

thy representative of the Church in British Columbia. He will labour, we presume, in New Westminster, vacant since the departure of Mr. Duff.

RED RIVER.—The Foreign Mission Committee have invited the Rev. W. Fletcher, of Carlisle, to labour as a missionary in the Red River settlement. The matter was before the Presbytery of London at its last meeting, and the result has been the addition of another labourer to the staff of missionaries in that region.

REV. JAMES NISBET.—The Rev. J. Nisbet has left Canada on his return to his distant field of labour. We trust he will be remembered by our people, in his journey, as in his arduous labours in his remote sphere. His visit has been the means of increasing the interest of our congregations in the mission to the Indians. We trust it has been the means of refreshing his own spirit, by giving him an opportunity of seeing again his aged father and other relatives, many of his brethren in the ministry, and especially his brother, for upwards of a quarter of a century a devoted and successful missionary in Sarnia. We trust that he will be carried back in safety to his sphere of labour, and that he may be long spared and abundantly blessed as a missionary of the Cross.

A circular prepared by Mr. Nisbet, and addressed to the Sabbath Schools of the Church, will be without delay printed and circulated.

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CHINA.

The July number of the *Messenger* contains a large amount of interesting information as to the progress of mission work in China in all the districts occupied by the missionaries, the work is most encouraging. At Formosa there has been another outbreak of the populace, leading to the destruction of the mission premises at Pe-taou, and the scattering of the little band of native Christians. But with this exception the work is going on quietly and successfully.

We give some extracts from a letter of the Rev. C. Douglas, giving an account of a tour of inspection which he had made.

Tour of Inspection:

On Friday, after breakfast, and a numerously-attended morning worship, we went out to visit the places beyond—where inquirers live; but before we had gone more than two miles, rain came on. We took refuge in a small village, and preached for awhile till the sky seemed to clear, when we went forward, but the rain soon came on heavier than before. However, as we must be drenched anyhow, we pushed on to a village where an inquirer lives. There we had a large and attentive audience in a sort of public room, generally found in villages, which is usually employed for singing and playing their wretched songs; we preached for more than two hours, and having declined the offer of dinner, we made all haste in an interval of the showers to reach Tang-soa, much the largest of the villages where interest had been awakened in that region. The rain was too heavy and the hour too late for us to preach, or even see properly the extent of Tang-soa; it is said to have two or three thousand inhabitants, and being the centre of a populous region, it has a very busy market on four days out of every ten. We are in much doubt whether to open a chapel there or at Kie-iai, where there are already more than twenty professing Christians, but which appears to be too small (only about 150 inhabitants), and