

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The growth of our work on Trinidad calls for an increasing and unavoidable outlay.

The salary of the fourth missionary requires two hundred pounds, and her schools and buildings will absorb, at the very least, another hundred.

Then there has been one hundred extra required in the New Hebrides. Fifty pounds were remitted to Mrs. Morrison for her aid during protracted illness. Word has just been received of her death, and Dr. Steel writes that in the circumstances he thinks that he must assume the responsibility of sending twenty-five pounds for the benefit of her son and daughter now orphans. This sum must be immediately replaced in Dr. Steel's hands. Besides, the Board has voted £30 for a boat for Mr. Annand, at the request of the Mission Synod.

If these sums are added they amount to £405 stg., or very close on \$2000. And of this increased expenditure what part could be avoided?

But how is it to be met? The present affords an excellent opportunity for such of our wealthier people who have been satisfied hitherto by giving a few dollars to the cause annually to send along their forties, fifties and even hundreds. And might not a much larger body of people, hundreds who in good circumstances have been giving one dollar, afford to make a special gift of four or five, or even ten, so that the work shall not be hindered.

In the line of the above suggestion the agent of the Church reports two special contributions of \$40 and \$100 for Foreign Missions, not from the wealthy, but from those in moderate circumstances.

REV. J. W. MCKENZIE'S VISIT HOME.

Report of Committee.

To the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, East ern Section:

Your committee "appointed to confer

with Rev. J. W. McKenzie respecting his expenses in returning, his proposed stay in the Maritime Provinces and the way in which, if sufficiently strong, he may be able to advance the cause by meeting and giving information to our congregations" have attended to the duty entrusted to them.

With reference to the employment of Mr. McKenzie they have to report that after conferences with him they arranged for a series of meetings during the summer in the country congregations of the Presbytery of Pictou with a view to meeting his wish to be engaged at that time not far from home, and for another series in the autumn in the congregations of the Pres. of Lunenburg and Yarmouth with a view of securing the visitation at his leisure of these congregations which, on account of their distance from each other and their difficulty of access, the other missionaries, in their hurried visits home, had been unable to overtake.

Your committee are glad to be able to report that Mr. McKenzie has been enabled to carry out these arrangements, not only without injury to his health but with advantage thereto, returning from his western tour of visitation stronger than when he set out.

It will be known to the members of the Board that later in the season Mr. McKenzie, at the request of the committee in charge of the missionary meetings of Montreal, visited that city and addressed meetings there, and that the result was a lively manifestation of interest in himself personally and substantial assistance in the carrying on of his work.

Your committee would suggest that the acknowledgements of the Board are especially due to those friends in Montreal who are undertaking to help Mr. McKenzie in supporting young men to be trained as teachers.

With reference to Mr. McKenzie's "proposed stay" in the Provinces, your committee have to report that he feels it to be his duty to leave Nova Scotia and return to his field of labor early in May with the expectation of overtaking the Dayspring in Australia and leaving that place for the Islands some time in October.

Respecting his expenses your committee have to report that the question concerning the duty of the Board has received their best attention and consideration. The difficulty in reaching a suitable recommendation was increased

First, by the fact that the committee had no precedent drawn from the New Hebrides field to guide them though they