

Two whaleboats—the one borrowed by Captain Jenkins, the other borrowed by myself—each dashed into a hundred pieces. At both the whaling establishments, boat-houses were carried away, and boats smashed in the same manner. The natives have lost fully three months' provisions, but I cannot at present enter into details."

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Private Letter From Rev. J. Morton.

SAN FERNANDO, April 25th, 1873.

My Dear Mr. McGregor,—

I had much pleasure on receipt of your kind favor of 24th ult. I think if some of the brethren at home knew how much cheer a good letter can give us, they would occasionally take the trouble to write us. In the midst of friends and surrounded with cheering influences, they forget, I think, how much we are cut off from the world. Dr. Geddie's death—a fit close of a noble, devoted life—is no cause for grief. He "hath entered into his rest," a rest to which, by divine grace, he was well entitled. Who dare grudge him his reward? I felt when reading of Dr. Guthrie's death that sorrow would be out of place. Indeed when reading the account to Mrs. Morton, who was unwell, we both felt like taking up a song of thanksgiving, and victory. Dying thus 'tis happiness to die.

I note what you say about a trip home. I believe it would be well for the Board to make some arrangement for the return of missionaries to recruit. But I could not think of returning now unless ordered away by the Doctor. My health is good, with the exception of occasionally suffering from sore-throat. And the work to be done is too great to think of absence. The only comfort is to keep busily at it. My conscience would not allow me, this year at least, if well, to return even for a few months. I have thought of sending my family home, but Mrs. Morton refuses to leave me unless ordered by the Doctor. Indeed two years ago they counselled her to go home, but she set their counsels at defiance, and got better, and I believe it was better for us all that she did not go.

On March 31st the house was enlivened by the advent of a little boy claiming to be the second son of your humble servant. We admitted the claim and took him in. The Lord help us to train him if spared for His service.

Last week I spent two days in company with Thos. W. Cockey, preaching to those who live solitarily in the wood.

I hope to go again next week, and then I will probably send you a note for the *Record*. At present you seem to have plenty of matter on hand.

Pray for me, my dear brother, and stir up ministers and people wherever you go to pray much for us. O Lord confound our unbelief, and make us as men that dream, by turning the captivity of this people.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

The Foreign Mission Fund of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces in acct. with Rev. P. G. MacGregor, Treasurer.

| 1873. | | Cr. | |
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| June 1, | Monies received during the year..... | \$8276 | 21 |
| | Balance due Treasurer..... | 617 | 27 |
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| June 1. | To Balance \$325.20 less by \$20 error in the acct. of May 31st, 1872..... | \$ | 305 20 |
| July 3. | Joseph Annand, Travelling Expenses to date..... | | 16 00 |
| | H. Primrose, Esq., Treasurer of Ministers' Widows Fund for | | |
| | Rev. Dr. Geddie..... | \$20 | 00 |
| | " J. D. Murray..... | 20 | 00 |
| | " J. W. McKenzie..... | 20 | 00 |
| | W. Silver, Esq., for Rev. J. Morton's $\frac{1}{2}$ year's Salary in advance, at £250 stg..... | | 608 34 |
| | Peter Grant, Esq., for Rev. K. J. Grant, do., do..... | | 608 34 |
| 25. | Robert Gordon, Esq., of Alberton, by request of Rev. J. D. Gordon, £5 stg., Mr. Gordon directing Dr. Steel to give credit for amount... | | 24 33 |
| | H. Primrose, Esq., Treasurer of Ministers' Widows' Fund, for Rev. Wm. McCullagh, said amount being paid into Dr. Steel's hands.. | | 22 40 |
| Aug. 31. | H. Primrose, Esq., Widows' Fund Treasurer, Payment for Rev. J. Annand..... | | 20 00 |
| Oct. 3. | Cash paid for Bill of £70 stg., remitted to London for Photographic Views, Pictures, &c., of Mission Premises, and Views to be sold for benefit of Missions..... | | 341 22 |