

ought to have had three years ago. An effort is being made in Victoria to raise the necessary funds.

The Rev. Joseph Annand, M. A., settled in the Bay of Pango in 1873. His residence was fixed on the small islet of Iririki, which had been purchased for the mission some years ago by Captain Fraser. Mr. Annand found one serious disadvantage from his residence there, that as there are no native inhabitants, he had greater difficulty in acquiring the language. His object was to evangelize the natives of Fila and Mel whose language differs entirely from that of Fata. Though he was welcomed at first, the chiefs were very shy afterwards, and it was with the utmost difficulty that he could get any communication with them. He and his young wife were left almost entirely to themselves during the first year of their residence. During the second year they had assistance from other islands, and the natives showed more friendly feeling; but there has been very little opening for the Gospel. The labourers work in hope and wait.

"The Isles wait for the Lord—Awake,
Arise with generous zeal and break
The fallow ground and sow the seed,
And thine shall be a glorious meed,
The task is hopeful:—short the while
Since Gospel stars began to smile
On Hebridean Isles, and now
Christ's flag is floating round their brow."

Chinese Mission.

The latest reports from our Chinese Missionaries are up to August. Messrs. McKay and Fraser are, with the approbation of the committee, erecting mission premises. These will cost at least \$8,000. It was necessary to erect these buildings, that our missionaries might live, and carry on their work. Of course their erection will add largely to the expenditure for the year; but we hope the congregations will bear this in mind when taking up the contributions for the Foreign Mission Fund. Dr. Fraser says: "I have no news but that the children are suffering very much from the extreme and prolonged heat. Mrs. Fraser and I are very well, as also Mr. McKay; and our work is prospering. There is work here for a dozen. There are open doors on every side, and the people all friendly. The houses are well on, and will be finished in a few weeks. They are expensive, but they will not require to be built again. Were it not for our earthquakes and typhoons, we might have built much more slightly and cheaply. Good houses are an absolute necessity, if we are to live and work in a climate like this. For the last two months I have done but little

with the language, but will begin again as soon as the building is off my hands."

Mr. McKay says: "I am here at Kolung, on the east side of the island. I came a few weeks ago, to open a chapel. For more than a year several from this place attended service at our other stations. The people provided this house in which I am sitting for preaching the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and it is a very good chapel. Four hundred heard the gospel the day it was opened, and the attendance has been good since. Last week I went to Tamsui, to see Dr. Fraser. He came with me to Toa-liong-pong, and remained for the forenoon service, and then left by boat. I walked from Toa-liong-pong to this place, and the sun was so powerful that those with me could hardly end the journey. I am here now with all our teachers, teaching them. I go every afternoon to the seaside to teach. These are the happiest days of my life. I do not know how long they will last; I therefore must be faithful. We have now nine stations, and eight chapels opened; the ninth chapel will be finished in a week or two. There is a helper for each place. Let God be praised. I attend about fifty patients in the chapel here every day. The way is thus paved for the gospel. Dr. Fraser is doing a good work at Tamsui."

News of the Church.

The Board of Superintendence

Met in St. John and in St. Andrew's Church, on Tuesday, October 5th, Rev. Dr. Burns in the chair.

The chief object of the meeting was to make arrangements for amalgamating the committees, the funds and efforts of the two former Synods of the Lower Provinces. Resolutions were passed for effecting these objects, for adding to Professor McDonald's salary, and for taking collections over the whole church to meet current expenses.

After full deliberation the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to Synod to take into immediate consideration the subject of raising a fund for the endowment of the Theological Hall, so that the Professors may be supported without the necessity of urgent, annual appeals to the congregations, which conflict to some extent with the efficient prosecution of our missionary efforts.