

The ladies of the missionary societies of United Church and James Church, New Glasgow, held a joint meeting in James Church Hall, May 5th. The hall was well filled. In an address of welcome, Mrs. Annand was presented with a purse of \$62, not from the funds of the Societies, for these are paid, as Society Funds should be, into the Foreign Mission Fund, but from private donations.

Mrs. Annand gave a most interesting address on Mission Work in the South Seas, shewing the dark, sad state of the heathen. For an hour she was listened to with rapt attention. Prayer and singing and the reading of two or three interesting papers occupied the remainder of the meeting, after which tea was provided.

At the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board on the 6th inst., a resolution was adopted with the greatest warmth and heartiness, which we would scarcely take the liberty of publishing, but that some member of the Board published it, unknown to us, in another paper. As that has been done, it is but just to reproduce it. The resolution moved by A. McL. Sinclair, seconded by Dr. Burns was as follows:—"That thanks are due and are hereby given to the Rev. E. Scott, for the interesting notices of Foreign Mission work in his excellent publication the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN, and especially for generously giving all the profit from that publication to our Foreign Mission Fund, the various sums given by him from that source, up to the present date amounting to \$350.00."

We wish to pass the thanks along to those who have gratuitously aided in circulating the paper, for to their kindly interest is largely owing any measure of success that has been attained. They are fellow helpers in the good work, and the Editor has no right to appropriate the thanks to himself.

The Hindu shopkeepers of Calcutta have voluntarily started a Sabbath closing movement. These keen traders are not animated by any reverence for the day, but they have learned the value of one off-day in the week.

It is said of that grand man, Dr. Leonard Bacon, that during the last part of his long and fruitful life, he had the idea impressed upon him as never before, that the exchange of worlds was like passing from one room to another.

DEATH OF REV. WM. MURRAY.

Mr. Murray was a brother of Mr. Robert Murray of the *Presbyterian Witness*, and was born at Earlstown in 1825. Completing his studies in 1854, he was licensed by the Free Presbytery of Halifax and appointed in 1855 as the General Agent of the Free Church in the Maritime Provinces. In 1857 he was settled in Cornwallis, but being laid aside with bronchial affection he resigned his charge and went in 1868 to Jamaica, where he has since labored. About three years since his health failed and he came to Nova Scotia. In 1884 he returned to Jamaica but was not strong enough for the work, and came back to Nova Scotia, but his work was done. He died on the 21st of March at Canning the scene of his earlier labors in the ministry, the scene also of marked success in his work.

Dr. Doddridge was walking out one day in a very depressed state of mind. His trials at that time were peculiarly heavy. He saw no way of deliverance from them, and he was greatly discouraged. As he passed along, the door of a little cottage was standing open, and he heard a child's voice reading the words "As thy day, so shall thy strength be." The effect produced upon his saddened feelings was indescribable; his despondency vanished, and his heart was filled with peace and joy.

When God would educate a man He compels him to learn bitter lessons. He sends him to school to the necessities rather than to the graces, that, by knowing all suffering, he may know also the eternal consolation.—*Celia Burleigh.*

During the last few days more than eleven hundred dollars has been sent to our Foreign Mission Fund from individuals, Sabbath Schools, and Societies in the West. Of this the Women's F. M. Society in the West sent \$600. With the help thus given the debt will be considerably reduced.

Any persons wishing copies of the April issue of the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN, containing Dr. McGregor's last sermon, can have as many copies as they wish, free, by asking for them.

Mr. Annand spends a part of this month in visiting some of the congregations in Pictou Presbytery. In June he goes to the General Assembly.

Queens University, Kingston, has conferred the title of D. D. upon Principal Forrest of Dalhousie College.