

aries. Specimen copies will be furnished to members of Synod.

#### THE REFORMATION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF TRINIDAD

has occurred within the year, and official notice from the Clerk of Presbytery laid before the Board with a copy of the constitution. The Board approved of the step, and beg leave to submit the constitution for the consideration and if approved, sanction of Synod.

#### THE OUTLOOK.

What then are the prospects of the future? Certainly of widening fields, fields white unto the harvest. Our missionaries have had more success than could have been anticipated from the small means and short time. They have had enough success to fill their hearts with gratitude for the past, and hope for the future. Mr. Morton writes, "there is an open field and urgent need for a third missionary, but in the present circumstances of the Churches at home I feel restrained from urging the case, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He may thrust more labourers into His harvest;" and Mr. Grant says, "Hundreds of Coolies arrive almost weekly, and in a few weeks our population will be swelled by the arrival of 3500 Hindoos. *What are we amid such a mass?* But the word is mighty. Would that the number who publish the same were greatly multiplied!"

While our Brethren were thus at a loss whether to forward an appeal for another missionary, which the Church might possibly feel unable to answer favourably, the means of support seem to be provided by the hand of Divine Providence, independently of this Church. The visit of Mr. Burnley, of Glasgow, a Christian Proprietor of an Estate in Couva, suggested to the brethren that the present was the time to remind him of an offer made some time ago of £100 stg. per annum for the support of a missionary. The step was taken, their application, submitted to him and other proprietors, was entertained most favourably and though the final reply was not given when the last communication was mailed, it seems now nearly certain that these Christian proprietors in Couva will authorize without delay the securing the services of another missionary on the basis of a salary to be provided by them. The way has thus been prepared for taking another step in advance, and the Board, grateful for the leadings of Divine Providence in the past and trusting that they will enjoy the guidance of the same gracious Leader in the future, have taken the initiatory steps toward securing the services of the third missionary for Trinidad to take part in the

work there at the commencement of next year.

Our Church is increasing in numbers and wealth, but her work is developing much *more rapidly* still, and cannot be overtaken and discharged without great growth in spirituality and consecration to the Lord's service. Our missionaries ask our prayers and must have material and spiritual support. God grant us the spirit of prayer and of abounding liberality. Oh that we were through a Divine Anointing taught and transformed, so as to be one with our Redeemer, in desire, in zeal, and in effort, that God might be glorified in the salvation of sinners, in Christ's setting "judgment on the earth" and in the "isles waiting for His Law."

Respectfully submitted,  
P. G. MCGREGOR, Sec'y.

## Our Foreign Missions.

### Letter from Rev. Dr. Steel.

77 MACLEAY ST., SYDNEY, N. S. W., }  
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*My Dear Sir.*—I regret to be again, as on so many occasions, the narrator of heavy tidings regarding the New Hebrides Mission. The *Dayspring* became a complete wreck in Aneityum harbour, on the 6th January. I send you the particulars for publication. The Captain and crew arrived here on the 13th March. We had been waiting very anxiously for two months. We were daily expecting the vessel, and began to fear for her safety. No tidings, however, arrived till the shipwrecked company came in the steamer from New Caledonia. We are thankful that no lives were lost.

We have lost no time in convening the Board appointed to superintend the ship in Sydney. We have resolved to charter a small vessel for the remainder of the year, and have advertised accordingly. We will endeavour to send a vessel away, as soon as possible, with necessary supplies; and, if it can be arranged, under the command of Captain Jenkins, who has commended himself to the Missionaries.

Mrs. Goodwill has arrived from Espiritu, Santo, for the benefit of her health.

Mr. Annand and his wife arrived from Melbourne on the very day that the shipwrecked company came with the tidings of the wreck of the Missionary vessel! It was trying to the courage of the new missionaries; but they bear it bravely. We trust they may soon be enabled to reach the sphere of their labours.

Mr. Inglis advises that no steps be taken