

of export in 1867:—30,000 hogsheads of sugar; 19,000 puncheons of rum; 5,500,000 lbs. of coffee; 6,593,000 lbs. of pimento; 15,000 cwt. of ginger; 35,000 lbs. of arrow-root; 40,000 tons of dye-wood,—altogether valued at £879,000 stg.

I am not labouring without encouragement. For the last month or two the Sabbath collections have been larger than they had been for several years. A few weeks ago a collection was made for Foreign Missions, which amounted to £14 stg., one of the largest collections ever made at Hampden.

I close this letter by expressing the wish that the blessing of Heaven may rest upon all with whom I was associated in the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America; and that that church, gradually lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes, may be a praise and glory in those parts of the world where her influence is felt.

I am, yours faithfully,
THOMAS DOWNIE.

To the Editor of the Record.

The late intelligence from the foreign mission field deserves the most serious consideration of the whole Church. Mission work is evidently in a critical condition. The missionaries are all sorely tried. The heathen are hardened. The old enemy of the Church is fortifying himself in his strongholds, determined that he shall not yield one inch of his territory. With as good reason as Joshua prostrated himself before the Lord after the defeat of Ai, may our Church fall down upon her knees on hearing these tidings. Nor is it difficult to show that the fault lies mainly with ourselves. The heart of the Church is not thoroughly in the work. The spirit of the early Christians must be cherished if we expect to have their success in converting the heathen. It is surely a species of refined mockery to send men out to the high places of heathenism unless we remember them earnestly in our daily prayers. In these circumstances our first duty as a Church is to humble ourselves for our sins by fasting and prayer. "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Our Presbyteries and Sessions should appoint seasons of fasting and prayer in all our congregations for confession of sins, and earnest supplication before God on behalf of all who labour in the work of the Lord. It is to be feared many regard our missionary work as a question of money. Others again may have been too ready to glory in what was done by our pioneer missionary, under the blessing of God. The Lord is a jealous God. For the sins of vain-glory and self-conceit the Church must be lowly in deep

penitence before she can expect any great success either in the home or foreign field. Your correspondent knows a minister who is ready to offer his humble services to the Foreign Mission Board as soon as the Church feels more her responsibility, and manifests greater earnestness in sustaining the hands of her missionaries at the throne of grace; but who, in present circumstances, does not consider it his duty to go. Will you, the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces consider this? You have only to ask—ask in faith, nothing doubting. Will you cast away any accursed thing that may be in your hands and cause wrath against the Lord's hosts? Will you come as one man to the help of the Lord? If you will the day shall speedily be won. Shall we take our ease while the ark and Israel abide in tents? Shall we not share in the sorrows of our missionaries? Let the watchmen on the walls of Zion lift their voice and arouse the slumbering members of the Church at home. Let true and undefiled religion prosper among ourselves, and quick as the electric spark the influence shall be felt by our missionaries. One shall chase a thousand then. He that is feeble among them shall be as David; and very soon our ears shall be gladdened with the news of satan's stronghold being scaled and Jesus being glorified in the salvation of the benighted heathen.

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NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

CORRECTION.—In our last number we were privileged to publish extracts from a private letter from Mrs. Geddie. One absurd mistake occurred in printing the letter. The ladies are represented as going about in their night dresses instead of light dresses. For "*I then brought him honey*"—read "*I then brought him home.*"

We are requested, by Rev. Mr. Alves, to intimate that all monies received from sale of his Lectures on first chapter of Ephesians, should be remitted to J. & A. McMillan, St. John, N. B., or paid to Rev. James Bennet, at next meeting of Synod.

MISSIONARIES WANTED.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, having been authorized by Synod to engage the services of one or more Missionaries to the New Hebrides, invite Ministers and Probationers to consider prayerfully the urgent call for Evangelists in that dark and destitute portion of the earth.

Applications or letters of inquiry addressed to the Secretary will meet with immediate attention. By order of the Board,

P. G. MCGREGOR, Sec'y B.F.M.