

some more wonderful displays of his wisdom, power, and goodness, in the fartherance of his great work in the evangelization of the Heathen.

In the mean time, however, these events call loudly upon the church for humiliation before God, and earnest supplications for his favour. Well may we ask before him, —Show us therefore thou contendest with us. Have we been so uplifted by the long prosperity of our mission, that we still need this additional trial. Well may there still be among us great searchings of heart. Have we made this mission our idol, and is God now dashing our idol in pieces? Great reason have we to be humbled before God for all our sins and shortcomings as a church, and how earnest should we be in supplication that the God of grace would turn again to us! Especially "let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the Heathen should rule over them; wherefore should they say among the Heathen, where is their God?"

Yet we believe that these events must ultimately work for the good of the mission. "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church" has long been the experience of God's people, and the loss of these valued servants of Christ, he can make as the seed corns bringing forth thirty, sixty, or hundred fold to the glory of the Father. The deaths of such men as Johnston, Gordon, and Matheson, and of Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Matheson cannot be in vain. Such an offering to the God of Missions will be accepted, and will be returned in blessing upon the church that has had grace given her to offer them willingly after this sort. "The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee, send thee help from the sanctuary and strengthen thee out of Zion. Remember all thy offerings and accept thy burnt sacrifices. Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel. We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions. Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear from his holy hea-

ven, with the saving strength of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."

We need not say that the call to the church is to go forward. In particular the call is addressed to the rising ministry of the church, to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Before intelligence was received of the death of any of our Missionaries it had been resolved to send out an additional missionary. To accomplish this and to supply the places of the departed, would require four missionaries. But as yet only two have been accepted, and in a few months the Missionary vessel must be on her way. Are these all that are to go? "Who will go for us and whom shall we send?" The church is supplying the means abundantly, and would do much more, but the men are wanting: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

"Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the years wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the days wherein we have seen evil. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto thy children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."



THE NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It is time to remind our readers that the next meeting of Synod is to be held at Charlottetown on the **FOURTH WEDNESDAY** (the 24th) OF JUNE. This will be the first meeting ever held on Prince Edward Island by our highest ecclesiastical court; and it will naturally form an epoch in the history of Presbyterianism there.

We observe that the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island has already, with admirable forethought, appointed a committee to make arrangements for accommodating the members of Synod, and we have no doubt but they will succeed. Much of the benefit to