

involves the Committee in a heavy additional expenditure, which will require to be met by the growing liberality of the Church.

The prospects of our work in Formosa continue very encouraging. Rev. G. L. Mackay enjoys the manifest blessing of the Head of the Church. He has long been pleading earnestly that a Medical Missionary may be sent to his aid. One in whom the Committee has every confidence has, at last, been found who is willing to undertake the work. Dr. J. B. Fraser, a son of the Rev. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, has agreed to devote himself to this service. He will enjoy the double advantage of a full medical and theological training. He completes his theological curriculum in Knox College, in March, and will be prepared in the course of next summer, to leave for China.

It may also be stated that another devoted young man has offered himself for service in the Chinese field. He also will be ready to go out next summer. It is for the Church, by its liberality, to say how many of these offers shall be accepted. The Committee can only administer the funds placed at their disposal. The labourers are ready, and we now appeal to the Church for the funds to send them forth. It is surely not necessary to say more to those who enjoy all the blessings of the Gospel of Christ, and who know the state of those who are perishing for "lack of vision."

WM. McLAREN, *Convener*.

Toronto, 24th Dec. 1873.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—This Presbytery met at Peterboro' on the 20th of January. There was a large attendance both of Ministers and Elders.

The Committee appointed to visit the congregations of Cutwright and Ballyduff, and the neighbourhood from which had emanated a petition for supply in connection with the latter congregation, reported favourably to the application. In connection with the report, a communication from the Presbytery of Ontario was submitted. After lengthened deliberation it was unanimously agreed to propose to the Presbytery of Ontario, either to appoint certain of their members to confer with this Presbytery at its next meeting, or to appoint Commissioners to meet the same number of Commissioners appointed by the Presbytery, the Commissioners of the two Presbyteries to form a joint commission with a view, if possible, to the final settlement of the case.

Mr. Bennett moved that the Presbytery overture the General Assembly to appoint a committee to consider if no better Home Mission Regulations can be adopted than those at present on the Statute Book of the Church. A Committee as appointed to consider the proposed overture and report.

A Commission from the Home Mission Committee, intimating that action had been delayed in making a grant to Fenelon Falls and Somerville, in accordance with the rule adopted by the last General Assembly, regarding supplemented congregations, was considered. The representatives of the congregations interested were instructed to report on the matter before next meeting.

By a unanimous vote, the Presbytery decided to express approval of union with other Churches on the basis sent down by the General Assembly. It was agreed to invite congregations within the bounds to consider and report on the basis before the next meeting of Presbytery.

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed:—Messrs. Macwilliam, Douglas and Mitchell, with their representative Elders, and Messrs. Clark, Ewing and Smith, Ministers; and Messrs. Gavin Craig, James Hall and Joseph Nelson, Elders.

W. DONALD, *PRES. CLERK*.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.—The Presbytery of Ontario met at Port Perry on the 13th January. There was a full meeting and a considerable amount of business transacted. Some of the more important items were the following:—