

Our Foreign Missions.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

The Board of Foreign Missions at a meeting held in New Glasgow, on the 23rd ult., unanimously agreed to welcome back Rev. Mr. Morton and family during the summer of 1874, and to make reasonable provision for necessary travelling expenses. This resolution was adopted in pursuance of a minute of Synod to the effect that such a privilege should be granted to the Trinidad missionaries at the close of every five years. Mr. Morton and family may therefore be expected in the Spring, and we shall enjoy (D. V.) the presence in Synod, five months hence, of our first missionary to the Coolies.

We have a letter from Mr. Grant of date Dec. 26th. The missionaries were about preparing their annual report, and felt on review that they could thank God and take courage. The pulpit of the Presbyterian congregation in San Fernando, was likely to be supplied, for a time, by Rev. Dr. Anderson, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of U. S., who stays for a season in Trinidad preparing for mission work in Venezuela, by studying Spanish and subsequently visiting Caraccas, Bolivar, &c. Mr. Grant will thus be released from preaching in the San Fernando Presbyterian Church, but the \$200 which he received for that service, and which he applied to the payment of Lal Behari, Teacher and Catechist, will no longer be available. But the services of Lal Behari are too valuable to be lost, and Mr. Grant is anxious that provision should be made for his support. This application has come since the meeting of the Board. Will some congregation or some man of large heart and means express gratitude for the past by assuming the support of this young and promising evangelist. This would be a "memorial window" in the San Fernando Church for Asiatics, on which many would gaze with emotions of admiration and gratitude.

The following letter from Mr. Christie shews that he and Mrs. Christie have had a boisterous and perilous passage to St.

Thomas, have met with detention, and also with much kindness by the way. Prayers were indeed offered by many for their safety. They have been delivered, and we may presume that they have now reached their destination.

Letter from Rev. Thomas Christie.

ST. THOMAS, *January 6, 1874.*

DEAR MR. MCGREGOR,—I hoped to have been able to have written to you from Trinidad by this mail, but we are still six hundred miles distant from it. You know I told you that I expected to sail from here to Trinidad on the 2nd of January, as I had been told that the steamers of the Royal Mail Line left here on the 2nd and 16th of each month. That was the custom, but lately it has been changed, and now the steamer leaves Barbadoes on the 2nd and not St. Thomas, so we cannot get away from here till the 16th, and will not get to Trinidad till the 20th. I wrote to you shortly before leaving New York. We sailed at 3 p. m. on the 23rd, but as a heavy snow-storm was coming on they anchored off Sandy Hook till the next morning. We had a very rough passage, the roughest that steamer has ever had, and we came very near never reaching here at all. Storms seem to have followed us ever since we started on our missionary life. We had a very heavy gale in the Gulf Stream, and during the height of it about 500 tons of coal shifted over to leeward, and a portion of the cargo, and we did not get on an even keel for three days. Several seas came down into the cabin, making everything very uncomfortable, while passengers and chairs were flying about in all directions. On Friday evening we were considered to be in great danger, but the prayers that have been offered for us were answered, and we were kept by the Power that rules the storm. One man was lost overboard, and it was impossible to do anything to save him, as to attempt to bring the steamer about would have endangered the lives of all. The captain, and first and second officers, were nearly swept overboard, also, and the former was badly injured. Two of the boats were swept away. We arrived here safely on Wednesday, Dec. 31, and now the past seems almost like a dream. On arriving we found there was no prospect of getting away before the 16th, and the prospect was dismal enough, as the Hotel is rather a poor one, and prices very high.

I forgot to say that we had a fellow passenger, Mr. James Campbell, of Trinidad, of the firm of A. Cummings & Co., who are strong friends of our mission. He has been very kind and has rendered us a great deal of assistance. God has raised us up friends