

China: Ministers, 5474: Licentiates, 322: Candidates, 839: Elders, 20,602: Deacons, 6472: Churches, 6,093: Communicants, 644,025. *Contributions*.—For Home Missions, \$652,906: Foreign Missions, \$699,983: Education, \$115,870: Publication, 34,218: Church Erection, \$152,050: Congregational purposes, \$7,541,016. Total, \$10,192,053. The average for all purposes is \$15.67 per communicant. The similar average of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for the same period was \$12.62. A commendable feature of this book is the alphabetical list of names and post office addresses of all the ministers and licentiates of the Church with which it concludes.

### Aneityum.

THE beautiful island of Aneityum, one of the New Hebrides group, will be ever dear to the members of our Church, especially to those in the Maritime Provinces,—as the scene of the successful labours of Rev. John Geddie, D.D. It was in Aneityum that our Church first commenced foreign mission work among the heathen. The labours of Dr. Geddie are happily commemorated in a tablet bearing the following inscription:

When he came here  
There were no Christians,  
When he went away  
There were no heathens.

It will be remembered that for four years Dr. Geddie, with his heroic wife, toiled in Aneityum amid many perils, and succeeded so well that the power of heathenism was broken and the whole population came more or less under the new influence. There remained much, very much, to be done,—more than one man, however devoted and enterprising, could accomplish. At the earnest invitation of Dr. Geddie, Rev. John Inglis joined him and took charge of the work on one side of the island. The population at that time was about 3000; and as the result of the labours of the two missionaries Aneityum became a centre of light for the adjacent isles. Dr. Geddie's health failed, and the time came when he had to "lay his armour by." Dr. Inglis also had to retire on account of advancing years. Dr. Geddie's station has been filled for a number of years by Rev. Joseph Annand, a

man like-minded with our honoured pioneer missionary. Dr. Inglis's station is occupied by Rev. Mr. Lawrie. Dr. Inglis belonged to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Scotland, and when that body joined the Free Church its mission work passed under the Free Church control. Thus, for some years, the Free Church has had charge of one station on Aneityum, while Dr. Geddie's station has been under the care of our own Church. It is felt by both missions that the time has come when one missionary will suffice for the needs of the whole island. This becomes all the more apparent when we learn that the population has decreased and is still decreasing. Our missionary, Mr. Annand, has offered to retire from the field he has so efficiently occupied, and to break new ground. The Free Church will now have sole charge of Aneityum; and we have no doubt they will do ample justice to this deeply interesting field. The work is one. It has been carried on harmoniously and effectively for more than thirty years; and we have no doubt that it will be faithfully continued. For the sake of Dr. Geddie and Dr. Inglis, as well as for the sake of the many brethren and sisters in the Lord that still live on Aneityum, our people will continue to regard that island with warm affection. Mr. Annand spent two or more years in pioneer work when he first went to the New Hebrides, and we have no doubt that he will prove equally successful in the sphere which may be allocated to him.

### Editorial Gleanings.

#### GLIMPSES AT SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

OUR personal acquaintance with Hamburg was limited to one hour spent in the precincts of the railway station, of a dark night. We could see the glare of electric lights reflected in a sheet of water which we took to be the Binnen Alster, one of the ornamented lakes for which Hamburg is famous, and that was about all; but we consoled ourselves with the old adage,—“Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise.” Every body is supposed to know that Hamburg is the most important shipping port in Germany. The traffic of the Elbe, navigable 500 miles from the sea, constitutes of itself a very large trade, while