

Our Foreign Missions.

The Board of Foreign Missions,

Met at New Glasgow, in James Church, on Tuesday, 23rd ult., at 9 o'clock, a. m., and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Bayne, Chairman. The members present besides the Chairman were Rev. J. Stewart, Rev. Dr. Patterson, Rev. Messrs. J. McKinnon, G. M. Grant, E. A. McCurdy, R. J. Cameron, of St. John and P. G. McGregor, ministers; and John Miller, Esq., of Westville. Rev. J. F. Campbell was also present, and invited to share in the deliberations of the Board.

A letter was read from Rev. A. McLean, of Belfast, expressing regret that engagements, which could not be set aside, would prevent his being present, and a message to the same effect from Rev. Mr. Duncan, of Charlottetown.

This being the first meeting of the united Committees forming the Board of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. P. G. McGregor and Rev. G. M. Grant, by request of the Chairman, presented statements of the number of missionaries, the fields and stations occupied, the pecuniary obligations involved, and the present condition of the finances of the respective Churches at the time when the Union was consummated. These statements were ordered to be published, and may appear in the *Record* of the Maritime Provinces, published on the 10th of this month.

The time of the Board was chiefly occupied in matters connected with the acceptance by the Synod in connection with the Church of Scotland of Rev. J. F. Campbell as a missionary to the English speaking natives of India in Madras.

After a careful consideration of the minute of Synod, it appeared that the information considered necessary before any decision could be come to respecting the time of Mr. Campbell's designation and departure had not yet been received, and the following resolution was then unanimously adopted with Mr. Campbell's concurrence:

"With reference to the sending out of Mr. Campbell to Madras, *Resolved*, That as sufficient information cannot be obtained in time for his going out this year, the Board, in accordance with the resolution of Synod, direct the Secretary to correspond with the India Mission Committee of the Church of Scotland, to obtain all necessary information as to the special work which is proposed that Mr. Campbell should do in Madras, and what relation he would be expected to hold to said Committee, or to the local superintending Board; and in the mean time, and until the meeting of Synod in October, that Mr. Campbell be employed in visiting the Congregations of the Maritime Provinces.

A series of questions was then drawn up, the replies to which, it is hoped, will furnish such information as will enable the Synod in October to arrive at a satisfactory determination of the question.

Mr. Campbell gave an account of his visitation of Congregations in Ontario in the Presbytery of Miramichi, in New Brunswick, and of Pictou in Nova Scotia with a statement of the collections received. It appeared that large and deeply interested meetings have been held in the places named, and liberal collections tendered and accepted.

Mr. Campbell's connection with the Board dates from July 1st. Till his departure his salary was fixed at \$800 and expenses of travelling, collections to be paid into the funds of the Board.

Mr. Campbell was appointed to preach at Earltown on the last Sabbath of July and in the Congregation of Pugwash on the 1st Sabbath of August, and to visit the Congregations in the Island of Capetown from 2nd Sabbath of August till the end of September.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Letter from Rev. J. Morton

SAN FERNANDO,
June 4th, 1854

Rev. and Dear Brother,

I went home to Nova Scotia to talk and came back to Trinidad to work, and being that you had no lack of copy for the *RECORD*, I felt quite absolved from writing much.

Since the division of the field, Jamaica, I have been endeavoring to be