

Our Foreign Missions.

"We are all well and enter the New Year's work with encouraging prosper" writes Rev. W. L. Macrae from Trinidad.

"The addition to our staff this year is a very valuable one, for which we thank the Church at Home," is Mr. Wilkie's word from Central India.

Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Halifax, goes to Trinidad 27th Feb., returning 8th April. He will have about a week in the mission. He goes to recuperate. May the sought-for strength be fully found.

In our Central India mission field we have a population of five millions, equal to the whole of Canada. No other Church or Society is working there. They look to us for the Gospel, and upon us rests the responsibility of giving it to them.

A complete summary of the work of the past year in Trinidad is given in this issue. It shows steady, solid progress. Our church in the Maritime Provinces has an enduring monument in the Christian East Indian population of the Island.

Rev. Mr. Wilkie, writing 9th Jan. from Indore says: "I regret to say that I have been laid aside for the past two weeks. I am now improving and expect in a day or two to go away for a rest and change. All the members of the staff at Indore have so willingly taken up my burdens that I feel the more easy in going away at this time.

The Presbytery of Trinidad, with which our Mission is in such close relation, celebrated its jubilee 7th January, in Greyfriars Church, Port of Spain, Rev. E. A. McCurdy, pastor. The daily press of Trinidad has given a very full account of it, and some, who were accustomed to think of Presbyterians as a feeble folk there, and their work small, have been made astonished.

In our North Honan field there are ten millions, twice the population of Canada. No other Church or Society is there. They are left to our Church to give them the Bread of Life. In the two fields, Central India and North Honan, we have three Canadas to evangelize. What a grand work for our Church, in addition to the many in the islands of Formosa, Trinidad and the South Seas.

Dr. Margaret O'Hara, our missionary in Dhar, Central India, in a letter to Principal Grant, speaking of the proposal to give lady missionaries not merely the right to "sit and deliberate" but also to vote, says:—"I, for one, do not wish to be put in a position which is not accorded me in the church to which I belong. I feel very strongly in this matter, and am writing to you just as the whole aspect of the case appears to me. You are at perfect liberty to make my views on it known."

Missionary Chart. Note two things with regard to the chart on page 65. First, the names of the missionaries' wives are not given, but should be filled in in large capitals by the reader. Second, the list includes only our agents in foreign lands. Besides these are the workers in our own country, among the Chinese in Montreal and British Columbia, and among the Indians of the North-West, all in the employ of our F. M. Committee.

Honan. A very cheery message comes from Honan. Mr. Goforth writes that Mrs. Goforth, on her arrival in Chang-te-fu, received a warm welcome. The people at the station had never seen a white woman before. The contrast between that and their reception with mud and stones seven years ago in districts not far away, is very marked and very cheering. Some 2,500 women and girls have been to see Mrs. Goforth in the few weeks since her arrival, and she has been kept very busy telling them the old story. During the past few weeks they have been greatly cheered. Read Mr. Goforth's letter in the CHILDREN'S RECORD for March.

The F. M. Funds. The receipts for the Maritime F. M. Fund, for the first nine months of the current ecclesiastical year, up to 1 Feb., were \$17,275 as against \$19,555 last year, or \$2,280 less. In the West at the same date in the present year, the receipts were \$25,313 as against \$27,246 last year. In both East and West the heartiest effort will be required to balance accounts in these Funds on 1 May, when the books close. Whatever we can do should be done heartily and at once. It is the Lord's work. He has honored us by entrusting it to our hands. Let the honor of being co-workers with Him be eagerly embraced.

Trinidad Storms. The "Sunny South" is not all sun-shine. A few weeks ago, about the end of the year, Dr. Morton writes:—

For more than a month we had a succession of rain storms. In one of these the rivers from our northern mountains came down in a terrific flood, doing much damage. Land-slips blocked the roads with earth, rocks and trees. The railway was washed out in places, and several people were drowned. In going to one of my stations I had to ford a river twelve times. One Sunday I held two services up this valley, and only escaped being shut up between two of these fords by promptness and punctuality. On Sabbath, Dec. 1st, I was shut out from home for five hours by swollen streams. One of these, not being rapid at the crossing, I forded by sitting on the back of my buggy seat, with my feet on the seat itself, and even thus got my feet wet.