

report to next Assembly to what extent the system of deputations, so largely employed by the Presbyterian Churches of Great Britain, in connection with this department, might be beneficially introduced into this Church.

V. That in the meantime Presbyteries be enjoined, by deputation or otherwise, to do what they can, to awaken the zeal and to promote the life and vigour of congregations within their bounds.

VI. That every encouragement be given to ministers and elders to assist each other in special services on all opportune occasions, so as to promote a healthy and lively spiritual interest in all the congregations of the Church, and if possible, to make inroads upon the careless and ungodly around; and that in these services special attention be given to the large proportion of our youth still outwardly undecided for Christ and His Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WALTER M. ROGERS,
Acting Convener.

Our Foreign Missions.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE,
(*Eastern Section*).

THE Committee met at New Glasgow on the 1st of August. Present: Rev. A. McLean, A. M., Chairman; Rev. Messrs. Blair, Sinclair, McCurdy, Donald, Scott, Dr. Burns, John Miller and D. C. Fraser, and the Secretary; and by invitation Dr. Patterson, Rev. W. Stewart and Dr. Bruce. Three missionaries were present, Rev. John Morton from Tunapuna, Trinidad, and Rev. A. Robertson from Eromanga, New Hebrides, on furlough; and Rev. T. M. Christie, retired, from Couva, Trinidad. The Committee recorded gratification at the presence of these brethren, gratitude to God for their safe return and improvement in health, and hope that they might be fully restored and their visits prove beneficial to the churches. Dr. Burns by request of the Chairman offered up thanksgiving and prayer. Some financial arrangements of the Mission Council of Trinidad, in connection with the removal of Mr. Christie were then considered, and sanctioned. The committee approved of the building of a Church at Princetown, and authorized Mr. Morton to lay the facts, shewing the desirableness of such a step, before our people, with an estimate of the expense, and to solicit special donations for that, and for the removal entirely of the debt on the Tunapuna Mission Building. In making such an appeal, the committee anticipates a cordial response to our missionary, from whatever part of the

Church he may visit. The committee sympathized with Rev. K. J. Grant, in the inconvenience now experienced by himself and family from a decaying dwelling house, but in the absence of an estimate, and definite recommendation from the Mission Council, declined any immediate steps.

MR. HENDRIE AND TUNAPUNA.—The correspondence of the Secretary having shewn that a successor to Rev. Mr. Hendrie at San Fernando had been appointed by the Foreign Mission committee of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, it was agreed with concurrence of the Mission Council, to invite him, for the present, to occupy Mr. Morton's field until Mr. M's return; and to endorse cordially the recommendation of the Presbytery of Trinidad to the Missionary Board of the U. P. Church, that that body should appoint a missionary to St. Joseph, a station contiguous to Tunapuna, which might be opened with great advantage, by Mr. Hendrie, if appointed.

SUCCESSOR TO MR. CHRISTIE.—It was then agreed to advertise immediately for a missionary to Couva, the missionary to be of a vigorous constitution, and not much, if at all, over thirty years of age—an ordained minister or a licentiate of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A committee consisting of Mr. McCurdy, Dr. Patterson, Mr. Morton, Mr. John Miller, and the Secretary was appointed to bring the claims of the vacant mission field to the notice of any suitable young man, at their discretion.

MISSION TO DEMERARA.—The whole correspondence on this subject was read, and the action of the General Assembly stated, when it was agreed to record the satisfaction of the committee at the prospect of the extension of the work; and to let the matter lie on the table till farther intelligence from Demerara shall be received.

GOSPELS IN EROMANGAN.—Mr. Robertson submitted to the committee his arrangements for publishing, in Toronto, the four Gospels in Eromangan, in one volume. An issue of 2000 copies was advised, and in consequence of the time which the correcting of the Press will unavoidably demand, Mr. Robertson's furlough was extended, so that his absence from his station will be nearly two years.

VISITING OF CHURCHES.—Mr. Robertson stated that he had made personal engagements chiefly in the Maritime Provinces which would occupy all his spare time for a few months. The committee expressed satisfaction and declined at present making any appointments for Mr. Morton, or adding to the work, which Mr. Robertson had laid out. They left the brethren to decide for themselves with directions that congregations receiving visits would be expected to respond with special collections.