

lists of subscriptions, for the payment of the new church, from all sources. The Reports and most of the documents will be published.

The Secretary was directed to convey to our missionaries at Trinidad a copy of minute, expressing satisfaction at the evidence presented of their fidelity and diligence, and gratitude for the presence of their Divine Master with them, as seen in the success of their work; approval of the accuracy and fulness of their financial and statistical exhibits, and the Board's high appreciation of the liberality with which so many Christian friends in Port of Spain, St. Fernando and other places, and on other Estates, have encouraged them in their work, by contributions to the church, and by providing support for schools. The Board would also notice, with gratitude, the aid afforded by the Asiatics themselves in money, given towards the erection of the chapel in San Fernando.

A letter was read from Messrs. Robert and John Gordon, of Alberton, asking for information respecting some expressions in the Board's published minute, regarding their late brother, Rev. J. D. Gordon, of Erromanga. The Secretary was directed to afford the information sought, so far as practicable.

The Secretary then read a letter from Mrs. Geddie, giving an account of the last illness and death of her loved husband, Rev. Dr. Geddie. The Board heard this letter read with solemn and sorrowful feelings, yet not without gratitude that our esteemed and venerated Missionary had been called from weakness and suffering to his rest and reward.

The 46th Psalm was then read, prayers were offered by the Chairman and by Rev. J. McG. McKay and Rev. E. A. McCurdy, and suitable Psalms sung, after which a Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Bayue, and Messrs. Walker and Patterson, was appointed to prepare a memorial statement to be entered on the minutes.

It was further agreed to direct Dr. Steel to pay Mrs. Geddie a half year's salary, to July 1st, leaving all farther arrangements

to the Synod, which will meet before that date.

A verbal report being made to the Board respecting a movement initiated by members unofficially to raise a testimonial to Dr. Geddie, and which has since assumed the form of a fund for the benefit, primarily at least, of Mrs. Geddie, and which has met with a very cordial response in Halifax, where the appeal was first made, it was agreed unanimously—"That the Board express its gratification at the intelligence, and its hope that it may be carried out successfully." It was then farther agreed that the carrying out of this movement be left entirely to such members of the Board, and other Christian friends, as may choose to co-operate in the work.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Annual Report of Rev. J. Morton.

SAN FERNANDO, Dec. 31st, 1872.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces of British North America:—

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

Early in the year, Small-Pox began to rage in San Fernando, and spread over the country till July, when it was at its height in Iere Village. Though exposed for months to its violence, we not only escaped untouched, but have enjoyed, during the year, unusually good health. For this great mercy, let the church join with us in giving thanks to God our Saviour.

SCHOOLS

have had their due share of attention, as on previous years. The schools under my special care have been:

(1) Iere, which has gone on under the care of Thomas Walter Cockey.

(2) Palmyra. Annajee, the teacher of this school, was, in April, transferred to Couva, to the detriment of the school at least for a time. Latterly, a new arrangement has been made, by which the teacher of Palmyra gives a few hours daily to the children of a neighbouring Estate, where he has a class of promising children.

(3) Esperanza, which has continued under Soodeen, who, notwithstanding considerable discouragement, showed good results at the Christmas examination.

(4) Sevilla. This new school was opened on Sevilla Estate, one and a half miles from Soodeen's School on April 23rd. The regularity of attendance, and the progress