

Rev. J. McKinnon gave thanks, and sought the aid of the Holy Spirit on our missions and missionaries in both fields. Intimation was given of progress in the printing of Hymns in the language of the Hindoo Coolies.

MR. ANNAND'S DEPARTURE.

After full consideration of the different routes, it was agreed unanimously "That Mr. Annand shall go via Liverpool and Melbourne, and shall (D. V.) sail from Halifax on the 5th day of November."

OUTFIT AND PASSAGE.

The usual Outfit of \$200 was voted, and the Secretary directed to pay the passage of Mr. and Mrs. Annand (\$150) to Liverpool, with One Hundred Pounds sterling, for passage from Liverpool to Melbourne.

FAREWELL AND DESIGNATION MEETING.

A series of Prayer meetings was arranged, commencing at St. John and ending in Halifax, including besides these, Moncton, Summerside, Charlottetown, Pictou, New Glasgow, Westville and Truro—one at Gays River to be arranged by Mr. Annand and Rev. J. McLean—the proper Designation services to be at Halifax, where the Board will meet on the evening of November fourth, the collection, whatever it may be, to be given to Mr. Annand to provide Medicine Chest, with implements and tools necessary for the man who must be Joiner, Cabinetmaker, Framer, Glazier and Smith.

These meetings have been held except the last, which will be held, (D. V.) at the time named in the Fort Massey Church, commencing at half-past 7 o'clock.

THE FUNDS.

The members of the Board having paid no special attention to the receipts at, and since Synod, were somewhat surprized at the following figures submitted by the Treasurer:

1872.	
June 1, Balance due the Treasurer.	\$325.20
Oct. 1, Cash paid since that date, being chiefly the half yearly payment to Trinidad Missionaries....	1312.60
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Oct. 1, Cash received in four months, including all that was paid in at Synod.....	\$1580.00
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Deficiency at date..... \$107.80

When the requirements of the Mission were considered, it appeared that early in November was the usual and proper time for remitting the Salaries of the New Hebrides Missionaries, for the next year, and that Nov. 19th was the latest date to which it can with safety, be postponed, it was therefore agreed that the facts if the

case be laid before the church, and the Salaries for 1873 asked without delay, as follows:

To four New Hebridean Missionaries at £150 Stg.....	£600
Dr. Geddie to meet expenses of living in Australia £150 extra	150
	<hr/> £750

this information to be laid before the congregations, by a Circular sent without delay to each minister in the body, and to the representative elder of each vacant congregation. Adjourned to meet in Halifax on Monday evening, Nov. 4th.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Letter from Rev. J. Morton.

SAN FERNANDO, Sept. 6th, 1872.

Rev. and Dear Brother,—On the 11th of August, another convert from Hinduism was admitted to the Christian church. Lāl Bihārī is a young man who came early in 1871 with some companions from Cupar Grange Estate to see Mr. Grant, and obtained some Gospels. He is very intelligent, being able to read, write and cipher in his own language; and he early showed a quiet, but earnest and sincere interest in what he read and heard. He kept coming and going, hearing and learning, for months till he obtained his free paper, when he removed to San Fernando, and opened a small shop. Growing in Christian knowledge and earnestness, he at length asked for baptism, but was kept back that he might be thoroughly and intelligently grounded in the Christian faith. He purchased the complete Hindī Scriptures, price three dollars, and also a number of tracts; and, by borrowing from time to time, he has read nearly all the Hindī tracts we have on hand. I examined him very carefully, and felt that I could not forbid water, that he should be baptized. Mr. Grant put the questions of the formula, and administered the ordinance to him.

Immediately after the baptism, we celebrated our first communion in the new church. Two teachers from Couva were present, and twelve Coolies gathered around the table of the Lord. A small company undoubtedly compared with the gatherings we had often seen; but ours was the joy of the first fruits. It will not soon be forgotten; our first communion in the first Coolie Church, and our twelve Coolie disciples. One thing worthy of remark was that ten of the twelve can read the Scriptures, and the other two, who are women, are learning to read.

Meetings had been held in Lāl Bihārī's room at Cupar Grange before he left the Estate, and more frequently since. Mr.