

The congregations of Little Bras' d'Or and Leitch's Creek, C. B., are considering the matter of union. Where union can be effected, and good, strong congregations formed, the work of the Lord can be carried forward with far greater comfort and success. Middle Stewincke and Brookfield, N. S., are considering reunion. Rev. Charles Mackay has resigned charge of the latter, leaving the way clear to unite, and Rev. Charles Mackinnon has tabled his resignation of the former, for the same purpose.

Fairville. In this suburb of St. John, N.B., a mission station was opened, a hall rented, and a catechist appointed, just a year ago. There are over forty families. The people—chiefly workmen in the neighboring mills—have gone to work with great energy. They have built a fine hall of their own, which is nearly half paid for, and they raised \$450 toward the support of an ordained missionary. When the hall is clear of debt they hope to do without assistance from the Home Mission Board.

Stony Plain, etc. Mr. McQueen, of Edmonton, writes of his trip to Stony Plain. "On my way out I passed through a small settlement north of the Indian Reserve, consisting of four families and two bachelors—all Presbyterians with one exception. I promised them a monthly prayer-meeting service during winter for which they were most grateful.

The Spruce Grove school house was reached in the evening. There were 25 at the service; two children were baptized, one the offspring of Presbyterian parents the other Anglican. The people were all very anxious that I should come back, which I promised to do as often during the winter as I conveniently could. The people in the settlement are all Presbyterians or Anglicans, with one exception, and the Presbyterians are in the majority.

The next day I started for the Warden school, fully ten miles further away. A few visits were made on the way and a child baptized. The Warden settlement, with the exception of one Methodist family, as far as could be learned, is solidly Presbyterian. The attendance was larger than at the other point, and would have been larger still had there not been two steam threshers at work in the neighborhood. The people here, too, were anxious that I should give them some service during the winter. In the settlement are two sons of a Presbyterian minister in the United States—both have families.

These points might be united with Poplar Grove and Belmont and a new mission organized. This is really the best part of this north country that I have seen, and we should not neglect it. A conditional promise of a missionary next spring was made. The people are beginning life but we could promise board and one dollar per week."

Our Foreign Missions.

The resolution of the Dayspring Board, given on next page, shews that the managers of the Maritime affairs of the New Hebrides Mission have on their hands, what, in popular parlance, would be called a "white elephant." What action the Mission Synod will take, in May, since their resolution of last year regarding the Dayspring was unheeded by the Victorian F. M. Com., remains to be seen.

Miss Fisher's "Miss Fisher's School has work in Couva. doubled in four years," writes Mr. Thompson in a private note from Couva, Trinidad. Besides "she raised seventy-five dollars and painted her school. Not one cent of this was mission money. She wrought with her own hands and raised part of it in other ways. The paint will add years to the "life" of the building. The Scotch folks here spent about \$150.00, in repairing and painting the Church. Miss Fisher and Miss Arbuckle collected the money and a committee of the school did the work. The Church needed painting badly to save it, so our funds were relieved to that extent.

A Teacher's Death. Rev. A. W. Thompson, who returned a few weeks since to Trinidad, writes:—"We arrived home in time to nurse our best native teacher through what proved to be his last illness. He passed his examinations last March after attending the Training School at San F'do, took charge of the Calcutta School and doubled the attendance in a short time. His wife took ill and died. Just as we reached home he took ill and in spite of all our nursing and care he died this day week.

We do not ask why so promising a life is ended so soon, why he was not spared to us just when he was so useful, and O, so much needed! We bow and say "the will of the Lord be done." Three days later another teacher died, but we must just fill up the gaps as best we can and move on.

Montreal The Montreal Woman's Missionary Society, continues to increase in interest. At the largely attended quarterly meeting in Stanley Street Church, 10 Jan., Mrs Dr. Thompson, wife of our energetic missionary to the Chinese, and herself a most earnest and effective worker, in an excellent address, spoke particularly of Macao, in Southern China, where she and her husband labored for some years. From personal knowledge she spoke of the needs of the women, with the result that the Society resolved in addition to present obligations, to become responsible for the salary of a native preacher in China. Three new city auxiliaries have been formed during the year. Mr. D. Munro, has presented the Society with a beautiful banner inscribed with its motto "Thy Kingdom Come."