

THE DESIGNATION MEETING

Was held on Monday evening prior to sailing, in the new Fort Massey Church, which was completely filled. The official services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Bayne, Rev. J. McLean, and Rev. A. J. Mowitt, being opening addresses and designation prayer and addresses, respectively to the Missionary and people. Speeches were also delivered by Mr. Annand, Rev. J. Campbell, Rev. J. K. Smith, and prayers offered by Messrs. Simpson and Pitblado.

For nearly three hours the hallowed interest of the meeting not only was sustained, but continued to rise. During its progress a short address was read from the Fort Massey Sabbath School, by Master George Boak, and \$25 handed over, and it was mentioned that \$30 had just been paid over by the Sabbath School of Chalmers Church. Four Ladies expressed regard for Mrs. Annand's devotion by sending \$10 in an Envelope. Other Ladies had previously sent her a furnished writing desk, to which four young ladies added a Gold Pen. The collection as subsequently supplemented amounted to \$127.

MISSION GOODS.

The quantity of these was not large for the notice was limited. The church has the greater cause for thankfulness to those who did respond. Rev. J. Munro, forwarded a package from the ladies of Wallace,—James McLean, Bookseller, Pictou, sent a box from the Congregation of Rev. R. S. Patterson, of Bedeque; Pictou town, forwarded a box of respectable size, James D. McGregor of New Glasgow, forwarded several bales of Home manufactured cloth contributed, if we are not mistaken, chiefly by the Ladies in the neighbourhood of Churchville, which, with other contributions filled another box of good dimensions; and finally a second box valued at \$30 came from the Congregation of Bedeque, so that while many congregations within reach of the Railway found the time too short, the willing-hearted women of Bedeque have shewn their sisters throughout all the Lower Provinces, that where there is the will the way can be found. Probably other goods were given as personal gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Annand.

These goods were received and prepared for shipment at the old stand of C. D. Hunter, Esq., his successors, Messrs. Forsyth and Hart having very kindly given the free use of their stores.

James B. Morrow, Esq., forwarded the goods free of charge per steamer.

PARTING.

At 11 30 on Tuesday the deck of the *Hibernian* was crowded with the friends of departing passengers, officers in uniform by

the dozen, bidding farewell to Colonel Laurie, revisiting the old land for a winter, and friends from City and Country bidding adieu for many winters and summers, it may be for ever, to the Missionary and his wife. May God guide, guard and bless them! The bell rings, and the crowd leaves the ship which at the appointed hour—noon—glides off like a thing of life. Three cheers from the Volunteer Officers on the wharf, adieus waved with hand and hat, and quickly our friends have receded so far as to be scarcely distinguishable from the strangers around them.

We have no late intelligence from the mission field. The word conveyed in Dr. Steel's last letter of Dr. Geddie's indisposition is confirmed by the following notice in the *Melbourne Christian Review*, for September:—

"The Rev. Dr. Geddie, we are sorry to learn from private intelligence, has been seriously ill since his arrival in the New Hebrides. We hope that when the official communications reach us, they will bring the good news of his complete recovery. The Mission Conference, we understand, has completed its arrangements, and allocated the new missionaries. We are informed that more work than was anticipated has been found for the "Dayspring," and that she will not revisit our shores so early as was expected."

Dr. Steel simply says that he had learned that Dr. Geddie had had some slight attacks of paralysis which affected his side, but that he was otherwise well.

MORE KIDNAPPING.

Dr. Steel further adds:—

"We have had another shocking case of kidnapping before the Courts. The captain and several of the men are committed for trial. It is the worst that has yet appeared. Murder and kidnapping seems to have been the rule in the voyage of the "Carl." The Imperial Government have published the new Act of Parliament, and there are active preparations being made to carry it into execution. Several small vessels are to assist the war steamers in scouring the waters, and examining the labour vessels. I trust we may see the end of what has been a bad business from the beginning. The loss of much human life, white as well as black, has been the consequence of the removal of the native to Queensland and Fiji."

The supplement to the *Melbourne Argus* of Sept. 10th, contains some of the evidence respecting the proceedings of the captain and crew of the "Carl," and we question if anything more inhuman and fiendish can be produced from the records of the