

Foreign Missions.

Contributions.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Includes Manitoba (Church, Portage la Prairie, \$41 00) and Ontario (Church, Hamilton, \$20 50; Bowmanville, 11 85; Galt, 8 75; Lobo, 14 00; G. Wells, 5 00; Mrs. Sinclair and family, 20 00).

Amount asked from Canada this year, \$1,600; paid in up to April 29, \$478.08.

In the April 15 number the church at Gloucairn was credited with \$23 for Foreign Missions; it should have been \$83.

Children's Day.

To the Sunday School Superintendents.—The seventh of June is Children's Day. This is the time suggested for an offering in each Sunday school for Heathen Missions. It is now time to begin in earnest to prepare for this important event.

The first offering of the children was made in 1891, and amounted to \$750. At that time the Foreign Society did not have a single mission or missionary on heathen soil. We have now thirty-five missionaries and eleven native helpers at work in India, Japan, and China. These missions cost the Society \$38,968.52 last year. The offerings for last year aggregated \$17,735.94.

Last year 1,311 Sunday schools responded to the call for a contribution to aid the cause. That is to say, about one school in five had some fellowship in the support of this great work. There is no valid reason why every school and teacher and pupil should not do something for the evangelization of the world.

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other schools as I feel sure will respond. Should you fail to get a supply, please send me a card, and state how many you can profitably use. They will be forwarded at once, free of any cost to you.

You might swell the offering by giving a missionary concert some evening in advance of Children's Day, charging a small admission fee, and adding the profits to the collection. You can get a suitable Exercise from any of our publishing houses; you could have essays on India, Japan, China, Turkey, Africa. The educational advantages of such a concert would be great; the good that will accrue to those who take part in it will abundantly compensate for all the time and work bestowed upon it.

I need scarcely say that very much depends upon you and your teachers. If you take a little time for several Sundays to explain the work and its needs, the offerings will be much larger than if nothing is said until the day arrives. The schools that give the largest sums have the matter in mind the whole year. From one Children's Day to the next they are laying by in store for this cause.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.—China.—Mrs. F. E. Meigs has been in very feeble health all winter. Her sickness is owing almost altogether to the climate. She has had the best medical advice in China. Her physicians told her that her only hope was in returning to America. This has been a sore

trial to her and to her husband. They expected to leave Shanghai, March 21. This is one of the discouraging features of missionary life. Others have suffered in the same way and have returned to China and are doing good work there now. It is hoped that in a few months Mrs. Meigs will be as well as ever and able to go back to the work in Nankin. The school work is starting off quite encouragingly. There are as many applicants as can be received. O. E. Molland proposes to open another school in Wuhu. The missionaries hope to open a university in Nankin before long.

India.—Evelyn Gordon has been employed to aid in the work in Mungeli. He will receive forty dollars a month. Dr. Durand is doing a good work in Hurda. In addition to his medical work he preaches several times a week, superintends the several schools, and has the general oversight of the work at that station. It is the earnest desire of the missionaries in India that G. L. Wharton and family return some time this year. Mrs. Wharton's health is improving, but her physician is of the opinion that she ought not to go to India this year.

England.—H. S. Earl has resigned at Liverpool, and starts for home May 2. A young man with no family or with a small family is needed to take the work in that city. The committee has been searching for a suitable man, but as yet has not found one. If anyone who knows of a man for this field could send his name to the mission room he would do the Society a favour.

New Men.—Dr. James Butchart has been in New York for several months taking some special courses in medicine. He took the honours of his class, distancing all his competitors. The Society may well congratulate itself on securing the services of a man so capable in his profession and so devoted to the Gospel. B. B. Tyler writes that Dr. Butchart endeared himself to all in the church who made his acquaintance. Other young men whose hearts the Lord has touched are needed. The Committee hope to be able to send out several the coming summer.

G. L. Wharton has spent thirty-one days in Tennessee. He spoke in Nashville, Lebanon, Frankfort, Leiper's Fork, Murfreesboro, Tallahoma and Chattanooga. He has had large and enthusiastic meetings. W. K. Azbill is at work among the churches of Indiana. He presents the claims of missions and secures pledges for their support. The work of those men is bound to bear fruit for all coming time. When churches are once enlisted they will give continuously, and on an increasing scale.

The signs of the times are full of promise. The cause of missions is the cause of God, and is being recognized as such. Year by year more churches are contributing to its support. The growth is not as rapid as could be wished, but it is constant. There are those who oppose, but their opposition is not as effective as in former years. No weapon formed against it shall prosper. The world must be evangelized. The Lord has said, and he has sworn it: "As I live all the earth shall see my glory." Those who seek to obstruct the purpose of the ages shall be ground to powder and driven away as a rolling thing before the whirlwind. The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord even as the waters cover the sea.

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