

FOREIGN MISSION.

I TRUST it will not be considered presumption in me again to solicit the attention of our ministers and their congregations to the very important matter which I endeavoured to urge in the last issue of the *Record*.

When our Missionary takes his departure, which we hope will not now be long delayed, it rests with us to provide him with all the means which the experience of other missions shew to be fitted to secure the confidence of those to whom he is sent, and thus dispose them to receive his instructions. To see him willing to minister to their temporal wants, will present to their untutored minds the most convincing argument and the best possible proofs that he has no evil design, but comes as a real friend, desiring to do them good. To furnish him with abundance of such arguments, the very least effort on the part of our congregations will be amply sufficient. But this being so easily accomplished—and just because of its being so, there may be some danger of a failure in doing it—two or three congregations could, no doubt, easily do it sufficiently, and therefore the several individual congregations may not see it necessary to take it into their serious consideration. In this way, very simple duties, and, at the same time, most urgent and important in their nature, have often been neglected, and that neglect attended sometimes with consequences seen only in time to be vainly deplored.

While the result of your mission is wholly in the hands of God, and our hopes of success must rest entirely on His own sure promise, we must remember that our pleading that promise must be inseparable from the employment of all means dictated by wisdom and experience as necessary to help on the work.

I regret that I am not possessed of information sufficient to enable me to state particulars so minutely as I would wish for the guidance of such as may be desirous to contribute to this object. I cannot add to what I stated in my last communication to the *Record*. I may, however, repeat, that in contributing coloured flannels and cottons, there is no risk of a mistake; and that hardware and mechanical tools will be of great value, and the larger the quantity the better. And not less important will be a large stock of such things as pins, needles, thimbles, brass buttons, &c., to which may be added any small fancy needle work, in which ladies are fond to indulge.

We are fortunate, in this particular, that we can avail ourselves of the experience of our sister church, whose congregations have frequently made contributions for the same object. If our people move with any degree of zeal, in this matter, we shall, perhaps, have more than will be sufficient; but let no individual hold back from thoughts of that kind. The offering will be purely voluntary. It is asked for the purpose of aiding the cause of Christ, and, given from that motive, it will be accepted by Him, and rewarded as our Lord ever rewards the labours of love in which His people engage. One of the loveliest passages in the history of Israel, is that which tells of the liberality of both men and women, when the Tabernacle was being erected: "And they spake unto Moses, saying, the people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make."

Happy indeed must their great leader have felt, when ordering it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, that their willingness to contribute had supplied more than was required. "It was too much." Had they continued in such a spirit as that, what a glorious history would their's have been, and what rich blessings would be their heritage from generation to generation.

May the same spirit of zeal and liberality distinguish every congregation of our church, and then assuredly will they be distinguished as a people whom the Lord hath blessed.

I have only to add, for the information of such as feel it in their hearts to