

ing population of China. Rev. Dr. McKay, the pioneer Canadian missionary in China, is now in Canada for a season. His absence from China has developed upon Rev. K. F. Junor weighty responsibilities, which he has discharged with much fidelity and success. He has had the oversight of the entire work in northern Formosa. The position in which he found himself was difficult, and it is not surprising that it filled him with a measure of apprehension. After a residence of about a year and a half on the island he was called to take the charge of the Mission with its twenty chapels and two hospitals, from the hands of one who was looked up to as a father—from one whose personal ascendancy over the converts made it comparatively easy for him to direct the work. Mr. Junor dreaded disaster to the cause; but through the kind interposition of his Heavenly Father he is able to report, at the close of the year, that the work has not only held its own, but has made real progress.

The Mackay Hospital at Tamsui has, during the year, rendered excellent service. The new buildings, which have proved very suitable, have added greatly to its efficiency. The number of new patients admitted and treated during the year is 1,346, an increase of 142 on the previous year. The removal of Dr. Ringer from the island and his return to England was felt to be a great loss to the Hospital, where his valuable services have been so steadily enjoyed for many years. His place, however, has been well filled by Dr. Johansen, of Berlin, the resident physician of the foreign community at Tamsui, who in the most kindly spirit has given to the Hospital the benefit of his rich daily. For a short time after Dr. Ringer left his place was supplied by Dr. Mann, of Kelung, but in the month of July Dr. Johansen assumed the duties of Surgeon-in-charge.

The mission to Central India is more favourable than it did last year. The discussions which threatened to remove the mission have been removed. Services in English and vernacular are regularly held in various places. The printing press has continued to render excellent service in diffusing the truth. There have been printed 43,200 booklets and tracts in Hindi, 4,000 leaflets in Hindi and English, and 24,200 Sabbath school tickets, making a total of 629,410 pages of religious matter for the year. Since 1878, 2,115,560 pages have been printed by the Mission press. In December last an order was issued by the Honkai authorities ordering the school in Indore to be closed, unless the missionary gave a written pledge that Christianity would not be taught. This, of course, could not be done. Rev. Mr. Douglas states that in his negotiations, both in person and by letter with the authorities in reference to this matter, he was met with the argument that in Canada the Bible is not taught in common schools. This fact deserves to be pondered by Canadians. A goodly measure of encouragement has been extended to the mission work among women and children at the several stations.

The general statement shows that the income from all sources has risen from \$22,471.59 last year to \$35,434.58, or an increase in the revenue for the year of \$12,962.99. The debt has been reduced from \$16,558.53 to \$5,392.59. The marked increase in the funds for the year is doubtless largely due to the loyal response on the part of many congregations to the call of last Assembly to endeavour to double their contributions for the year, and to the powerful impression made by Rev. Dr. McKay's addresses throughout the country. The amount collected in connection with his meetings, specially reported to the treasurer, is \$4,699.26, but as, in many cases, what was raised at these meetings was sent in along with the ordinary contributions, the sum realized was much larger.

Mrs. Mackay, of Windsor, who has already given \$1,700 towards the erection of what is now known as the "Mackay Hospital," Tamsui, has intimated her intention of meeting the entire cost of the building by giving a further sum of nearly \$1,300. The receipts in connection with the juvenile Mission scheme were \$1,094. The expenditure shows a small balance. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies continue to prosper, and give promise of proving most important auxiliaries to the Foreign Mission Committee. The Society of the Presbytery of Kingston reports eight branches, and has sent \$175 to aid mission work at Indore. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Western Section) reports forty-nine auxiliaries and nine mission lands. It has raised, during the year, the noble sum of \$4,666.55, and has paid the Rev. Dr. Reid \$4,500, an advance of \$1,000 on the previous year. There are two Presbyterian Societies in connection with this organization, viz., Hamilton and Whitby.

The Rev. Professor Pollok, of Halifax, moved that the reports be received and their consideration delayed to a subsequent adjournment. This was seconded by the Rev. Wm. Armstrong, of Ottawa, and carried unanimously. The Moderator then introduced the Rev. Dr. McKay, of Formosa, who for more than an hour addressed the Assembly in eloquent and appropriate terms, showing in a very graphic way the "then" and "now" of Christian missions in northern Formosa. This was done by taking up such points as the speaker's "first" day in Formosa and his "last," his "first" convert and the numbers of such whom he left last year; his "first" chapel; his "first" missionary journey, etc., showing in each case very strikingly—by bringing the contrast between the state of things when the Doctor went to Formosa ten years ago and what it is now into bold relief—the great things which God had wrought in that most interesting country.

At the close of his address the Doctor very touchingly bade adieu—what he regarded as—a final farewell. We hope his anticipations in this respect may not be realized, but that the people of Canada may have the privilege of hearing from his lips at some future day, the narrative of even greater Gospel triumphs in Formosa than those with which he has favoured them during the past months.

Rev. Dr. Jenkins, seconded by Rev. Dr. McCrae, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously carried:

"That the members of this General Assembly rejoice to welcome among them the presence of their honoured and beloved brother from Formosa, Rev. Dr. McKay; that they record their gratitude to God for the eminent success which has attended his self-denying missionary labours in

that island, acknowledge the great honour which has been conferred by the Giver of all good upon the Church in Canada in the gifts with which their beloved brother has been endowed, they pledge themselves to follow Dr. McKay on his return to Formosa with their prayers to God for the safety of himself and his family in their voyage, and also that even greater success may be vouchsafed to him and to his fellow-labourers in future. The General Assembly would recognize the obligation Dr. McKay's sojourn among them places upon its members and upon the Church in Canada to sustain with larger liberality than ever the great work of foreign missions."

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15th.

The Assembly resumed at 10 o'clock a.m., in Convocation Hall.

Mr. T. W. Taylor presented the report of the Judicial Committee. All its recommendations were adopted. The Rev. Dr. Cochrane submitted the following amended recommendations on the part of the Committee charged with the business of appointing a Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, in view of the Rev. Mr. Robertson having accepted the office tendered to him:

1. That the Rev. James Robertson be appointed Superintendent of Missions in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, at a salary of \$1,800 and travelling expenses.
2. That the Presbytery of Manitoba be hereby instructed to take the regular steps for losing Mr. Robertson from the pastoral charge of Knox Church, in order to allow of his entrance upon said office.
3. That the Home Mission Committee of the Western Section, in conjunction with the Presbytery of Manitoba, be instructed to prepare a code of rules for the guidance of the Superintendent of Missions in the prosecution of his work, said rules to be reported for approval to the next General Assembly.
4. That Dr. Cochrane, the convener of the Home Mission Committee for the Western Section, and Mr. George Bruce, along with any other member of the Home Mission Committee who may be in Manitoba, be requested to meet with the Presbytery in the installation of Mr. Robertson to the office of Superintendent of Missions, and also confer with the Presbytery in regard to other matters affecting our mission work in the North-West Territories.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The report of the Committee on Standing Committees was taken up, and the following is the list of these as revised by the Assembly, and finally adopted:

#### I.—KNOX COLLEGE.

1. Board of Management—Mr. W. M. Clark, chairman; Principal Caven, Prof. McLaren, Prof. Gregg, Dr. Reid, Dr. Proudfoot, J. B. Edmonson, W. Armstrong, P. Nicol, E. F. Torrance, James Little (Bowmanville), J. Hastie, J. M. King, J. Gray (Orillia), J. Cameron (Chatham), S. Young, J. K. Smith, D. H. Fletcher, W. I. McMullen, J. Carmichael (King), J. A. Murray, J. Thompson (Sarnia), J. R. Batson, Dr. Ure, H. M. Quenneville, J. Scott (N. Bruce), John Davidson, and Messrs. McDougall, T. W. Taylor, S. B. Fairbairn, W. Alexander, W. J. MacCalla, R. M. Warner, K. Urquhart, S. G. McCaughey.

2. Senate—Principal Caven, Chairman; the Professors and Lecturers of the College; Messrs. H. M. Parsons, D. J. McDonnell, S. Lyle, Dr. Reid, T. Kirkland, A. MacMurphy, W. B. McMurrich.

3. Board of Examiners—Mr. J. Laing, Chairman; the Senate; Messrs. G. Bruce, H. H. McPherson, E. D. McLaren, F. R. Beattie, Dr. Wardrop, W. McWilliam, P. Wright, G. M. Milligan, R. Torrance.

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2. Senate—Principal McVicar, Chairman; the Professors and Lecturers of the College, Dr. McNeill, J. S. Black, G. Burnfield, A. B. McKay, Prof. West, Justice Torrance, Principal Dawson, Prof. Murray, Dr. Patterson.

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2. Eastern Section—Mr. C. B. Pitblado, Convener; S. Houston, J. McMillan, Prof. Forrest, J. C. Bugeas, R. Laing, S. C. Gunn, J. F. Forbes, A. B. Dickie, E. Grant, J. S. Caruthers, James Barnes, J. F. Blanchard, J. K. Munro, M. Sinclair, Dr. Burns.

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