

cordially welcomed by christians, home wants have so importuned for a place, that only on one day is there generally any place on the programme to put up petitions for the dying heathen.

We have always carefully guarded against setting one department of our missionary work against another. We feel the work to be one, and that it ought, with all the appliances in our possession, to be pressed onward in all directions. We regard the time, however, the close of the year, as auspicious for a brief review of our position on the Foreign field, that the church may, at the least, lose none of its interest in this great work.

Two missionaries have sailed last month for Britain, and having arrived there in safety, will sail for Melbourne this month per steamer *en route* for the New Hebrides. These with Mr. Robertson, from the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, will occupy the posts left vacant by good men who have fallen. We have reason to be thankful that other Presbyterian bodies have been drawn in to aid in the occupancy of these islands, and that if these fulfil their proportion, there will be, as the Mission Conference desires and expects, 20 missionaries on the group in four years.

Besides we have been led to send first one and then a second missionary to the Coolies of Trinidad, and God has blessed the labours of His servants there, so that they send a united call for a church to be erected at San Fernando. Nothing hinders us from making an urgent appeal on behalf of this effort but a consciousness that the regular fund, from which salaries are paid, should be first replenished, and special efforts taken up next, and we confess we do not wish the *Record* for December to consist wholly of appeals for funds.

But is not the present state of the Foreign Mission Fund an indication of waning interest in the work? Certainly not. It shows that our people have not noticed that even when our missionaries have diminished in number our expenses have not decreased. The amount which is absolutely necessary for the support of two missionaries in Trinidad; would have sup-

ported four in the New Hebrides, a few years ago. Further, the two out-going missionaries to the New Hebrides receive each £30 Stg., per annum, beyond what their predecessors received when they left our shores. Dr. Geddie, doing work both in the New Hebrides and Australia, with his family in the latter, has to be paid what will enable him to live and associate with his brethren in that colony, and this is the salary of two missionaries. That the British and Foreign Bible Society will repay in part the expense of editorial revision of the Old Testament in Aneiteumese is probable or certain, but that future action affords nothing to the Treasurer at present.

But while we think it is true that our people have not examined the needed outlay, still we think the deficiency may be traced to the rather sudden sending out of two missionaries, a measure announced after the usual collections were sent in, and carried out without the usual visitation of the churches, which with other useful effects, had a most reviving influence on the missionary exchequer.

When the facts of the case are examined by the people and weighed the response will come, and this is our reason for laying facts before them with plainness and frequency. The present state of the accounts has already appeared. The following is a statement of what the whole expenditure for the year will be. The ordinary can be stated, the extraordinary is known only in part:—

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

Salary of Dr. Geddie, at present	£300
Salary of Rev. J. D. Murray..	150
“ Rev. J. W. McKenzie..	150
“ Rev. John Morton....	250
“ Rev. K. J. Grant.....	250
Stg.	£1100 5353 33
Dayspring's maintenance....	£250 1216 67
Allowance to Dr. Steel to Secretary and expenses.....	300 00
	\$6870 00

EXTRAORDINARY.

1. Outfit and travel of two Missionaries and wives.....	1400 00
	\$4,270 00
2. Aid to Mr. Grant's church.....	
3. Repairs of Dayspring.....	