

San Fernando, also Mr. C. C. Soudeen, who assists Mr. McKee at Princetown. Mr. J. B. Cropper, an earnest layman, adds a hopeful account of his labours in St. Lucia. The number of baptisms now stands at 120; six marriages (the first reported) took place during the year.

Expenditure on account of the Trinidad mission
for the year 1890, \$24,618 31.

III. MISSION TO INDIANS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

All the hands on whose reserves the Presbyterian Church is carrying on work used to depend almost entirely on the buffalo for subsistence. That means of livelihood disappeared utterly within ten years of the time when the first serious diminution began to be noticed, and the proud and wealthy Indians of the plains were reduced within less than a generation to beggary. The committee has therefore been ambitious to secure that presentation of the truth which the circumstances seemed especially to demand. The gracious gospel of the love of God is indeed one and the same for all men and all times, but the application of it is a very different thing now to the spiritless, hungry, half-clad creatures who shiver through the rigors of a northern winter in a cotton tent, from what it was when our pioneer missionary, the Rev. James Nisbet, went to preach to the haughty monarchs of the West twenty-five years ago.

The committee has therefore devoted a very considerable measure of the Church's efforts to the establishment and efficient maintenance of industrial schools in which the children are trained to make their own living. Eight of these—half the total number in the North-West—are now in successful operation under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, and of the eight, five were filled during the past winter to the limit of their capacity, as determined by the Government's school inspector. The Rev. Hugh McKay has been able for several years to give short addresses in Cree, and now feels somewhat at home in the language. The Rev. W. S. Moore has begun to dispense with the services of an interpreter in his public services; and others of shorter experience are following in the same line. But the Nestor of our Indian missions is gone in the person of the Rev. John McKay, who witnessed the founding of the work at Prince Albert twenty-five years ago and has ever since been in harness. He is mourned by a large band of deeply attached Christians who had scarcely ever heard the Gospel except from his lips.

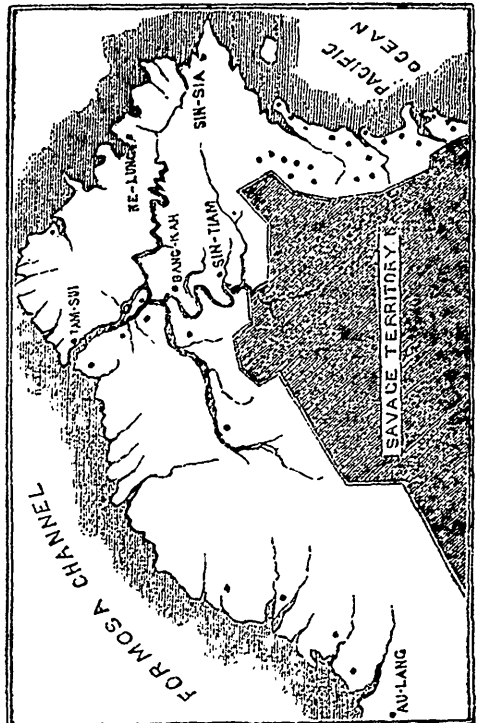
SUMMARY.—There are 11 missions under our care, and 8 ordained missionaries—the Rev. A. J. McLeod not being included because his salary is not paid by the Church, and no one being counted for Mistawasis and the British Columbia Indians. The-e missionaries are assisted, or in some cases their places are

taken, by 21 missionary agents, such as teachers, matrons of industrial schools and the like. There are 196 Indian communicants, of whom 27 were added during the year. There were 66 baptisms of infants and 55 of adults. There are 11 Sabbath-schools with an enrolment of 284 pupils, and in addition in some places, such as Portage la Prairie and Birtle, the Indian children go to the Congregational Sunday-school with white children. The seven Industrial boarding schools have 247 children enrolled, and 171 of an average attendance, and the three day-schools have an average of 66 on the roll, and 45 of an average attendance.

'In this work among the Indians there are grand possibilities opening up before our Church, and God has touched the hearts of the people so that money for carrying on the work is more readily available than ever before. The success which has attended our efforts already is a loud call which summons us to more diligent efforts, and we cannot rest until the Indians become integral parts of our national life, and there is no such thing as "foreign" missions within the bounds of our land. For the names of the missionaries and principal stations, see the Chart.

Expenditure for the year 1890-91, \$23,040.68.

IV. MISSION TO CHINA.



MAP OF NORTHERN FORMOSA.