

MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CANTON.

The following is part of the minutes of a meeting of the Presbytery of Canton, China, and reads very much like reports of our meetings of Presbytery at home. It is one cheering proof of the progress of the gospel.—Ed.

The Presbytery of Canton met on the 11th inst., in the Third Church of this city, and was opened with an excellent sermon in Chinese by the Moderator, Rev. A. A. Fulton. There was a large attendance of church members and their friends, most of whom remained until the close of the session.

The new church, organized at Lien Chow in June, was enrolled with twenty-four adult members, all but six of whom had been baptized within the preceding six months.

The narrative of the state of religion covering the foregoing year and a half was read, showing that in that time one hundred and twenty-nine members had been received on profession of their faith.

A call from the First Church in Canton, was placed in the hands of the Rev. Ue Sikkan. The larger portion of his salary was guaranteed, and upon Mr. Ue's signifying his acceptance of the call, a committee was appointed to install him.

A call from the newly organized church in Lien Chow was placed in the hands of the Rev. Kwanloy, of the Second Church in Canton. One half of the pastor's salary was guaranteed, with the hope that in a short time the church would be able to pay the whole. It was the expectation of many that Mr. Kwan would accept this call, but the brethren of the Second Church claved to their pastor, and represented so strongly their need of his services in the church which has so greatly prospered under his ministry, that the call was declined.

The chief event of interest in the afternoon session, was the appointment of a sustentation committee to collect and disburse funds for the support of *native* pastors. We feel that an important step in advance has thus been taken, and that the native churches will respond liberally to the call for contributions to their own Sustentation Fund. Two of our most promising young assistants were examined and taken under care of Presbytery as candidates for the ministry.

A recent letter from Hainan gives us the cheering news that in two villages of the aborigines in the interior, the people have put up houses for the worship of God and sent for a Christian preacher. This is the beginning, we hope of what will soon be seen all over that island which has been providentially handed over to the religious care of the Presbyterian Church.

A few days ago the young men's training school and the boys' boarding school closed for summer vacation after a long and prosperous session.

Much interest is felt, both by foreigners and Chinese in establishment of the Christian college in Canton, and all predict for it, under judicious management, a career of great success and usefulness.

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HOW TO SAVE OUR BOYS.

MOTHER—"Our boy is out late nights."

FATHER—"Well, we must tax the saloons \$50."

M.—"Husband, I believe John drinks."

F.—"We must put up that tax to \$100."

M.—"My dear husband, our boy is being ruined."

F.—"Try 'em awhile at \$200."

M.—"O my God! my boy came home drunk."

F.—"Well, well, we must make it \$300."

M.—"Just think, William, our boy in jail."

F.—"I'll fix those saloons. Tax 'em \$400."

M.—"My poor child is a confirmed drunkard."

F.—"Up with that tax, and make it \$500."

M.—"Our once noble boy is a wreck."

F.—"Now I will stop 'em; make it \$600."

M.—"We carried our poor boy to a drunkard's grave to-day."

F.—"Well, I declare, we must regulate this traffic; we ought to have made that tax \$1,000."

My brother, in the name of home and Heaven, I ask you: "Can we ever save our boys by this plan? Can we possibly be any worse off with Prohibition? Won't you vote for the Amendment for the sake of our boys, and give it a fair trial?"—Dr. G. F. Hunting.