

prophet. To the missionaries themselves this at first appeared visionary, but the vision has become a reality. The building has been erected 50 feet long by 25 wide, with post 16 feet high, with gallery 10 feet in height and 10 feet in breadth on either side running the full length of the building, and making it in breadth practically 45 feet, ornamented toward the street, and occupying a central and public position. That such a building should have been erected and paid for with the exception of \$400 or \$500, without drawing a cent from the funds of the Board is a memorable fact, and unquestionably marks an epoch in the history of the mission. Full statements respecting the inception, prosecution and completion of the work have been so recently published that further details in this report are considered unnecessary.

V. LIBERALITY AND SELF-SUPPORT.

The whole expense of the building may be stated at \$2100, of which about one-fourth has been contributed by the Coolies themselves, one-fourth by friends in Trinidad, and one-fourth by friends in the Lower Provinces, leaving one-fourth yet to be provided for. Of course this statement is too general for strict accuracy, but the facts thus brought out are striking. The good will shewn by the contributors of sums from \$1 to \$30 from persons in San Fernando, in Naparimas, Couva and Port of Spain, is exceedingly gratifying, the liberality of Mr. Grant in handing over the fruit of his labours in supplying the church in San Fernando most exemplary, but most surprising is the fact that the Coolies themselves have paid over the fourth of the full cost of the site and building.

In the Iere school and church accounts we have also a similar display of liberality. The upholding of the school for the year cost \$188, about one-third provided by St. John's Church Halifax Juvenile Missionary Association, another third by Gregor Tarnbüll, Esq., Glasgow, H. B. Darling, of the Lothians, Messrs. Liddle of Port of Spain, and a friend; the remainder by Mr. Morton in part from his own salary, and chiefly by donation of remuneration from San Fernando U. P. Congregation for services during the year. There were also \$63 incidental expenses in connection with Iere church which were met by the Coolies and Creoles in attendance. It will thus be seen that we are receiving valuable aid from Christian friends in Trinidad, that the missionaries are setting an example of liberality, and that a spirit of self-reliance and support is being developed among those for whose special benefit the mission has been instituted.

The enquiry may be suggested by these facts, has anything similar been developed

among the Aneiteumese, and in reply it may be said that although they have not anything like the same opportunities of engaging in remunerative labour, and therefore cannot furnish contributions in dollars, yet the principle and duty of self-support have not been overlooked. They have built large churches on both parts of the island, they have provided their school houses, and in part at least supported their teachers, they have provided native missionaries in larger proportions than we have yet done, and they have by contributions chiefly in oil paid for the publication of various portions of the Scriptures, including the whole New Testament and the Book of Psalms, (a small sum excepted which was sent from the Lower Provinces), and Dr. Geddie will report ere long respecting the feasibility of their providing in future part of the support of the missionary who may be located as his successor at Aneicauhat.

OUR DUTY.

Our story is told. Our narrative is before the church. Our missionaries are among the heathen. They are labouring in faith and hope and not without encouragement. It remains that we strengthen their hands by our counsels, our pecuniary support, and by our prayers for the Spirit of God. It remains, too, that we prosecute the work with no slack hand, and in no coward spirit. Our funds have been less flourishing of late, not indeed that less was given, but that our missions have expanded and therefore more was required, but we are persuaded that this depression is temporary. In some portions of the church there is a manifest rise in the scale of liberality. Only let this become general, only let a sense of personal responsibility for the spread of the Gospel and of obligation to Christ pervade the body of the people, and all the funds required, not only for the support of the mission on its present scale, but for its steady enlargement will be forthcoming. We have but to go forward responsive to the Divine command, and in a spirit of faith in our Heavenly Guide and Guardian, and He will make our way prosperous and give us good success; "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee wheresoever thou goest."

By authority of the Board,

P. G. MCGREGOR, Secretary.

New Glasgow, May 7th, 1872.

The Synod of the Church of Scotland in Canada met at Kingston on the 6th June. Rev. J. Hogg was elected Moderator.