

## Home Missions.

THE Board, though unable to do all that they desire to meet the applications of Presbyteries, feel thankful that they have succeeded in gaining a respectable accession to our Home Evangelists. After full and careful consideration of the wants of different portions of the church, the following distribution for the next two months has been adopted:—

*Presbytery of St. John.*—Rev. M. Allan, Mr. John Leishman, Licentiate, and Messrs. Hale and Gutelines from Union Seminary, New York, Theological Students.  
*Miramichi.*—Mr. James Rosborough Licentiate for May, Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland for June.

*P. E. Island.*—Rev. Samuel Bernard and Mr. L. P. McNeill Licentiate for May and June, with Mr. David Drummond, Probationer, additional for June.

*Victoria and Richmond.*—Messrs. John Gillis and Pollok, Theological Students from New York and Princeton.

*Cape Breton.*—Mr. Drummond for portion of May.

*Pictou.*—Revs. J. A. F. Sutherland and D. W. Cameron, with Mr. John C. Meek, Licentiate. Mr. Sutherland to be withdrawn June 1st.

*Truro.*—Messrs. John Allan and A. F. Thompson.

*Halifax.*—Messrs. Simpson and Rosborough, Licentiates, and Mr. John J. Richards, Theological Student.

*Lunenburg and Yarmouth.*—Mr. Gerhard from Union College, New York, Theological Student.

## Our Foreign Missions.

### News from the Mission Fields.

Our present number contains interesting papers from Messrs. Morton and Grant. These show that the San Fernando Coolie Church is finished, and exhibit great liberality on the part of the Coolies themselves, as well as of Christian friends in Trinidad, in aiding this good work. The removal of the Balance will involve no great effort on the part of the church, whether met by payment ordered by the Board or by farther voluntary contributions by friends.

Dr. Geddie's letter from Geelong is short

and will doubtless be followed, before long, by a fuller communication. We may add the following items of intelligence:—We know of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Murray at Melbourne, of the *Dayspring* having been overhauled preparatory to receiving repairs, of the sailing of Captain Fraser and family, who may be expected in Nova Scotia in July, and of the procuring of a Captain to succeed him, in Melbourne.

### TRINIDAD MISSION.

#### San Fernando Coolie Church.

SAN FERNANDO,  
March 21st, 1872.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

We fear that the Foreign Mission Board will be disappointed in not having received a detailed report of the progress of our new church, but this is the earliest hour at which we could submit anything really satisfactory, and without delay we lay all before you to date.

The question of a Coolie church was first mooted at a meeting with Coolies, on Sabbath the 2nd July. The hearty and liberal spirit displayed by those present, encouraged us to undertake a general canvass which was regarded in view of all the circumstances as very successful.

On August 24th Mr. Morton commenced to co-operate, and on the 26th we obtained deed of land. Each of us prosecuted with vigor the work of soliciting aid first from Coolies, subsequently from Europeans and others. On the 23rd October the work of laying the foundation was commenced, and to-day the carpenters complete their contract. It is constructed of the best building materials offered in the market here, the workmanship is considered good by competent judges, public opinion recognizes it as an ornament to the town, and the local press in giving it favourable notice, has spoken kindly and encouragingly of the whole enterprise.

When the matter was first brought under the notice of your Board, a plain unpretending building was considered all that we could aspire to, but influenced by the counsel of some of the best friends of the Mission here, we resolved to give some attention to ornament.

Various plans were considered, but one gratuitously furnished by L. Darling, Esq., a young English gentleman, at one time connected with the Navy in the East, appeared to possess many advantages. It was oriental in style. We adopted it.

The main building is 50 feet long, 25 feet wide, with post 16 feet. Running the full length of the building on each side is a gallery with post 10 feet, width 10 feet,