

party strongly armed was dispatched from the mission vessel in search of the Bishop. Before reaching land they fell in with a canoe, apparently unoccupied, but as they pulled up to it they discovered a heap in the centre of it covered by a coarse mat. It was the dead Bishop's body. On removing the covering the skull was found to be shattered. Death had been instantaneous. His face still wore a pleasant smile. His breast was covered by a palm-leaf. The next day his body was lowered into the sailor's grave. A few days later two of his companions the Rev. Mr. Atkin, and a native assistant, Stephen, died of their wounds. So fell one of the most catholic-minded missionaries and two of his devoted followers, all in the prime of life and in the midst of extensive usefulness. In common with the whole Christian world, the Synod of the New Hebrides Mission, of which three of our own missionaries are members, was deeply moved by this sad event and recorded its sincere sympathy with the Melanesian Mission. God often removes the worker in a mysterious manner; but the work goes on. The Rev. J. R. Selwyn, a son of the pioneer Bishop of New Zealand, took up the fallen colours and was consecrated Bishop of Melanesia in 1877. "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." In preparing this brief sketch we have made free use of an admirable book—"The New Hebrides and Christian Missions," by Rev. Robert Steel, D.D., of Sydney; Nisbet & Co., London, 1880; price \$2.00—A book which should be in every congregational and Sunday-school library in Canada.

Mission Work in the North-West.

REPORT TO H. M. COMMITTEE.

THE Superintendent of Missions in the North-West reported that he had visited eleven groups of stations since the last meeting, preaching and giving addresses on mission work, and attending to financial arrangements. During the winter 36 cities and towns in Ontario were visited, 48 addresses delivered, and subscriptions to the amount of \$7,000 secured for Church and Manse Fund, \$2,000 of which was cash.

The interest in the progress of the work continued unabated. In November last he prepared a letter for the students of the U.P. Hall in Edinburgh, giving information about the North-West mission field and its requirements. He was assured that these had a material effect in leading the students to adopt the North-West missions as their scheme for 1885. At least \$6,000 is expected from this source. He reported that Mr. J. Lawrence was inducted into the pastoral charge of Stonewall, that Mr. A. McLaren was called to Springfield, and that Rat Portage, Port Arthur, and Dominion City were going to call immediately. Mr. T. McGuire demitted the charge of Emerson. There were labouring in the mission field in the North-West in connection with the H.M.C., during the winter, 13 ministers of augmented congregations, 34 ordained missionaries, and 14 catechists, besides the students of Manitoba Collège. This number was the largest ever engaged during the winter, and yet about 1,500 families were not provided for. He informed the Committee that sixteen new fields, with about 45 mission stations, required to be occupied this season. He showed that augmented congregations in the North-West contributed \$14.77 per family, and \$14.62 per communicant, while the averages for the Western section of the Church were \$9.64 and \$6.10 respectively. The report stated that \$18,500 would be required to overtake the wants of the mission field in the North-West this year. The report recommended the appointment of a suitable minister as teacher to Prince Albert. He stated that addresses had been given to the students of Queen's College and Knox College, and a visit made to Princeton and New York with the view of getting missionaries for the North-West.

The results of the work of grace among the Telugus are without a parallel in the history of modern Christian missions. The conversions since the great awakening in 1877-78 have averaged over two thousand a year, the number of church members, now being near twenty-five thousand gathered into thirty-four churches.

A complete list of the Christian missionaries at work in China shows that there are 387 male and 420 female missionaries, with 1,311 native helpers and 24,607 communicants. They are connected with 16 British, 4 Continental and 13 American societies.