

social cause of gratitude is that Mr. Morton, returned without injury, met and addressed the Maritime Synod, completed after a brief relapse, his preparations, left in the beginning of December, resumed his work in January, and has been enabled to prosecute it without injury and with decided improvement of health and vigour.

These form a series of events for all of which devout acknowledgement is due to the Father of mercies.

The Committee record with pleasure a year of usefulness and enjoyment to Mr. Robertson at home. The summer was spent in visiting friends, and Congregations too, in P. E. Island, Pictou County and Cape Breton. Having in October, with Messrs. Morton and Christie, met and addressed the Maritime Synod, he proceeded to Montreal, having previously accepted an invitation to speak at the Annual Missionary gatherings in that city. His cordial reception, and the generous donations to Mrs. Robertson, and to himself and the cause which it represented, were followed by interesting welcomes and contributions for the benefit of Erromanga, and its Missionary from all congregations visited.

During the winter, he gave himself but little rest and during March and part of April he was incessantly engaged in addressing Congregations in the Presbyteries of Wallace and of Frero, deepening the interest in the Mission, and relieving the fund, by the collections which were cheerfully given.

In this connection it may be stated, that in order to enable Mr. Robertson to bring his translation of the Gospel, more perfectly through the press, and to give him some farther benefit from his furlough, the committee cordially acquiesced in the proposal that it should be extended to October 1st.

MISSION TO DEMERARA.

An appeal was submitted to the last General Assembly for the appointment of a missionary to Indian Immigrants in Guiana. The request was from a body of Presbyterians in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the proposal submitted was that one half of the salary of £400 Stg., together with schools and buildings, should be provided there; the General Assembly providing the man and £200 per annum. The proposition was entertained, and the Eastern Committee instructed to seek out a man as soon as necessary arrangements could be completed; while the Western Committee were to enjoy the privileges of furnishing

the £200 per annum. Both have been disappointed; the first in securing the man, the second in having their funds unapplied.

The arrangements were simple and easily made. Rev. Mr. Slater of Georgetown, wrote that their wish was that the Missionary should be guided in his work by a local body called the Presbyterian Society, which would correspond, and act in concert with the Mission Council of Trinidad; and as the first step, he, as their agent suggested that the Missionary elect should proceed to Trinidad, and commence the study of the language there, gaining at the same time knowledge of the practical side of Missionary life. This Committee cordially approved of what was proposed; and believing that the General Assembly would be well satisfied that the Mission Council should represent them in the guidance of the Missionary, at once advertized for the man.

At the same meeting at which it was determined to advertize, a letter was received from Rev. Mr. Slater, though Mr. Morton, covering a request by F. Crum-Ewing, Esq., of Ardinacape Castle, Helensburgh, Scotland, for the appointment of a Canadian Missionary to labour mainly, not exclusively, among the Indian Immigrants on his estate of "Better Hope," also in British Guiana. In this case the Salary, with perquisites making it equal to the other, who was to be provided by Mr. Ewing.

Advertisements for two Missionaries were immediately issued but the Committee regret that the offers received were few and chiefly from men who had passed that period in life when a spoken language can be acquired with facility and perfection. So in the middle of February, the offers which had at first been made to Ordained Ministers and Preachers, were extended to the graduating classes in our theological Colleges and the time of receiving offers for the present limited to 7th of May, so that if unsuccessful then, notice should be given to Mr. Ewing, and the situation reported to the General Assembly. At the date named, the Committee, after full consideration, agreed to report to the General Assembly, that offers had been received from several ministers, and others of excellent character but that they had not been able to decide on the acceptance of any, and instructions were given to acquaint Mr. Slater of Demerara, and Mr. Crum-Ewing, with the situation. Having thus given a summary of what chief-