

statement of the board, spoke briefly.

He read a letter from the Rev. Joseph Annand, missionary at Anetym, which he had received yesterday. In it Mr. Annand speaks of himself and friends enjoying good health and a measure of prosperity.

Dr. McGregor announced that a successor to the Rev. Mr. Christie had been secured—John E. Wright, from Ontario who would proceed to Trinidad. The board was prepared to advertise at once for a missionary for Demarara, whose salary would be £400, half to be provided in Demarara, the other half by the West-corn section.

An application had been made to the board for a missionary to labor on the estates of Mr. Crum Ewing in Demarara, that gentleman offering to pay the whole salary.

Rev. H. A. Robertson, New Hebrides missionary, addressed the meeting. His great object in returning to Nova Scotia was to have the four gospels printed in the native language. The work was now under way and when completed would be a great help to the missionaries. The field of labor was never so prosperous as now. The call was for more men, who would devote their lives to the work. He spoke of the missionaries associated with him in the foreign field, of the encouragements and drawbacks to be met with, and gave to his listeners a happy idea of the joy and gladness that the good mission ship Dayspring brings to the small but earnest band of workers each time of news from home. In this connection Mr. Robertson urged the ministers to write occasionally to the missionaries; had they any idea how welcome such epistles were he thought there would be a larger mail for the mission fields. In his own particular island the work was going on well. The health of the missionaries was good and the natives evinced a desire to give assistance. Some of them were being taught English by the Rev. Mr. Annand—a most desirable thing. At the conclusion of his address Mr. Robertson sang several hymns in the Erromangan language.

Rev. Mr. Christie, returned missionary from Trinidad, said he was sorry to be present because he felt that his place was in the mission field. He had been shown plainly that he must leave Trinidad for a more bracing climate.

It was sixteen years since the synod began the work in Trinidad by sending out Mr. Morton; three years after a second missionary was sent and in another three

years the third followed. At the present time there were five in the field and as their work went on splendid results were visible. Mr. Christie spoke of the importance of the island commercially. He gave interesting information regarding the coolies and negroes, how that the former were pushing and ambitious, while the latter were content to take the lowest place. It was the aim of the missionaries to get hold of the rising generation, and to that end schools were being opened for the instruction of children. While the work was going on well, yet more missionaries were needed for the carrying on of the Master's work in these far-off lands.

Rev. Mr. Morton, the founder of the Trinidad mission, endorsed all that Mr. Christie had said regarding the work. By way of encouragement they had many things to be thankful for. He spoke of the resources of the country for sustaining the missionaries. The converts contributed regularly, and many friends gave with a liberal hand. He noticed that a thousand dollars for church building could be raised out there with far less trouble than in Nova Scotia. But they had drawn on all who were able to give until it seemed almost like presumption to expect more. He made an able appeal for aid, showing how for lack of funds the work was so often retarded, and called on the ministers to do their duty towards the foreign mission field by setting forth at every opportunity its need and requirements.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"The synod greets with extreme pleasure the presence on this occasion of three of their missionaries. They would give thanks to God for his kindness to them, and for the measure in which He has blessed their work and the labors in their mission fields. They would express their deep sympathy with the Rev. Mr. Christie in the loss of his health, their gratitude for his partial recovery, their hope that he may soon be completely restored, and thankfulness that a suitable successor has recently been obtained for his field.

The synod, however, would earnestly direct the attention of all their people to the state of the funds, and strongly urge the most prompt and strenuous efforts to provide the means of carrying on the operations of the church with a steadily increasing efficiency, as well as to earnest prayer for a fuller measure of the Holy Spirit.

The meeting closed with an earnest