

temple, and to import *Mahadic*, an idol. I think they have abandoned the idea. It is easier for us to get money from the Coolies, than their own leading men, as they have no confidence in them.

"On Monday of this week, the Mussulmans held a meeting to arrange for the building of a Mosque; and I know they have offered Aziz money, and are ready to accept him as their spiritual leader (if the word spiritual be appropriate). Add to this, letters to him from his father, an educated Mussulman of the family of Moham-med, and you can estimate, in a measure, the pressure brought to bear upon Aziz. At one time we had fears as to his stability, but for several weeks we have been diligently studying the evidences of Christianity, and now our anxiety is removed. We have had to encounter nearly every argument proposed by the Unitarians. Aziz is no ordinary youth, and I hope that you will make it a daily prayer, that he may be established in the faith. I know that he has passed through a fearful mental conflict.

"Our new church is getting on well. It is quite an Oriental structure, drafted by a young Englishman, once in the Navy, but now a planter here. It is universally admired, and the Coolies see that we are in earnest. Thus, the church gives the Mission a social position which it might not, without it, gain so early."

Home Mission.

North East Margaree.

The following letter was not written for publication, but is put in print that this interesting little congregation in their praiseworthy efforts to provide themselves with church and Divine ordinances may be known, sympathized with and aided by brethren at a distance.

The Board responded to the application by a grant of Forty dollars to which two Christian friends in New Glasgow, a gentleman and lady have added respectively \$10 and \$4.

N. E. MARGAREE, }
Feb. 12th, 1872. }

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I have been solicited by the people of the Big Intervale to make application through you to the Home Mission Board for a grant of money to aid them in finishing their church. When about undertaking the building of a place of worship they were promised by the Rev. Thomas Cumming the probable assistance of the Board and his influence in their behalf. With this promised assistance they

most harmoniously and enthusiastically set about, and have unaided completed the outside of a very fine building measuring 26 x 40 feet.

Any person who has a knowledge of the very limited means of the few families upon whom this burden has been laid, must admit that they have made a most liberal and praiseworthy effort. With the outside now finished and free of debt, they are encouraged to go still further and have made arrangements to furnish timber and material for the completion of the inside during the coming summer, relying on the generosity of the Board and the very liberal contribution of \$100 from Mabou congregation, and \$20 from James H. Austen, Halifax, to defray the cost of putting material together.

It is needless for me to assure you that they are worthy of the Board's assistance, for you have yourself a pretty accurate knowledge of their wants and condition. I will however state a few facts.

The people of the Big Intervale are Scotch Highlanders, and number 25 or 30 families who are nominally Presbyterians. They have hitherto been left almost entirely without public ordinances, seldom hearing on an average more than one sermon a year, and a good many are consequently careless and void of spiritual life. They are however, a willing, liberal and energetic people, who if encouraged and attended with the preaching of the Gospel, would in time become a very zealous and active congregation. They have been very much harassed and opposed in their efforts to build their church, by the Baptists who surround them in great numbers. An effort was made by that body to divide the people and thus secure a claim and privilege in their place of worship. Seeing that they have so uniedly resisted every attempt to divide, and appear so attached to our cause and willing to do what they are able, I think it would be a crying shame not to aid and encourage them.

They were very much disappointed last summer that the church was unable to send them a Catechist. They have had but two or three sermons since the spring. They however hope and believe you will do all you can to secure one for them during the coming summer.

Hoping soon to obtain a favorable report from the Board, I am, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

ISAAC S. MURRAY.

To Rev. P. G. MCGREGOR.

The Canada General Assembly met at Hamilton on the 4th June. Rev. M. Fraser, Board Head, was elected Moderator.