

ter who entered into facts and figures, shewing the gains made in certain strongholds in the north, especially in County Antrim. One statement was that in a town named, under a certain clergyman, 300 families had been gathered out of the Presbyterian Church into the Episcopal fold. It is an easy matter dealing with a definite statement of that kind. One of the Presbyterian ministers of that town replies, and it is a crushing rejoinder that is furnished. He quotes from the official statistics of the congregation into which the 300 Presbyterian families had gone, and these shew that the present number of families is just 125, and to make that number it is alleged that a husband counts one family and his wife another. He asks very pertinently how many families were in the congregation before the ingathering from the Presbyterian Church. The allegation from the Episcopal standpoint is that one reason for the migration from the one to the other is that as the people become cultivated there is a tendency to go to the church with the liturgy, and another cause is the sympathies felt for the Episcopal Church since it was disestablished and resentment against the Presbyterian ministers inasmuch as many of them did not lament over the disestablishment. The Rev. John Stinson of Ballymagrane, near Dungannon, has passed away after a very useful ministry of 35 years.—H.

Our Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE—WESTERN SECTION.

I.—Mission to the Indians in the North-West.—Rev. John Mackay, Mis-ta-was-sis. Rev. George Flett, Okanase. Rev. Solomon Tunkansuiciye, Bird-Tail Creek. Rev. Hugh Mackay, Broadview. Rev. Cuthbert Mackay, Teacher, Crow Stand. Rev. Donald McVicar, Teacher, Okanase. Mr. J. G. Burgess, Teacher, Bird-Tail Creek.

II. Mission to China.—Rev. G. L. Mackay, D.D., Formosa. Rev. John Jamieson, Formosa.

III. Mission to Central India.—Rev. John Wilkie, M.A., Indore. Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, Mhow, now in Canada. Rev. Joseph Builder, B.A., Mhow. Rev. W. A. Wilson, M.A., Mhow. Miss McGregor, Indore. Miss Rodger, Indore. Miss Ross, Indore. Miss E. R. Beattie, M.D., Indore.

I. MISSIONS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Referring to the interruption caused to work, by the late unhappy rebellion, the Committee remark that "Even amid the strife and the bloodshed, it may be seen that the Gospel of peace has prevented what might have been even more widespread disaffection, for the Indians who have been under the care of our own missionaries, or of those of other Churches, have proved themselves loyal and law-abiding, notwithstanding many temptations to fall in with the insurgents. And your Committee believe that, in the sad events which we now deplore, the

Lord is calling us to greater diligence and greater fidelity in imparting to those poor benighted tribes the knowledge which alone can lead them in the way of peace and everlasting life.

Among the Indians on Mis-ta-was-sis' Reserve there has been a good deal of distress, owing to the failure of their crops last year. Yet they are not murmuring. "Their chief, Mis-ta-was-sis," says Mr. MacKellar, of High Bluff, "is a noble Christian man. He takes a sensible view of all questions affecting his tribe. He and his people are loyal to the Government. He is a member of the church under the care of our missionary, the Rev. John Mackay, who ministers to between 30 and 40 Presbyterian families, besides doing what he can in the way of instructing others who may be within his reach. Public worship is well attended, and Mr. MacKay says there are signs of spiritual growth among the hearers of the Word. There is a school taught by Miss Mackay with about 40 on the roll, and an average attendance of 30.

Mr. Flett occupies Okanase, supplying six Stations. He has been a good deal away from home during the past year, visiting or preaching to the Indians of other Reserves. It is a great advantage to him to be able to speak in English, in French, and in Cree. Good service was rendered during Mr. Flett's absence by Donald McVicar, to whose future usefulness his countrymen there look forward with much hope.

The Rev. Solomon Tunkansuiciye is still in charge of the little congregation in the Sioux Reserve. The church there is believed to be growing in knowledge and in earnestness. It is said that family worship is maintained in almost every house. In the schools and other communities the liveliest gratitude is expressed for the gifts of clothing sent to them by the Ladies' Societies in various parts of Ontario. There has been much disturbance and anxiety in the new territory occupied by Mr. Hugh Mackay. But notwithstanding all, Mr. Mackay has till very recently continued in his work, teaching, sometimes in the school, and when it was too cold for the children to come to school, from horse to house. He has already acquired considerable mastery of the language.

Writing from Round Lake (Broadview) on the 13th of April, Mr. Mackay says: "On the last of March, I had to close my school a week earlier than I had intended. The parents were so much excited and so much afraid of trouble that they wished to have their children at home. I think they expected to see the rebellion extend to this quarter, and to see bloodshed on the right hand and on the left. On the following Tuesday, this message was sent to me by the Indians of these reserves: 'We regard you as our friend; and for that reason we advise you to leave your home for some time, as we would not like to see anything happen to you.' I thought over this message much. The Indians apprehend that they may be compelled by the insurgents to aid them in