

Our Foreign Missions.

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, unto the end of the world." Matt. 23: 19, 20.

A word of Warning. The F. M. Committee, West, ask "whether the interest that exists amongst the young men and young women of our Colleges, in the work of evangelizing the heathen, is not a providential call to greater activity, and whether, if the call is unheeded, the result may not be disastrous to the spiritual life of the Church."

From India. A note from Mr. Russell, Mhow, dated 3rd June, 1885, says, "It has been a very trying hot season, and we have had to go out a great deal. We are off to-day below the Ghats to visit an outlying district. We look for the rain in a week or two. During the rains, for three months, Mr. Wilson and I will conduct the Bible School for the training of mission workers in Rutlam. We expect a good time. All are well, Miss Dougan was down last week. She seems almost well again."

A Hint for all. The Foreign Mission Committee, West, in their Report draw attention to the fact that the favourable condition of the funds this year is largely owing to the fact that the amount received from legacies is unusually large, and that these new appointments, so necessary to the carrying on of this great work that has grown upon our hands, imply increased obligations, and demand increased liberality in order that the Committee may be able to meet the claims that will be made upon the funds."

Our Jewish Missions. These have in the meantime come to an end. Dr. Webster, our missionary in Palestine, has accepted, with the consent of our F. M. Committee, an appointment in the Syrian Protestant College at Beyrout. Mr. Newmark, our missionary among the Jews in Montreal, has resigned, and in the meantime the work there is closed. But heathen fields are white unto the harvest, their ripeness calling loudly for laborers, and more are being sent by our Church. It almost looks as if there will not be very much accomplished among the Jews until the fulness of the Gentiles is gathered in.

S. Schools in India. "Two thousand scholars in the Sabbath Schools in connection with our Central India Mission! Two thousand out of probably two millions of children in our field." Thus writes Mr. Russell, and he goes on, "What a work lies at our doors. We want more help from home; more men to train and guide and encourage little bands of native helpers in the

noble work of winning India's little ones for the Saviour. Sabbath School teachers and children let these figures be a new incentive to you to labor more zealously and prayerfully for the sending of the Gospel to India's needy millions."

Formosa. Quietly, to us at all events, Formosa has become a part of Japan. Dr. Mackay expresses himself guardedly about it, but thinks that the change will be helpful. It will deliver the country from the corruption of Chinese officialism, and will thus advance the cause of Christ. Whatever the immediate result, it is a part of God's great plan and He makes no mistakes.

Honan. Messrs Goforth, Malcolm, and Slimmon, who went out to Honan early this summer, so soon as there was any hope of getting into the interior of the country on account of the war, have written very hopefully of the progress of the work during the past year. Those who were in the field all the winter have not only "held the fort" but secured new and better centres of work than they had before. The way has been opened up for them in a remarkable manner.

A Stir in Santo. Mrs. Annand writing from Santo, New Hebrides, to Mrs. Mowatt, of Montreal, says:—"You will rejoice to know that the Spirit is working among our people here. Ten of the women and four lads are attending evening school in spite of great opposition from the old men.

Last Saturday at midnight we were roused up to go and save from the hand of one of the worst heathen in the village, his little son and one of our converts who was blamed for getting the son to attend church and school. Before we got out the Christian natives had surrounded him, some having hold of him. The first thing that Joseph (Mr. Annand) did was to get the man's tomahawk from him and throw it into the bush. Some of the Tangoans threatened to tie him up. He was quite baffled.

After Joseph and our two lads had talked and reasoned with him for some time, they with their prisoner sat down on the ground, while one of the Tangoans engaged in prayer. They would not allow him to go until he promised to let his son attend church and school if he wished to do so. He would not promise to attend himself and left before daylight for a neighbouring island. His son now spends most of his time on our premises. He is a bright little fellow.

We were surprised upon going into church on Sabbath morning to see that the women attending school had taken their seats with our Christian women, showing by this that they were not afraid to show upon which side they were, which was rather a bold thing for them to do here.

Some time ago some of the old men went to the chief, asking him to forbid the women attending school, but he would not do so."