

The contributions to Foreign Missions have not fallen off, but they have not kept pace with the necessary outlay. Other schemes have multiplied, and have drawn off revenue that otherwise would have swelled the Foreign Mission funds, while the impression has generally prevailed that the Foreign Mission Board were financially in prosperous circumstances. All our accounts for the last two years have shewn a different result. We closed the last year in debt, and met the Synod in this condition. The contributions paid in at Truxo only met the half-yearly payment of the Trinidad Missionaries then falling due.

What is required now is that Congregations in every part of the Lower Provinces should lend their aid, and quickly, say within the next two months, to bring us back to our former state of financial prosperity. Is this too much to ask from a people whom the Lord has prospered and blessed? Is it too much to ask that our Missionaries should receive the assurance that their support is cheerfully provided, and that our people only require to know that their salaries are required to furnish them? Surely it is not too much to expect that those who owe themselves, their position, their usefulness, their happiness and their hopes to Christ, will show zeal and forwardness by rushing to the rescue, and coming to the help of the Lord's cause in the present emergency?

Trinidad Mission.

We have received intelligence from both of our Mission fields recently. We publish in the present number two letters from Trinidad. Mr. Morton's letter, which has been in hand for some time, gives an account of the opening of two new schools, the one at Jordan Hill, near San Fernando, and the other on Exchange Estate Couva; and states the causes leading to the close of Iere School for a time.

Mr. Grant's letter, of late date, gives account of the Baptism of four adults and one child, and of the development and culture of the social principle in connection with the Christian converts.

We are sorry to add that a private letter

from Mr. Grant conveys the intelligence of the sudden death of his child, from an attack of croup, at Arouca, where Mr. and Mrs. Grant were spending a few days on a visit. They left home with their little girl, as they thought, in perfect health, they carried back the body to be buried in San Fernando. While deeply moved by the unexpected stroke, they were both enabled to possess their souls in patience, and to yield up their dear one at the call of Jesus.

It is highly probable that Mr. Morton will accept the invitation of Synod to spend the summer of 1874 in the Lower Provinces.

New Hebrides Mission.

Rev. J. D. Murray furnishes us with a long and interesting letter, of date May 30th, written in daily expectation of the arrival of some vessel, in the place of the *Dayspring*, and so far as known to Mr. Murray, the Mission families were well.

Dr. Steel's letter gives information of the safe arrival at Aneiteum of the *Paragon* after a rapid voyage, with Mr. and Mrs. Annand, Mrs. Goodwell and child. The Dr's. letter is, however, accompanied with a printed extract from the Sydney Morning *Herald*, showing that Rev. Mr. Goodwill has met with a series of severe trials from sickness, and hostility of a remote tribe, known as "Bushmen," and that his life from both causes has been in imminent peril. Has the Church offered as fervent prayer for the Goodwills, as for "our own" Missionaries? Is not it is time, and there is a call, to supply the omission. Let us thank God for his deliverance from death and for her recovery from sickness, and pray for a double measure of Divine influence and support.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Letter from Rev. Mr. Morton.

SAN FERNANDO, Aug. 5th, 1873.

Rev. and Dear Brother,—It is my duty to inform your Board of some changes which have taken place in our school during the past four months. On the 1st of April a school was opened on Jordan