

Margaree (who, I will take upon me to say, is doing a good work there), a Catechist is to labor in those stations during the summer months.

On Friday I preached at Lake Ainslie. Here they have a snug church; and the people speak as if they could, with the help of Margaree, support a minister. I understand they had one in view, and expected that the correspondence carried on with him would eventually result in their favor.

I preached on the third Sabbath of April in Mabou in the morning and evening. This is decidedly the most energetic congregation that I visited in Cape Breton. It is small, yet compact and easily wrought. I found them susceptible of being impressed with divine things. There were reasons for this. Death had of late been doing his work amongst them. Old and young have been removed within the compass of a few months. Last winter their much-esteemed pastor, Rev. W. Sinclair, who formerly administered comfort and consolation through his preaching and pastoral visits, was himself taken away from them, leaving them as sheep having no shepherd. This bereavement, we believe, had a hallowed effect. We were happy to learn that the congregation purpose erecting a suitable tombstone over their late pastor's grave as a token of their affection.

Here the four weeks allotted me to Cape Breton terminated. During that time I preached 27 discourses, baptized 11 children and 4 adults; collected for the Home Mission Fund \$40.12½; West Bay \$10.47; Malagawatch \$3.32½; Midd River \$2.65; Margaree Harbor \$4.37½; Lake Ainsley \$3.20; Mabou \$18.10. The people of Little Narrows promised to send forward a collection that I solicited for the same fund.

I can only speak in general of the kindness experienced in Cape Breton. Were it not that this report is now much longer than anticipated at the commencement, I would particularize a Gaius here and then, whose hospitality I enjoyed. I would like further to speak of the beautiful scenery of some of the localities I visited. Possibly when I visit the Island at a more favourable season I may do so, and include the roads which I could not now. I deeply feel for these among whom I laboured who are destitute of pastoral work, and who have not any prospect for some time to secure suitable men in language and talent to benefit them. I am deeply impressed with the necessity of having an ordained missionary who can labour among them till such time as God shall raise up and thrust forth those who will prove acceptable and useful ministers of the New Testament.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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Our Foreign Missions.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Letter from Rev. J. Morton.

IERE VILLAGE,
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Rev. and Dear Brother,—After the receipt of your favour of March 25th, not being able to leave home for a time, I submitted the matters, of which you wrote, to the brethren here by circular. I enclose you Rev. Geo. Brodie's reply, with which all the others substantially agree, and it almost embodies my own opinion. I think Couva ought to be occupied as soon as possible, especially as formal application has been made to the proprietors of estates there and a favourable answer returned. It should be remembered that five years ago Messrs. Burnley & Turbull made a handsome offer; and if the present opportunity pass, a third application at some future time may not find circumstances so favourable.

I do not think Mr. Grant's location should be determined till he sees the field; nor do I see any good purpose that would be served by his going at once to Couva. He would succeed better with the language where I could see him once or twice a week. San Fernando is certainly more healthy than Couva; and by helping me in some things, he might enable me to give some time to Couva, to prepare the way for him when he was able to use the language and had become a little "seasoned."

San Fernando should be occupied as well as Couva; and if a third missionary does not come, I am inclined to think that it would be better for him (Mr. Grant) to remain in San Fernando, and he and I, labouring beyond our strength, might do something for Couva until it could be fully occupied.

You remember our sail up the St. Croix, when there seemed no farther water-way for the steamer, and as we advanced, we saw around the bold point a fine long reach stretching away before us: so, now, let us advance; let Mr. Grant come, sit down to the language in the most favourable circumstances he can find, and in due time his field and his work will all open up before him.

Rev. H. Viera lays stress on the good that may be accomplished by a Christian medical man, but I agree with Mr. Brodie that the way does not seem so open as it did six months ago.

For the past two months the Coolies have been been employed late and early on the estates making sugar. I have therefore had less active work and more study than I will have when the crop season is over. I