

as a missionary from this church to the New Hebrides. Special prayer was offered, and on motion of Dr. Bayne, seconded by Rev G. Patterson, it was agreed, That Mr. Annand be cordially accepted, and that arrangements be made for his departure en route for the New Hebrides during the present year.

It was agreed that Mr. Annand should be left to prosecute his medical studies till the meeting of Synod, and that he should devote the greater portion of the time that he remains in the Province to the visitation of the churches; and the Secretary was authorized to request the Presbytery within whose bounds he may reside, to take him on trials for ordination without delay.

The Report for the year was submitted, and with some amendments and additions accepted as the Report of the Board for the year past. The Board, after transacting other general business, adjourned to meet in Halifax on the last week of June.

The Missionaries in Australia.

Our last number gave information of the arrival in Melbourne of Mr. and Mrs. Murray. They reached their destination in safety and health on the 19th January, and on the 22nd February Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie and Mr. and Mrs. Robertson also arrived per steamer *Great Britain*. We have received letters from both the missionaries of our own church, Mr. Murray being at date of writing at Geelong, and Mr. McKenzie at Melbourne. The *Great Britain* had a narrow escape from a terrific storm before leaving the British Coast, a storm in which strong ships foundered, but the passage subsequently was very pleasant and quick.

The Dayspring was found in better condition than was expected. She has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired, and was to sail March 26th. Her Commander now is Captain Rae, of Melbourne, a christian man with first class testimonials.

Dr. McDonald of Emerald Hill, the fast friend of the Mission had been very ill, and for some days his life was all but despaired of. We rejoice to know that at latest dates

he was convalescent. Mr. MacDonald, the new Missionary from the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, was to be ordained on the 13th March, and to go in the Dayspring. We trust they are all now in the New Hebrides looking around for their respective fields of labour.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Every mail from Trinidad seems to bring something new and encouraging from one or both of our Missionaries. During the present month we have a letter from Mr. Morton, telling us of another Baptism; and the opening of another School. While we take note of the gratifying facts, let us not forget the request made near the close of the letter.

Letter from Mr. Morton.

SAN FERNANDO, April 25th, 1872.

Rev. and Dear Brother,—On Sabbath, 14th inst., I baptized a young man named Kantoo in the Iere Church. This is the young man particularly mentioned in my last annual report. Finding that his mother-in-law continued bitterly opposed to his becoming a Christian, and on account of her opposition there was little hope that his wife would be prepared to be baptized with him at any very early date, he at once decided that he ought to wait no longer. In that decision I entirely concurred. Kantoo had counted the cost. He knew that all his friends were opposed to his being baptized. Every time I spoke to his mother-in-law on the subject, she began to weep. On the Sabbath before his baptism, she told me that if he became a Christian she would not drink water that he had touched. That is on account of his loss of caste. I then asked her if she would not drink water that I had touched. She answered, yes. Well, I said, I am a Christian and a Christian teacher, and he will be a disciple; what will be the difference? Oh, she said, there is a great difference. It was useless reasoning with her. But I found that, through the teaching of Kantoo, she had altogether cast away her confidence in idols, though she still, to some extent, trusted in duties. The day Kantoo was baptized, she and her daughter—Kantoo's wife—ate nothing, and spent most of the day in weeping. His wife, however, came to see him baptized, and was in church again last Sunday. They now seem more reconciled, tears and entreaties being useless.

The village was much moved by this.