

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT.

This report, read by the Rev. W. McLaren, was similarly dealt with. The report referred to the work done in British Columbia and Red River, and on the Saskatchewan. In British Columbia the work goes on as usual. Mr. Jamieson speaks hopefully of the future of the Province. Mr. Aitken, at Nanaimo, has continued his work amid difficulty, and has visited other places around; he wishes to return to Canada, and wishes also to ask that another be sent as a missionary to labour in the wide field around Nanaimo. British Columbia has been a very heavy drain on the foreign mission fund. The whole amount contributed during ten years is \$41,876, of which \$22,248 has been expended in British Columbia, and \$8,182 in Red River, and only \$11,656 on the evangelization of the heathen. The Saskatchewan mission, under Mr. Nisbet, has met with more than ordinary difficulties, owing to the outbreak of small-pox and to the bad health of some of the party. Another missionary is needed for labouring among the Indians of the plains. The whole income was \$6,312; a balance still remains. There has been an improvement in the fund to the extent of \$786 36. The report urges the Assembly to favour mission work among the heathen, and urges that the time for doing so has arrived. A man has offered, and the Church seems prepared to meet the liability. Mr. McKay, a student of the Church, is ready to go to the foreign field. In answer to a circular on the subject, fourteen Presbyteries approved of entering on the work, and three advised delay. The Church is divided between China and India as a mission field. Mr. McKay, having passed the winter in Edinburgh under Dr. Duff, is now in this city, ready to undertake the work which the Church may appoint. There is reason to expect a liberal support for this undertaking from the Church. A letter from Mr. Lendie, urging this Church to aid in the work of evangelization in the New Hebrides, particularly in the Island of Formosa, was read. The report prefers China as a field to India or the New Hebrides, and suggests that Mr. McKay be sent as the missionary of this Church, that China be the field, and that efforts be made to increase the funds as may be required; that another missionary be sent to the Prince Albert Mission, if he can be obtained.

The Assembly decided that the offer of Mr. George L. McKay's services as a missionary to the heathen be cordially welcomed, and that he be hereby called by the Assembly to labour in the foreign field; that China be the field chosen (the Committee having power to make other arrangements in case of emergency), and that the Committee co-operate with the Foreign Missions Committee of the English Presbyterian Church in regard to work there; that the Presbytery of Toronto be instructed to ordain Mr. McKay, and to make arrangements for his designation, together with the Foreign Missions Committee; that means be taken by deputies, &c., to raise funds for the mission; and that the Committee be authorized to secure the services of another missionary to labour among the Red Indians in the Saskatchewan Valley.

FOURTH DAY.

There was only one Sederunt on the fourth day of the Assembly's meeting, which was taken up with devotional exercises and the discussion on Union.

FIFTH DAY.

The discussions on Union and on the use of Instrumental Music in public worship, the latter of which was brought up by a petition transmitted by the Synod of London, from the first congregation of the City of London, praying to be allowed the use of a harmonium, occupied the greater part of the day. In the evening a large audience filled the church to hear