

Our Foreign Missions.

The Honan Mission is to be strengthened by two more workers, Miss Devina Robb and Miss M. K. Pyke, who are under appointment for that field.

It rains sometimes in Trinidad, 28 inches in 32 days recently. Dr. Morton reached his preaching appointment through the flood, one day, by riding for half a mile perched on the back of his buggy seat with his feet on the cushion while the water claimed the floor. Exalted if not dignified.

Foreign Mission The Rev. Dr. Warden reports the state of this Fund in the Western Section on the 8th August as follows: Receipts from congregations, etc., from May 1st, \$5,799.60; Expenditure from May 1st, \$10,373.95; Total \$40,577.32. The indebtedness at this date, is very greatly in excess of the corresponding date in any preceding year. On the other hand the F. M. Com. requires \$24,000 more, this year, than the total receipts of last year, so that very special effort is needed. There is also the added fact that there have been no legacies thus far this year, and the fund is the more dependent upon contributions and collections. But this fact too has its lesson. Friends of missions have been spared for longer work, and gratitude should lead to the more faithful and earnest prosecution of that work.

E. Indian Dr. Grant writing from Trinidad **Elders.** under date July 15, speaks of the activity of the elders in the recently formed Indian congregation at Oropouche. On the 30th June he arrived at nine in the morning at the Rusillac school, situated in one of the districts of that congregation. He was informed that the newly ordained native pastor Babu Ujagarsingh and his three elders, T. Bissessor, A. Purai and C. Pryag were in conference with the principal Christian men of the district in a neighbouring house. He went to the door, made his salaam, and declining a pressing invitation to join them, went to examine the school.

When the conference concluded he was sent for, and the whole matter was reported to him. It appears that in the election of elders no individual in that section had been declared elect, as no one received a majority of all votes cast. It was evident that friendly and judicious counsel was necessary, and hence the presence of ministers and elders at that early hour, some of them having come eight miles. It was unanimously decided to nominate R., and steps will be duly taken for his election.

Farther, these elders are diligent in their oversight of the members, and when difficulties arise seek to be peacemakers. They also accept appointments for nearly every Sabbath, to hold

meetings with their countrymen. Such facts serve to show the wisdom of throwing as much responsibility on these Children of the East as possible.

Rome and As will be seen from the letters **our Missions.** in this issue, from Mr. Goforth of Honan, China, and Mr. MacKenzie of Efate, New Hebrides, Rome is busy in both these fields. She is certainly at liberty to teach her doctrines anywhere, but to go into a field, as in Honan, after Protestants at the peril of their lives for years, have made it safe to live in, and there to advance her cause by bribery, and by falsehoods about the Protestant missionaries, rules her in that measure, out of the pale of common honor, not to speak of religion. There are many men and women in that church, good and true; we have known some of them; but the machine that controls the church, the hierarchy, stops at few methods within its power, to advance its end. Pray for the missionaries amid their discouragements, for the priests in their blindness, and for the poor converts selling their convictions for a mess of pottage.

News from The Rev. Lal Behari of Trinidad, **Demarara.** sends to the RECORD a digest of two letters received from Rameshwar Maharaj, who had gone from the San Fernando mission district for a few months. He has been sent by the Mission Council of Trinidad, at the request of the Rev. Mr. Slater, who pays half the cost of his visit.

Rameshwar says that he lives at the Manse, where he is treated with the utmost kindness by Mr. and Mrs. Slater; that during the week he visits in turn four estates, and on Sabbath he is out from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; that he has found 80 East Indians who have received Christian baptism, and that many of them readily come up to the Church at 2 p.m.; that on July 5th, 23 received the communion, and 8 adults were baptized; and that he expects to gather in many to the fold of Christ.

His joy is great, his heart overflows with gratitude. He says it is publicly announced in Demarara that the Better Hope Church premises have been transferred to the Canadian Presbyterian Mission of Trinidad.

He sends for Rutlam papers which indicates a close connection between our Missions in the East and in the West. The hearty good-will shown by the Church in Canada in taking up this work is a source of great satisfaction. Five hundred dollars a year for six years from one individual, together with the annual donation expected from the Syndicate represented by Mr. Crum Ewing, will make the call on the Church funds light, and this our correspondent thinks should be a matter of great good cheer to all who long to see the advancement of the work amongst the East Indians.