

Our Foreign Missions.

The W.F.M.S., East, raised \$8000 last year, and promised to raise enough above that sum this was to support one missionary in Korea should the Synod decide in opening a mission there. The latter step has now been taken. Two missionaries will likely be sent.

A most impressive meeting was a gathering for conference, of teachers in the Chinese Sabbath-schools in Montreal, on Oct. 20. About a hundred were present. The spirit of deep earnestness was marked. As Montreal is a distributing centre for the Chinese, much of the fruit passes beyond the workers' ken, but at the last quarterly communion in Knox Church, Montreal, ten Chinamen, the fruits of our mission, sat at the Lord's table.

Three marked events have taken place in the Home Department of our Foreign Work during the past few weeks. The Maritime Synod has decided to open a Mission to Korea, and will probably send forth two missionaries. From the West, two new men, Percy C. Leslie, M.D., and Rev. John Griffiths, have been commissioned to Honan; while in Toronto has been opened the Ewart Training Home, an institution under the auspices of the W.F.M.S. for the training of young women for the Foreign Field and for Christian work at Home.

The Annual Thank-offering Meeting of the Montreal Women's Missionary Society, on Oct. 8th, was large and representative. The attendance of delegates, from both country and city auxiliaries, was good. Rev Norman Russell spoke on "The women of India: their condition, circumstances, needs, and sufferings." The men have kept them in bondage for ages, and now the women are unconsciously having their revenge, for the women are one of the greatest hindrances to the evangelization of India to day. Mr. Russell also spoke of what the women at home can do for their sisters in India, and the need and value of organized effort that all may be at work. The Society hopes to add a number of new auxiliaries this year.

Mrs. Annan, of Santo, writing of the change on Nguna, one of the New Hebrides Islands, which she visited recently, says:—"I was delighted at seeing the wonderful change which the gospel has wrought among the people of that island. I remember how very dark all the people there were on my first visit to Mrs. Milne, twenty years ago. At that time, after having been toiling for some years, they had only four little boys attending school. Now they have a splendid Sabbath-school of at least 400, with a fine lot of men and women teachers. We have 20 students from there. While I was there the pupils made us a present of nearly a ton and a half of good yams for our training school." Those who remember the wonderful changes in some of these islands in the early days of the mission will rejoice to know that the days of miracles there are not past.

Concerning the work among the Chinese in Montreal, the Foreign Mission Committee of Presbytery, submitted to Presbytery, at its last meeting, the following report:—"There has been a measure of opposition to this work, some of which has been of a very trying character. Your committee has exercised constant and careful supervision of the work in all its departments, and expresses its entire confidence in the way in which it is carried on. Dr. Thomson continues to command our esteem and confidence, as a diligent and faithful missionary of Christ, and a true friend of the Chinese population. This opposition may be permitted by our Heavenly Father to test our work, and to teach valuable lessons to those engaged in it. Hath not our Master said, 'Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.'"

The Presbytery also adopted the following: "That the Presbytery assure Dr. Thomson of its entire confidence, and its sympathy with him in the difficulties met with in his work, with the prayer that God may grant special manifestations of His favor in bringing many into the light of the gospel."

The latest from Hsin Chen, Honan, is that "the medical work is going on nicely just now, but the people and the officials remain hostile."