

## THE REV. R. AND MRS. STEWART.

In compliance with instructions given at the Triennial, a letter of condolence was sent to the Secretary of the C. M. S., from whom the following reply has lately been received:—"Your communication which you were good enough to place in our hands, was duly brought before our Committee. They have instructed me to convey to your Society their cordial thanks for your words of valued sympathy in connection with the recent appalling loss which has fallen upon the Fuh-Kien Mission. They can assure you that the widespread sympathy which has been exhibited with respect to the Society and the bereaved families has been very highly appreciated. We cannot but pray and believe that God will over-rule this mysterious dispensation for the advancement of His Kingdom.

B. BARING GOULD, Sec. C.M.S.

China is our foreign subject for next month, and how it needs our prayers!

## REBATE OF FREIGHT ON BALES.

We feel sure our members will all rejoice to hear that the very nice sum of \$459.57 has been sent the Provincial Treasurer by the Indian Department in Ottawa as rebate on freight paid *last year* on bales sent to Indians in the North-west. By "last year" we mean up to the annual meeting of each Diocesan Branch. This sum, according to the decision at the Triennial, is to be voted upon by the Provincial Board of Management to one of the three objects. 1st, undesignated to the Board of D. & F. Missions; 2nd, Superannuation Fund, Diocese of Algoma; 3rd, an Education Fund for the Provincial Board to apply as needed. The result of the vote will be made known as soon as possible.

Now as regards the refunding of the freight for the future, objections have been made as to the Department's stipulation that the Missionary should keep a list of clothing given to each Indian. The reasons for this seem very fair, and surely almost any systematic person would keep a list of the things distributed from a bale. The Department explains that the Indians are like children, and go from one denomination to another asking help from each, and also to the Indian agent. There is enough for all, and it is to guard against one man getting help from several, and others not any at all that the lists are asked for. It really seems but a small thing to ask in return for paying the freight on our bales, for our Missionaries will get more help, a great deal. The dollars and dollars spent on carriage can now, when refunded, be used to purchase either more material or sent in cash to assist in other ways. Of course our Branches will make it a matter of principal to use the money which is refunded for *Missionary purposes*, otherwise this help on the part of the Government will be a disastrous thing for it will *lessen* our giving to God, when it ought to