

expenditure from year to year. In these circumstances it is neither wise, nor right for Sabbath Schools to pledge a large part of their annual giving to any special object that may be laid before them, no matter how deserving it may be, until they have done their part fairly and faithfully toward the Dayspring and Mission School fund.

In the organization of special societies in congregations throughout the Church, a mode of procedure sometimes followed is to form a society, raise funds and then look around in search of some object to which to devote these funds. Having found a suitable one the money is sent and perhaps the regular work which has been undertaken by the Church to which all its members are pledged is in need. Whatever missionary societies there may be formed, whether of men or women, old or young, they should be formed for the purpose of carrying out the regular work of the Church, the F. M. Fund through which the regular work is done. If societies are formed for the purpose of forming new lines of work while those to which we are already pledged are in need it is a neglect, rather than an added performance of duty. Concentrated effort always does the most and best work, and if in all their giving to Foreign Mission, all within the Church were to give all in one direction, through the F. M. Fund more good would be done.

In Trinidad and the New Hebrides the past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the missions. In the latter, Messrs. McKenzie and Anand have had a good year. Mr. Robertson has been absent from his field, but the good work has gone on.

In Trinidad the year just closed has been very encouraging. The reports of Messrs. Grant and McLeod given in this number tell of good work and of good prospects. We hope to give the other reports soon.

There are dark as well as bright features in connection with the work,

chief among these are the partial failure of Mr. McLeod's health as mentioned in his report, the feared occupation of the French in the New Hebrides and the partial ruin of the mission in Formosa. But amid it all, God reigns. The work is His, and He will hasten in His own good time the coming of the joyful day, when the Isles shall not merely wait for, but shall know His law.

Mr. Grant's report is most cheering. It needs to be studied to realize the extent of the work in that field. Eighteen schools with a roll of 929 pupils and an average daily attendance of 936. Who can estimate the influence for good in moulding the minds and hearts of over nine hundred children by the influence of the gospel of Christ. Then as to the harvest gathered in that field above 33 adults baptized in profession of their faith. The amount raised by the congregation in San Fernando, where Mr. Grant's church and headquarters is, is very creditable, £244. 5. 8 stg. This is contributed by a congregation that a few years since was in the darkness of error. The contributions of the Indian immigrants toward the New Church at Oroponche in the district were very liberal. They are all included in the general account from the district so that they cannot be given separate. There are in this district a new manse built last summer and two churches, one of them built last summer the other some years since.

Mr. McLeod's report tells of a great step in advance in the Princetown district, a new church built and paid for. Mr. Morton during his visit home summer before last collected one hundred dollars for it. Of the remainder the greater part was given in Trinidad as is shown by the accounts at the end of his report. It is with sorrow that we have to record Mr. McLeod's health not so good as formerly. In spite of weakness he has had much of work and care in the charge of building the new church as well as other work in connection with the field. The brethren gave assistance as they could. God's people at home will give their warmest sympathy, and their prayers on behalf of Mr. McLeod and family, that health may be restored, and that he may be spared to labor in the field where he has wrought with such diligence and success.