

A TEMPERANCE REVIVAL.

We rejoice to notice that a mighty Temperance Revival is at present prevailing in the United States. Many hundreds of liquor shops have been closed and the number is increasing every day. Faithful women pray to God for the men who sell, till the men turn from their evil ways and relinquish their ill-gotten gains. The "Women's Crusade" has produced astonishing results in Ohio and other states. In the Eastern States large gatherings and conferences of ministers and leading people are being held to devise ways and means of carrying on the battle against intemperance. We hope that in the Provinces fresh efforts will be put forth to abate the nuisance of drunkenness and to prevent the forming of the vile habit of tippling. How often, O how often do warnings of the most appalling character come very near ourselves!

Our Foreign Missions.

The Board of Foreign Missions

Met at New Glasgow on Tuesday the 17th ult. The Annual Reports of Rev. J. Morton and of Rev. K. J. Grant were read, with accompanying documents and accounts, and all found highly satisfactory.

It appeared that there was still a debt on the Church, and on the manse, which taken together made nearly \$500. The Secretary was authorized to liquidate this from the children's fund, raised for mission ship and for schools, and other extras in Trinidad, and if any Sabbath Schools had not yet responded, to invite them to do so, as all the contributions that could be realized would be required to meet all the demands on this fund.

The most important business emerging from the correspondence arose from the reading of the following document:—

SAN FERNANDO, Jan. 20th, 1874.

To the Board of Foreign Missions Pres.
Ch., L. P., B. N. A.

We beg to make the following representations:—

1. We are convinced that the success of this mission depends very largely upon the extent to which the Gospel is carried by a living messenger to the people of the Estates and villages at their own homes.

2. The field is so wide and the population so great, that your present missionaries are not able to overtake the work as it should be done.

3. This is the department of work in which native Catechists can be most usefully employed.

4. We have two men whom we believe to be reliable, who might be employed in this work at once,

SOODEEN,

who cannot continue at his present post on account of his health. He is offered a situation in San Fernando, as interpreter and clerk to the Inspector of immigrants, and this he will probably accept in the meantime. In this situation he will be able to do some service for the mission; but it would be better if his whole time and energies could be devoted to mission work and this he would himself prefer.

LAL BIBARE,

who has been for the past ten months acting as Catechist with Mr. Grant. Till Jan. 1st the Presbyterian Congregation, San Fernando, contributed to his support in recognition of services given them by Mr. Grant. But for the present that support has ceased, as the congregation have secured for a time, the services of Rev. Dr. Anderson. And our hope is that before long they will have a settled minister of their own.

5. In these circumstances we beg very respectfully to represent that we think the time has come when the Church should authorize the appointment of two native Catechists, and guarantee their support.

6. The support necessary would be \$25 per month or £62 10 sterling per annum for Soodeen, and \$20 per month or £50 sterling per annum for Lal Bibare.

7. They would be located, one in the San Fernando district, and the other in the centre of the Iere district, under the immediate supervision of your missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MORTON,
K. J. GRANT.

After full consideration it was agreed unanimously, "To authorize, in compliance with the joint request of our missionaries at San Fernando, and for the reasons set forth in the paper read, the appointment of the two young men named as native evangelists, on the terms specified, and to guarantee their salary." It was further agreed, "that the Secretary bring this resolution before Churches in the *Record*, in the hope that the support of these young men may be assumed by some union of contiguous Sabbath schools, or of Churches or of persons."

The facts are now before the Church. Evidently the support of one of these young