

Our Foreign Missions

"A dollar's worth of lumber, but several dollars' worth of peeling off my hands," is Dr. Monzies' grateful estimate of the damage done by a fire which broke out in the carpenter's corner of the mission premises at Chang Te Fu, endangering both premises and life.

The Indians at Okanase are getting out of the dependent stage. They want a new church and are going to get out logs for it this winter. They also inform the W.F.M.S. that henceforth they will provide their own clothing for adults. On a recent Sabbath their missionary was ill and they conducted their own service.

"The steamer brought us sad news, this trip, from the South of the Group. Mr. Frank Paton, on Tanna, had been shot at twice by a heathen. He was not killed, but the second shot at four yards distance killed one of Mr. Paton's best Christian workers. The poor fellow did not die at once, but lingered in great pain till next day."—Mrs. Annand.

Our Foreign Fields. On another page is a list of our Foreign Missionaries and their addresses. But they are not all named. The wives of the missionaries, a grand unpaid host, are understood, but as is often the case with "silent partners," their influence and work is active and powerful. From that list it will be seen that our Church is working in seven centres, a perfect number. Four of these fields, New Hebrides, Trinidad, Demerara, and Korea, are wrought by the Eastern Section, and three, India, China, and Formosa, by the Western Section.

Rev. J. Frazer Smith, M.D. It is with deep sorrow on his own part, and on the part of the Church as well, that Rev. J. Frazer Smith, M.D., has been compelled to give up the work in India. After rallying somewhat from sore illness, he is on his way home. One of our pioneers in Honan, his memory will be evergreen among the first generation of converts where he healed and taught. The stoppage of a vein that lamed and almost completely disabled him compelled his return. The physicians afterwards permitted him to go to India for work in Mhow, that required less active exertion. But this he has been compelled to relinquish. One of nature's grand characters, he was fitted to do grand work in the Foreign Field. He has done it, but the time has been shortened. May native air and strong constitution triumph,

and many years of work, of the Master's choice, be for him yet in store.

Progress at Chang Te Fu. Rev. W. H. Grant and four native Christians from Hsin Chen, attended the opening of the new chapel recently at Chang Te Fu. They were specially pleased with the Christian spirit shown among the one hundred and twenty or more Church members and adherents present at the opening. Especially commendable is their zeal and earnestness in preaching the Gospel, not only in their own homes, but in the surrounding villages. It is most encouraging to see their fearless eagerness to preach the Word in the very districts where they receive the bitterest persecution. Foremost among them all, both in giving of his means and in personal work, is a man named Li, who also supports three wives.

C. E. in New Hebrides. "The special evangelistic work is being pushed with increasing vigor. More than twenty of our young men now take part in these meetings. This company is a real Christian Endeavor Society without the formal pledge. They have, however, mutually pledged themselves not to allow any threats of the heathen to turn them aside from their works of love. The two nearest villages on Santo, Naus, and Naone, are now included with Tangoa in the special efforts. Every Wednesday evening, as well as twice on Sabbath, these people are visited. All in the villages are hunted up and brought to the services. Four more, in part at least, as a result of these labors, have joined the Christian party this month?"—Dr. Annand.

"Jimmie" Mrs. Annand, writing to Miss Kerr, of Galt, of the work on Santo says:—"Our students are all well, and working away; our faithful Lifu man, "Jimmie," is doing good work here. He is getting them in by twos and threes every week. He is often up nearly all night, working with some poor soul. The people ask him why he does not go and sleep and leave them alone, and he tells them that 'he will be able to go to sleep well when they join the Christian party.' He gives them no rest. A number of the students assist Jimmie, and it is fine training for them. It would be so good if he is spared to see all these people brought to the Saviour. It has been such a long waiting time, but God bids us wait His time, and in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

