

press command of our Lord, his own example and that of the Apostles, shew that a first duty of the Christian church is to hold forth the word of life to all around her. No church which neglects this or employs it merely as secondary to some other agency, can expect to enjoy the Master's presence and blessing. Home missions should therefore be dear to us as they were to our Lord and to him who had continual heaviness of heart for his brethren after the flesh who were living without Christ. As Christian men and patriots, we should sustain them. Our contributions should support, and our prayers should follow the men who go forth to preach to the dispersed on the sea shore, and to those who dwell solitary in the wood. They should feel that they have the church's sympathies in their work of faith and labour of love, and that many hands and hearts are lifted up on their behalf. Let them feel that their work is ours, and ours theirs, so that both he that soweth and he that reapeth shall rejoice together. Our fervent prayers may thus refresh them "like a soft cool wind amid the heat and burthen of the day." They not only may, but they will come back upon us, and come down upon them as showers which water the earth, and as the rain which filleth upon the seed which has just been sowed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. G. MCGREGOR, Sec'y.

HALIFAX, JUNE 14th, 1869.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1869.

The Board of Foreign Missions present their annual report to Synod under a deep impression of the sacredness of the work over which they have been allowed to watch for another year. They believe that their missionaries went forth responsive to a heavenly call and that they are engaged in doing the Lord's work, and that the whole church is honoured in being allowed a place among their brethren in the evangelization of the world. To draw back from this work, or to pursue it in a lukewarm and skeptical spirit, without zeal or fervour, would involve unquestionably the forfeiture of the blessing of Him who was Himself the model missionary of whom it is written, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." Let us rather with feelings of devout gratitude to Him for christian light and divine ordinances, now speak one to another about the Lord's work in those dark portions of the earth where our mis-

sionaries are holding forth the torch of truth.

The Board, in commencing their report, would record their gratitude to the author of all mercies for sparing all their missionaries and their families in life, and for allowing them, our dear brother Morrison excepted, to continue in the enjoyment of health for prosecuting their work, and for granting some gracious tokens of His presence and blessing. We turn at once to the

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Mr. Morton's report, at the close of 1868, presents the most complete exhibit which can be given in short compass of his first year's work among the Coolies, and though we have later word, yet all the main facts are contained in the following summary:

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

IERE VILLAGE, TRINIDAD, }
January 1, 1869. }

To the Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church Lower Provinces B. N. A.

After the letters which have been forwarded during the year, and published in the *Record*, it is conceived that it is only necessary to make this report a statement of facts.

We reached Trinidad on the 3rd Jan., 1868. While the premises were being repaired we remained in San Fernando, going among the Coolies in the town and neighbourhood during the week, and preaching at Iere village on Sabbath. Feb. 20th—we removed to Iere village.

THE ENGLISH SPEAKING CONGREGATION

Consists of black and coloured people, and a few planters and overseers. There are fifteen communicants and two elders. We held a prayer-meeting on Sabbath morning at 6½ o'clock—average attendance, 20. At 1 o'clock the Sunday School met,—attendance, 26. The average attendance at Sunday School promised at one time to be much larger, but a number were Roman Catholics, and they all left at the command of their conscience-keeper. At 2½ o'clock we met for public worship—attendance, 40. On Thursday afternoons, at 4 o'clock, I held a class for the religious instruction of the children attending the Ward school, at which there was an attendance of 20. A prayer-meeting was held the same evening, attendance 22. There were four members who took active part in the prayer-meetings, and the conduct of the communicants was generally satisfactory.

THE COOLIE SCHOOL

Was opened in the beginning of March, and kept up with scarcely any interruption till: