

Our Foreign Missions.

The Board of Foreign Missions met at St. John on Tuesday prior to the assembling of the Synod, Rev. Dr. Bayne in the chair. The following matters of business were reported to Synod:

1st. Rev. K. J. Grant will, with his family, revisit these Provinces early in 1876. The time is left entirely to Mr. Grant, and it is understood that his departure from Trinidad will be soon after the new year.

2. Satisfactory information was laid before the Board of the usefulness of Mr. J. A. McDonald, our Superintendent of Mission Schools in Trinidad.

3. The Board sanctioned the payment from the children's fund of £25 sterling as a small capital fund to be used in introducing for sale, school books and religious literature in Hindustani, for the use of the Coolies. Also of £7 sterling to insure the manse at San Fernando; also at the recommendation of the missionaries the sum of \$200, for the purchase of a horse to add to the usefulness of Evangelists aiding the missionaries.

4th. The Board being informed of the anticipated return from Edinburgh of J. T. Bruce, Esq., M. D., directed that he be taken on trials for license, and made arrangements for meeting him soon after his arrival.

5. The necessary arrangements were then made for amalgamating the work and funds of the two Committees, representing formerly the P. C. L. P., and the P. C. M. P., in connection with the Church of Scotland, Rev. P. G. McGregor to be Treasurer of the united fund. Cordial thanks of the Board to be tendered to James Bremner, Esq., for his valuable services as Treasurer of the Committee of F. M. of P. C. M. P.

Finally, It was agreed to inform the Synod that the liabilities of the Board are greater than funds seem forthcoming to meet. The outlay has, for some years, exceeded the income, in the larger of the two Churches now united, so that now, when large remittances should be made at once,

the funds are wanting, and the missionaries' salaries, which are payable in advance, can only be forwarded by *borrowing*, a course in every way unsatisfactory, and very embarrassing to the Treasurer.

The Synod at once adapted a recommendation of the Board that the 4th Sabbath of October, the usual time for collections in the former Synod of the Maritime Provinces, should be named, and all congregations which had not contributed within a short time should be asked to make returns, as soon after that date as possible. Where congregations have not notice in time to collect on the Sabbath named, it is hoped that they will do it as soon after that day as possible, and send their contributions without delay to the Treasurer.

Congregations having other methods of raising funds in operation are left free to follow their own course, but it is hoped that all will unite in a hearty effort to replenish the funds of the Foreign Board so that our honour and credit may be fully maintained.

Rev. J. F. Campbell reported in brief his work of visitation of congregations in Cape Breton, and received instructions to proceed with the same work in all our congregations in Prince Edward Island.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Letter from Mr. Grant.

SAN FERNANDO, Sept. 7th, 1875.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—By a resolution of your Board we have permission to visit Home next Summer. It was our intention to be up in time for Synod, and to remain say until January, if the Board consented.

We now propose going in January to return in August. I really think that the risk is not greater to go home in Winter, than to come to the Tropics from Nova Scotia in the latter part of the year.

It is a season of the year in which your missionaries can be more easily spared than at any other. Crop season commences in February and continues till June. During these months it is a perpetual harvest day, and little missionary work can be done on the Estates—save on Sabbath.

Will you kindly favour us with an early reply, as we await the sanction of the Board.

In the event of our going the following will probably be the arrangement for sup-