

to accrue from any further agitation on the subject, and expressing strongly the full confidence of the Board in the character and wisdom of their Missionaries, and the desirableness of special prayer, with confession and humiliation, that the healing influence of the Holy Spirit may be poured forth more abundantly upon us all.

On motion, the Synod received the report, and approved of the diligence of the Board, reserving the subject last named as the *Curacao* difficulty, for fuller consideration.

Retirement of
Mr. McCullagh

Further explanations were sought for, and as far as possible given respecting pre-occupancy of the islands desired by Mr. McCullagh, during his absence at Australia, with the consent of the other missionaries when the Synod proceeded to the next topic, and "authorized the Board to pay their share of the salary of a Printer, and of the expenses connected with the printing department.

Miss'n to India.

A correspondence was then read, arising out of Rev. G. Sutherland's tender of himself as a Missionary to India or China. The Board had agreed to refer this whole matter to Synod, and had immediately proceeded to collect information, and though Mr. Sutherland had subsequently withdrawn his offer, and had since left for Australia, the subject of commencing such a Mission was now before the Synod. A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Somerville, Foreign Mission Secretary of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, giving full answers to all the questions proposed respecting labourers, mission premises, localities and expenses.* After the reading of documents, it was agreed without a division, "That the church is not in a position to undertake a Mission to India."

Mission to
Trinidad.

The Board next submitted correspondence arising out of an offer of Rev. John Morton to go on a mission to the Coolies on the island of Trinidad, should the Synod undertake such an enterprise, and consider him a suitable agent. 1st. Mr. Morton's tender of service; 2nd. Letter from Rev. Mr. Brodie of Port of Spain, Trinidad, to Dr. Dales of Philadelphia; 3rd. Letter from Rev. Mr. Lambert, St. Fernando, Trinidad, to Dr. Dales; both of these letters urging the United Presbyterian Church of the United States to resume their mission to the Coolies, and secure, if possible, Mr. Morton's services; 4th, Information furnished by Mr. Morton respecting the number, character and spiritual destitution of the Coolies; Finally, a letter from Rev. Dr. Dales, written by direction of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of the United States, giving reasons why they felt it impossible to resume their interrupted Mission to the Coolies, recommending the field to the Synod, and offering to make over to the Synod their mission premises at Iere Village.

On motion of Mr. Robert Murray, it was, after an expression of opinion from brethren, agreed unanimously, "to authorize the Board to establish a mission to Trinidad for the special benefit of the Coolies."

On motion of Rev. John I. Baxter, a short time was devoted to special prayer, that the Divine blessing may rest on the mission now resolved on. Rev. Professor McKnight led in prayer, after which the Synod adjourned, closing with the Benediction.

* A letter of a similar character was received from Rev. Dr. Duff by the Board before the Synod closed.