

The Board of Foreign Missions

Met in New Glasgow on the 21st ult., Dr. Bayne in the Chair. Reports from the three missionaries in Trinidad for 1874, were read, also the Minutes of the Mission Council, shewing among other things that Mr. John A. McDonald having arrived safely had been appointed at his own request Superintendent of the Schools in Rev. Mr. Grant's district.

The Board expressed satisfaction with all the arrangements of the Mission Council, and with the work as conducted by their missionaries. Rev. G. Patterson, by request, gave thanks to God for the evident tokens of progress, and for the safe arrival of Mr. Morton and family, and Mr. McDonald, and for improvement in the health of Mr. Grant.

Letters were read from Rev. Messrs. McKenzie and Annand, and from Dr. Steel. The two former are the letters published in the present Record. The Board sympathized with these brethren in their difficulties and discouragements set forth in the letters just read, expressed confidence in their zeal and fidelity, and presented a special prayer, Rev. E. A. McCurdy leading, that they may be strengthened to persevere, that God may own and bless their labours, and that the wicked traffic in slaves, which is the greatest barrier to progress may be entirely suppressed.

LICENSURES.—Mr. Alexander Russell and Mr. Ernest S. Bayne, were duly licensed as preachers of the Gospel by the Synod of New Brunswick in New Jersey, at the last meeting of that Court.

We trust that their native Provinces will enjoy their services! We have congregations waiting patiently for April and then, in hope that their long fast will then be over. We trust they will not be disappointed.

CARAQUETTE.—At Caraquette, N. B., the scene of the late school riot, a Presbyterian Church has lately been erected in connection with the Kirk body, and will soon be finished. This locality is a French settlement, though there are a few Protestant families who enjoy the services of Rev. Mr. Robertson.

WELLS SOCIETY.—New Glasgow has this annual meeting which proved of great interest—a good audience, good sermons, and a good collection, nearly £100 of what was raised in Halifax at any of our recent anniversaries.

Rev. Russell is laboring most indefatigably in New Brunswick in the good cause, giving meetings every night with scarcely a moment's repose. His services to these two places are worth five times his salary.

AMHERST.—The new congregation at Amherst seems to be making some progress. It is thought \$800 or perhaps \$1000 could now be raised for the support of a minister.

MUSQUODOBOIT.—Both sections of the Musquodoboit congregation have adopted the Weekly Offering system, and it is said to be working well. Another progressive step would be a division of this large congregation.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—The Canada Sunday School Union, during its existence, has planted 1000 Sabbath Schools, all of which continue to grow and develop. In some of our city congregations young men are exceedingly zealous in this work, forming Sabbath Schools in isolated localities and walking miles in an afternoon to instruct those who are suffering for lack of knowledge.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—The Annual Meeting of the Halifax Industrial School was held on the 18th ult. About fifty boys are under the superintendence and training of Mr. Grierson, are taught some useful trade, and are brought under the influence of Bible religion. The Industrial School has become one of the most useful institutions in Halifax. Every year adds to its value to the community. It is liberally supported by many warm-hearted friends. Miss Cogswell willed \$4000 for its benefit.

BRITISH AMERICAN BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY.—The Seventh Annual Meeting of this Society was held in Argyle on the 22nd ult. We are glad to state that the income from the sale of books and papers is larger than ever—being over \$30,000. Colportage also is carried on with commendable vigour. It is true good work to fill the land with pure literature. It improves people's minds and keeps out the trash—the filthy and abominable trash—which is so apt to flow in upon us. The Society deserves the support of all who desire the diffusion of evangelical truth.

Sabbath School Work.

There are in the United States nearly six millions of children attending Sabbath Schools; and probably about five millions are similarly employed in the British Isles. To what will this Sabbath School movement grow? It is easy to see some of the results. Very large numbers of men and women who teach will be trained to work in the Lord's Vineyard. Faithful and efficient teachers are rapidly on the increase. This itself is a consideration of very great