

African slave trade in its worst days. Our limits prevent our going into particulars, which, however, is less to be regretted as the case is as under adjudication. It has, however, awakened the indignation and horror of the Colonial authorities as well as of the people. It appears as if Providence was bringing fully to light the character of this infamous traffic.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

When the last mail left San Fernando, Mr. Morton and family were a short distance from home for change of air. Mr. Grant writes briefly under date Oct. 9th. He writes that the heat had been intense this season, and that they had all felt its debilitating effects.

Mr. Grant enters into no particulars respecting the mission, acknowledges thankfully the Synod's determination to provide them with a Mission House, and then pens a few lines which shew that the payment of the balance on the church has been too long delayed:—

"We have been befriended beyond measure in our new church. The very gentlemen who supplied us with material on credit, below the ordinary price, gave us handsome subscriptions, and we do not wish to be tardy in making good our engagements. Though the church was only opened in July, a large part of the lumber was purchased last November, and the balance early in this year. They are our hearty friends, never mentioning the matter to us, but they are business men and need capital.

"Had I funds in hands I would draw at once, but I have already overdrawn my salary, in keeping up my schools. The whole amount which I have drawn for the church is £150. The debt amounts to £106. This is something in excess of the sum originally asked, but the building is 100 per cent. in advance of our first ideas.

"I have arranged this morning to draw on the 1st December, believing that by January 1st there will be enough on hand to meet the demand."

Our young friends will please take note of this, and have the money ready in good time.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met on the 5th Nov., in Blue Mountain Church, and after an appropriate sermon by the Rev. Robert Cumming, from Revelation iii. : 2, was

constituted by the Rev. Alexander Ross' Moderator *pro tem*.

Presbytery proceeded with the visitation of the congregation, by the Moderator putting the questions of the Formula to the Minister, Elders and Managers, all of whom gave very satisfactory answers. The congregation present was very large, the church being quite full, thus showing the deep interest which they all felt in the Presbytery's visit, and their strong and loving regard for the ordinances of the Gospel.

The design of these Presbyterial visitations is to see that the Lord's work is faithfully and regularly carried on in the several congregations, to give their counsel and encouragement, to manifest the deep interest which is felt in their spiritual and eternal good, and to express sympathy with them and offer assistance in their trials and difficulties. Hence on such occasions, Presbyteries reasonably expect a good attendance and a kindly reception on the part of the people. This was evidently the case at Blue Mountain.

The minister showed that here as well as at Barney's River, he is abundant in labours. He is most efficiently supported in his work by a large, intelligent, and pious, and faithful staff of Elders, who superintend five Sabbath Schools, conduct ten weekly prayer meetings, and who take charge of the voluntary offerings of the people for the support of Gospel ordinances among themselves and for the schemes of the Church. The elders said that they have designedly taken charge of the financial affairs of the congregation, that they might thereby the more effectually impress upon the minds of the people the important truth which so many are so slow to learn, that giving of our substance to support the ordinances of the Gospel is as truly a religious work as the devotional exercises of meditation, prayer and praise; and that they have good reason to believe that this truth is largely held by this congregation and practically carried out. May the church long be blessed with such elders.

The finances are consequently in a satisfactory state, and religion in a progressive and encouraging condition.

The Pastor, in referring to some remarks made at Barney's River about small stipends, and strikes, said, I do not intend to strike or leave my post. However much I might have been inclined to remove on account of the difficulties of travelling, I have always resisted the temptation. As to stipend I never complained. I can live on very little. But the books which I need are expensive, and I have often wished, when economising to procure them, that my difficulties in this respect were more fully appreciated by all my people. He said "that he was strongly attached to his