

Our Foreign Missions.

Note this fact in connection with the New Hebrides: "Fifty years ago, the first station was opened, and the first permanent settlement effected by Rev. John Geddie. Not one island in the group but was sunk in heathenism. To-day there are in the group no less than 24 missionaries, 5 assistants, a trained staff of about 300 native teachers, and about 2,800 communicants, while a Training Institute for teachers, and a hospital, are established and are doing excellent work."



Rev. D. Macrae, of Korea.

Some Western ways are not unknown in Honan. "Hsin Pao" says: This morning a man was brought for treatment with a revolver bullet in his shoulder. He had been engaged with two friends in stealing coal from a mine not far away, and the owner caught him at it. The bullet could not be extracted.

Another worker for Honan. At Essex, Ont., 7 July, Dr. Margaret S. Wallace was designated as a Medical Missionary to Honan. Another worker in the field; another centre of interest at home, for the people of Essex and vicinity will have a new interest in work among the heathen. Every settlement that gives a missionary receives its reward in added interest and added blessing.

A jubilee service, the first of its kind in the history of our Church, was held by the Mission Synod in Annetym, on the 17th of April to commemorate the beginning of work at that same station by Rev. Dr. Geddie, fifty years ago. An interesting programme was carried out. There were addresses on "Early Pioneers of the Mission," by Rev. Dr. Anand; "The Fathers of the Mission," by Rev. W. Watt; "The Martyrs of the Mission," by Rev. Dr. Macdonald; "The Expansion of the Mission," by Rev. T. W. Leggart; "The Prospects of the Mission, and the Duty of the Missionaries and Churches," by Rev. J. Gillan. Our Church can now look back on half a century of completed mission history. One of our fields was entered fifty years ago.

At the recent meeting of the New Hebrides Mission Synod, the question being raised as to additional missionaries, the Synod recorded its opinion: "that with the addition of one, or at most two, European missionaries, to those already appointed, the Churches be requested not to send any more men to this group, excepting to fill vacancies that may occur, and that in filling such vacancies the combination of existing stations be taken into account."

Of two of our three mission stations in the New Hebrides the finding of the Mission Synod at its late meeting is: "The Synod expresses much satisfaction that the Christian natives of Erromanga and of Mr. MacKenzie's station of Efate have by their contributions in cash and arrowroot been for several years reducing the amount paid by the Canadian Church for the support of teachers employed by its missionaries on these stations. Further, the Synod, while rejoicing that Mr. Robertson and Mr. Mackenzie are aiming to get their people to assume the entire responsibility of the support of all their teachers, yet believe that meantime these brethren and their people are doing their utmost in this direction."

"The missionaries at Chang te Fu have been kept very busy for some weeks"—writes one of the Honan staff—with the number of visitors, chiefly students writing in examination in the city, so that in three days over 600 called. But a market in the North suburb increased the pressure, so that in one day there were over 1800, besides women and children. Books were freely distributed among the students."

"At the recent Prefectural examinations, the Literary Chancellor astonished the candidates by saying that at the next Provincial examination they would be required to have some knowledge of mathematics and kindred sciences. A few days ago, six B.A.'s called to inquire if we could secure for them a teacher qualified to instruct them in these new subjects."