

## MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Foreign Mission Committee, Eastern Section, met in the lecture room of United Church, New Glasgow, May 5th.

There were present Alexr. McLean, Convener, Dr. McCulloch, D. B. Blair, Dr. Burns, E. A. McCurdy, A. McL. Sinclair, Edwin Smith, J. M. McLeod, and E. Scott, ministers, and Andrew Walker, and D. C. Fraser, elders.

Mr. Annand, Dr. Patterson, J. L. George and W. L. McRae, being present were invited to aid in the deliberations.

A statement of the accounts was submitted shewing that the debt on the Foreign Mission work at date is about \$3000.

In response to the Committee's advertisement for a man to take Mr. McLeod's place at Princetown, Trinidad, an offer of service was received from Mr. W. L. McRae. It was accompanied by most satisfactory certificates and was heartily accepted. Mr. McRae will probably leave for his field about the first of September.

Letters were read from Messrs Morton and Grant regarding the death of Rev. J. W. McLeod.

The Secretary was directed to convey to Mrs. McLeod an expression of the sympathy of the Board, and special prayer was offered in behalf of the bereaved family.

The Secretary read the following resolution passed by the Ladies F. M. Society at Halifax, April 9th,

"The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Eastern Section, realizing the great need of another Missionary to accompany the Rev. Mr. Annand to his new field of labor on the island of Santo, respectfully request the Foreign Mission Board to appoint a suitable person to go with him, and guarantee the support of the new Missionary, until such time as the Foreign Mission Board is in a position to assume it."

After long and careful consideration the following resolution was, with the exception of one vote unanimously adopted.

"The committee notices with great satisfaction the Christian earnestness and zeal of the Woman's F. M. Society, and of the several Woman's Congregational Societies throughout our church, recognizes the valuable services that all these societies have rendered to the cause of Foreign Missions, and fully sympathizes with the

object, the Woman's F. M. Society has in view, that of sending a missionary to labor with Mr. Annand on the island of Santo, yet in view of the increasing debt upon the Fund, and the probability of a speedy amalgamation of the Foreign Mission Funds of the Eastern and Western Sections of the church, agrees to defer the further consideration of this subject until after the meeting of the General Assembly."

The committee appointed to prepare a minute with regard to the late Rev. Dr. MacGregor, submitted the following which was adopted.

"The committee desire to place on record their deep sense of the worth of him who has for so many years kept their records, and who has been called to rest.

Through a long life the late Rev. Dr. MacGregor was an ardent friend and supporter of Missions. As a member of the committee, his accurate knowledge of the work and his prudence in counsel, were of the highest service, while his kindly and genial manner helped to make rough places smooth, and crooked places straight, and to make their work one of pleasantness and harmony. As secretary, he was a model of neatness, thoroughness, and accuracy, from the beginning of his office to the end of it, his relation to the committee on the one hand, and the missionaries on the other moving steadily and smoothly on.

While feeling his removal, we rejoice that his sun of service has not gone down, that the call is but the Master's voice bidding him come up higher, that our loss is his gain.

We would record our deep sympathy with the sorrowing family, our thankfulness that while their memories of the past are fraught with sadness they are bright with sunny recollections, the only sadness being in the thought that those days return no more, and our prayer that they may follow in his footsteps, as he followed Christ, and that at length they may have the joy of meeting him in that better life where there is no parting.

A number of casks of arrowroot having been sent by Mr. Robertson it was agreed that they be distributed in various towns for sale.

Glad service is more than money. The heart full is more than the hand full.