

Our Foreign Missions.

The Board of Foreign Missions

Met in New Glasgow on the 9th of June. The Rev. Dr. Bayne in the chair. The business was chiefly of a routine character. Rev. John Morton being present was cordially welcomed by Resolution, unanimously adopted. Mr. Morton gave information respecting the settlement of Mr. Christie, and on other points in which inquiry was made. Balances due for outlay in connection with the schools were ordered to be paid,—also Mr. Morton's expenses.

Rev. Dr. Bayne stated that the young men in his Congregation had volunteered to provide the support of Lal Behari, the native Evangelist. The Board expressed gratification at this fine display of zeal and liberality.

The Report for the year was then submitted, improved by the a few changes and adopted, as the report of the Board.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Miramichi.

The Presbytery of Miramichi met at Chatham on the 20th inst. There were present, Revds. Thomas G. Johnstone, James Fowler, and John M. Allan, ministers; and J. Thompson, M. D., ruling Elder. *Inter alia*:—Mr. Allan reported that he had fulfilled the appointment of Presbytery in visiting Kouchibouguac, had preached on Sabbath and called a meeting on Monday, at which a subscription list was drawn up, amounting to \$500—and a strong desire expressed for a settled minister. The Clerk informed the Presbytery that the H. M. Board had appointed Mr. Hoyt to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery for the Summer, and that he had been directed to supply Kouchibouguac in the meantime. After lengthened deliberation it was agreed to apply to Home Mission Board for the Congregation, and also to request the Board to grant \$100 in aid of the Congregation, should a Pastor be settled among them.

It was also agreed to recommend that a collection be taken up in all the Congrega-

tions in aid of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund before the meeting of Synod.

The reports from the Congregations in favor of Union were, as far as known, unanimous.

Arrival of Rev. John Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton with their family arrived in Halifax by the Bermuda Packet, on Saturday, the 6th June. Mr. Morton, we are happy to see, has worn well, and is a stronger man to-day, and stouter than when he sailed from Lockport to Trinidad.

Mrs. Morton has felt the effects of the climate to a much greater extent, but even she looks well and has improved in health already by the change.

Mr. Morton attended a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions at New Glasgow, on the 9th June, and was cordially welcomed by the members and by the Board officially. Having visited and spoken at some of the Sabbath Schools, the children have heard him with an interest and attention, that we never saw surpassed. We only wish that he possessed a kind of ubiquity so that his narrative could be told by himself in every part of the Church.

SUMMARY.—Rev. A. B. Dickie has declined the call to Milford and Gay's River. Rev. S. Bernard has been inducted into the charge of Noel; Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland into the charge of St. Croix. Rev. H. Scott has declined calls from Moncton and Gleneld, and accepted a call to Merigomish. Moderation in a call is granted to Glassville, &c. Mr. Paradis has been licensed to preach the Gospel. The Presbytery of St. John held a satisfactory visitation of Fredericton Congregation. Moderation has been granted in a call to Richmond Bay, P. E. I. New London, North, &c., has been added to the charge of Rev. John Murray.

THE proposed Union of the U. P. Synod in England with the English Presbyterian Synod was ably discussed. Dr. Cairns took a leading part in its advocacy. It appeared that while 50 congregations reported in favour of the Union, 35 had voted against it. Dr. Cairns moved that the Union be consummated in London in October next. Dr. Johnston moved an amendment to the effect that in the circumstances they should not proceed.

Dr. Johnston's motion was carried by a vote of 185 to 178. Dr. Harper and other leading men endorsed the views of Dr. Cairns.