

Our Foreign Missions.

A friend in Pictou, N.S. sends to Dr. Morrison \$100 for Foreign Missions. A lady in Montreal sends to Dr. Warden \$1000 for the same object besides as much to Home Schemes. Yet there is room. Our F. M. Work, East and West, requires our utmost efforts during the three months that remain of our Church year.

The Victorian Church which ordered the last Dayspring, resolved by a large majority at its recent Assembly to do nothing towards a new vessel until the Mission Synod, which meets in the New Hebrides next summer, expresses its wish in the matter.

Rather a motley list of articles Dr. Annand acknowledges for his Training Institution, from friends of the mission, chiefly in Australia and New Zealand, *e. g.*, 1 case hollow ware, 1 anvil and forge, 1 parcel exercise books and pencils, 1 parcel drapery, 1 box clothing, 1 sledge hammer, 1 bag beans, etc. The list gives a glimpse of the College curriculum.

The uncertainties of life in some of the New Hebrides Islands is seen in the rather naive remark of Rev. Dr. Annand, given in another column, that some of the heathen proposed killing two of his workers who were travelling among them preaching the Gospel, but that the intended victims heard nothing of the affair until the leader of the plot was himself killed and eaten.

The slow tedious work of winning South Sea savages is incidentally but very strikingly suggested by the statement of Dr. Annand given below that after his helpers had itinerated nearly every Sabbath for a year and preached the Gospel more or less in nineteen different villages, as a result one or two bushmen decided to come to him to learn, and that these were prevented by some of the people living near him who oppose the Gospel. We should often remember in prayer these workers and their work.

One way in which the enemies of the Gospel in Tangoa shew their hatred is by trying to prevent anyone selling food to Dr. Annand for his Training Institution, which with twenty-eight young men and their wives needs no small quantity. Concerning this he writes:—"It becomes us to make special reference to the goodness of God in providing food for our large family. As soon as one source of supply closed, through the intriguing of our enemies, another would open; so we were always supplied bountifully as the days came round.

Our mission in Trinidad has suffered a loss in the resignation by Rev. E. A. McCurdy of Greyfriars Church, Port-of-Spain. This congregation was originally a mission of the U. P. Church of Scotland and is yet nominally in connection with that body though it has long since become a self-sup-

porting congregation. Mr. McCurdy, of Nova Scotia, was called to the pastoral charge of it nearly six years ago and has not only done a good work among his own people, but has been a help to our missionaries, as from long intimacy with our Foreign Mission Work and workers there, he was so well qualified to be. There were hearty and kindly tokens of appreciation of the work of himself and Mrs. McCurdy and much regret at their departure.

Rev. Dr. Morton has been in Trinidad some twenty-nine years. Eight years since he gave over to a new missionary the field where he and Mrs. Morton had long labored, Princetown, and began a new work at Tunapuna. Of that work he spoke as follows at a recent missionary meeting in Greyfriars Church, Port-of-Spain.

In 1881 I came to Tunapuna 8 miles from this place. Rev. Mr. Falconer, your minister, and a few members of this congregation, and one or two others in Port-of-Spain, urged this step, and for a number of years were generous contributors. Our work went on and now extends from the border of the Couva district to Sangre Grande. During the past 15 years, over 1000 have been baptized by me and there are close on 100 Communicants.

WORK ON SANTO.

On the little islet of Tangoa, separated from Santo by a narrow channel, Dr. Annand has established his home and his Training Institution, and from this he works the South Side of the larger Island.

In his Report to the last New Hebrides Synod he says:—

The weather having been particularly favorable during the greater part of the year, a larger field has been worked than heretofore. Supatalo our Nguna teacher in company with some of the students or servants has itinerated almost every Sabbath. They have preached the gospel in nineteen different villages on Santo.

Almost everywhere they have been fairly well received. On one occasion some of the heathen proposed killing Supatalo and Paul of Malekula. It was all unknown to these until the leader in the affair was himself killed and eaten. Several murders and cannibal feasts have lately taken place in the districts visited.

As fruit of these evangelistic efforts one or two bushmen decided to come to Tangoa to school, but they were prevented from coming by the Tagoans. The leading men of Tangoa are still doing their utmost to prevent the gospel taking hold upon the people. They also try hard to keep us from getting food but all in vain.

Two infanticides of a most diabolical kind took place in our parish not very long since. They continue their heathenism, but they fear God, *i. e.*, they dread Him, as indicated by their abstaining from work on Sundays. We trust and pray that God's time to favor the people of South Santo is near.