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Farther, fainter, is echo law; may Assembly echoes differ. At Assembly the subjects were many, and the call of each was "Forward." At this distance all seems merged into one deep, insistant voice, the echo not merely of Assembly but of the call from Home and Foreign Field, and of the Masters "Go ye," and that voice ever deeper, stronger, is Forward, Forward, Forward! More work ever calls for doing.

We sometimes weary of that voice and wish it still. But that would mean that God had ceased speaking to us. All call to work and giving means but answered prayers in opening doors, greater honor in giving us a larger share in the world's redemption, the hastening of that happy time. As a child matures, the parent entrusts with larger responsibility. Shall our Father be disappointed?

Much has been left out of this issue that was intended in, but it is full, well filled. Read Mr. Russell's "Shall we retreat?" Its intensity fairly makes the dead pages speak. It is like a trumpet call to battle and victory. Let it be re-read until its spirit is inbreathed, and there will be no "retreat."

Mr. Wilkie's famine picture should fill with thanks for bread and with pity for India's perishing. Mr. Goforth's tale of native helpers and their splendid work is pleasing contrast to days but recent when our "Honan Band" toiled and prayed and suffered to win entrance there.

In "Twenty-four Years in Erromanga," Mr. Robertson spans nearly half our mis-

sion history, and wakens thrilling memories of the "Martyr Isle."

The excellent articles of Principal Grant and Rev. P. Wright, give vivid pictures of the past history of our Church at Home, and its present condition and life.

Let not the Record be lost or forgotten, but read and kept for study.

Please note that the current ecclesiastical year is but eleven months long. The Assembly decided that henceforth our church years would close on the 31st of March, instead of the 30th of April, as heretofore. This means that all church collections will require to be made and in the hands of the treasurer a month earlier than previous years. This is quite easily done, and gives more time for the adjusting of accounts and preparation of reports for the Assembly.

It is a pity that when generous people are willing to give to mission work, they should be imposed upon by mere pretenders. Our Foreign Mission Secretary has received information about the character of some such persons as has led him to publish the following caution:—

"Congregations in Toronto and elsewhere are being visited by parties unknown to the Church, for the purpose of raising funds for mission enterprises, over which they themselves are to have entire control, and for which none of the Boards is responsible. Will you allow me to say that enquiry should be made before encouraging such irresponsible parties, even when they come certified by distinguished names. Any seeking further information are asked to correspond with the undersigned, R. P. MACKAY."