

drill their children in the catechism, organize Sabbath schools and set the most active persons we can get to teach, and keep Bible-classes in different sections of his congregation, and at these classes lecture the Confession of Faith into the heads of his parishioners. He must, in the fourth place, get the elders, managers, and all office-bearers to attend faithfully to their work. And he must, in the last place, if the people don't pay him, "shake off the dust from his feet for a testimony against them," and go to some other place.

But where are we to find men? Perhaps the best thing that could be done in the meantime would be to send an ordained minister to labour as a missionary in the destitute places. He might go about from place to place preaching, catechizing, and organizing. If a proper person could be obtained the Home Mission Board might guarantee him a salary of £200 a year. I think if the people really liked him and wanted him he would have no trouble in collecting that sum among them.

It is a great pity that the Gaelic-speaking ministers who are now in congregations where their Gaelic is not required, are not in Cape Breton. I collected the following sums for the Home Mission Board:

West Bay.	\$12 40
St. Peter's.	4 47
Malagawatch.	3 60
Middle River.	4 30
Lake Ainslie.	5 38

\$30.15

My travelling expenses amounted to \$16.60. I am glad I went to Cape Breton, and trust that my labours there were of some good. Would that the people I have visited had ministers settled among them!

Yours respectfully,

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Our Foreign Missions.

Designation Services.

In his own Church in Merigomish, on March 29th, Rev. Kenneth J. Grant was designated the Synod's second missionary to the Coolies of Trinidad. His connection with his charge, by appointment of Presbytery, terminated on that day, and the Board had determined that that was the most suitable time and place for the setting apart of the missionary formally to his great work. Considering the inauspicious state of the weather, and the all but impassable condi-

tion of the roads, the congregation was numerous. Vacant seats, however, and the evident minority of the women, shewed but too clearly how many had been compelled to remain at home.

Rev. Dr. Roy presided, and, after praise and the reading of the Scriptures, offered the designation prayer.

The charge to the missionary was delivered by Rev. Dr. Bayne, and to the people by the Secretary of the Board. Rev. G. Patterson delivered an address founded on Acts xiii. 1-3, and Rev. Mr. Grant occupied a short time in acknowledging the cordial support and kindness which he had experienced during his whole pastorate. From his brethren in the Presbytery he said he had received nothing but brotherly kindness and courtesy, and from his neighbour Rev. Mr. Miller the most cordial co-operation, and valuable counsel, while their intercourse had been, to him at least, and he believed to both, pleasant and profitable. He availed himself of the opportunity of thanking the congregation for their kindness, sympathy, prayers and co-operation in the Lord's work. He testified to the cordiality with which they had aided him in plans of usefulness, and to their fulfilment of all their pecuniary engagements, besides giving him many additional proofs of their liberality and affection. He acknowledged receipt on that morning of a parting address with a purse of \$110, and declared that in every face before him he saw a friend, and that it was with feelings of unfeigned sorrow that he bade farewell to a people to whom he was so deeply attached.

Prayers were offered and Psalms and spiritual songs sung; and the devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Messrs Miller, Walker and McFinnon, constituted the most impressive and edifying part of the service. The day being far spent, the meeting closed and the congregation retired, individually bidding their minister farewell, and in their hearts commending him to God.

The addresses were requested for publication in our present number, and we give the one following, regretting that circumstances have prevented the transmission of the others.