.

From Far-off Formosa.

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EDITOR PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

SIR,—I send you for publication translation of another private letter received four days ago from Rev. Giam, (of Formosa, China.) I know he has no objection to publishing, though I am sure he never thought of that when writing. I send most of his letter because the news is interesting. Yours, etc., ANNIE STRAITH JAMIESON.

TAMSCU, May 24th, 1884.

DEAR MRS. JAMIESON,—My greeting to you:

On the 28th April the constable at the British Consulate died. Through these long years past he was kind to Pastor Mackay and me and was always glad if the mission prospered. Often before his death he spoke with other foreigners of Pastor Mackay and his work, for Mr. Petersen knew well that if North Formosa church made progress it was only through hard toil. Now our old friend is gone gone from this world.

When Pastor Mackay was leaving us he told Pastor Gauld and me how to manage with the sixty stations so that all would be well. Pastor Gauld has heeded his words and I have tried to follow out arrangements just as Pastor Mackay advised. Up to this time there is peace throughout the whole field and no serious difficulty, the converts in all the sixty churches steadfastly going on their way. Join us in thanking our God.

Just now I am very busy every week visiting stations, so I cannot write many letters. When once the General Assembly is over some of you that are in Canada and near him must advise Pastor Mackay not to be doing work there, for it will be summer and the hot season and we are anxious he should rest.

We have not seen you for so long, I suppose you are quite strong by this time. May God keep you always. Amen.

GIAM CHHENG HOA.