

into insignificance, and with the aim of inducing the members and adherents of our Church to grasp the full import of the New Testament measure, "Let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him," am I not justified in asking them to study with me, somewhat in detail, those principles and precepts, the knowledge and practice of which trained to such marvellous liberality in the cause of God?

But the question suggests itself, did these generous contributions impoverish those who presented them? Let their history answer. After their offerings for the tabernacle, the Israelites continued to be fed with bread from heaven, and the Manna ceased not till "the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land," and all the way through the wilderness they drank of that rock that followed them. Who does not know that the reign of Solomon, which immediately succeeded the offerings for the temple, was the most prosperous of the line of David? The truth is, that just as ocean, sea, lake and river give their waters to be borne aloft by evaporation, and are speedily replenished by the showers falling from heaven, so the believer, who devotes of his substance to God in gratitude and love, experiences the fulfilment of the promise, "Give and it shall be given you, good measure, pressed down, and running over." In olden times it was when God's people were slothfully saying "The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built," that they were reminded in Providence as well as by the prophet: "Ye have sown much and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes." Nor can I ignore the deep significance in their application to our own times, of the words of Jehovah addressed to His selfish people, "Ye looked for much, and lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of Hosts, because of mine house that lieth waste, and ye run every man to his own house."

REV. K. J. GRANT AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our last number announced the fact that Mr. Grant of Merigomish, had accepted the call of the Board of Foreign Missions to labour among the Coolies in Trinidad. As the whole church is deeply interested in this decision, we think a few particulars will be acceptable.

The call was presented at a meeting of the Presbytery of Picton held at New Glasgow on the 25th of January, at which all parties had been notified to appear. The reasons of translation had been laid before the congregation who were represented by their Commissioners.

The proceedings commenced with the reading of the papers in the case, when Rev. Dr. Bayne and Mr. R. McGregor were heard in explanation and support of the reasons of translation. These were the weight to be attached to a call coming as it were from the *whole church*; a call presented on behalf of perishing heathen, blinded and degraded by a pestilent superstition; and the peculiar qualification of Mr. Grant for missionary work. Both speakers performed their task faithfully and well, and all hearers were persuaded that they at least felt that this call was from the Great Head of the Church, and that He Himself, the Great Missionary, was pointing to the regions beyond, as the sphere for Mr. Grant.

The Commissioners from the congregation were then heard with breathless attention, as they urged as reasons for the retention of their minister, the great success of his seven years' pastorate, in enlarging and strengthening the congregation, and in winning souls to Christ, the profound attachment now existing between him and all classes of his flock, and the happy prevalence of a missionary spirit among the youth of the congregation as another of the many valuable results of his labours.

Their earnest and at times impassioned addresses were listened to, not only with attention and respect, but with deepest sympathy, alike from Presbyters and others present.

The call then placed in Mr. Grant's hands was accepted with deep emotion, after much