

from the good seed sown there will doubtless come good fruit, even though it should be many days hence.

Fifty Day.

The greater part of the day was occupied with discussing the questions of Hymns, the whole of which we have for greater convenience included in the fourth day's proceedings.

DELEGATE FROM FREE CHURCH.

In the evening the Rev. William Ross appeared before the Assembly as a delegate from the Free Church of Scotland. In an eloquent and earnest address, Mr. Ross conveyed to the Assembly the salutation of the Free Church, expressing his great delight in finding himself in the midst of so large and influential an Assembly, and in listening to the admirable reports that had been presented. He felt sure that the Church which he represented would continue to take the deepest interest in the Canadian Church. They would always deem it a privilege to give such pecuniary assistance as lay in their power in behalf of the Home Missions of the Church, especially in aid of the work in the vast North-Western territories. They were also deeply interested in our French Evangelization scheme. In these matters he felt that the Canadian Church had a strong claim on the sympathies of the Churches in the Old Land, for Scotland had sent, and was still sending out, a large population to this country who became the adopted children of the Church here. The Colonial Committee was extending its operations not only in the Dominion of Canada, but in New Zealand, Australia, the Malay Peninsula, North and South Africa, and even in South America. Referring to the financial condition of the mother churches, he said that notwithstanding the late depression, which had impoverished the means of their contributors, as well as imposed unusual demands upon some of their funds, the finances of the Free Church of Scotland were improving yearly. The Sustentation fund was now in such a position that £160 was the lowest amount going to their ministers, while two-thirds of them received £200. The amount contributed for missionary schemes last year was £575,718, an increase of over £10,000 over the preceding year, and of £80,000 during the past ten years. The amount contributed by the Established Church was £373,730, being a slight decrease on that for the previous year: by the United Presbyterian Church, £379,000, an increase over that of the pre-

vious year. In other words, the joint contributions of the three great branches of the Church were £1,323,409, or \$6,642,000, or, if the Irish Presbyterian Church were included, it would be found that the sum of over \$7,000,000 had been poured into the Presbyterian Church to carry forward her work there and in other parts of the world.

On motion of Dr. Topp, seconded by Dr. Gregg, Mr. Ross received a cordial vote of thanks from the Moderator, who added that he could never forget the very kind reception which the deputation from this Church, and of which he was a member, had received two years ago at the hands of the Free Church Assembly.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Central Church, large as it is, was well filled this Monday evening, when the reports of the Foreign Mission Committees, East and West were read. Dr. McGREGOR first read the report of the Eastern section, or rather an abstract of the report which was very long and minute in its detail. The report will appear in full in the appendix to the minutes of the Assembly. In the meantime the following reference may suffice:

Two Missions are conducted by the Committee, the first being the one to the NEW HEMIDES, in which there were nine missionaries on eight islands. Three of these belonged to this Church, viz: Rev. J. W. McKenzie on Efate, Rev. H. A. Robertson on Erromanga, and Rev. J. Annand on Anietyum. There are 100 teachers, 39 of these being paid agents. This mission, which has existed over 3 years, is greatly hindered by the labour traders, who draw off the people to Queensland and Fiji. The second mission is that of TRINIDAD, in which there are three missionaries to the indentured labourers or coolies. The mission is of ten years' standing, having commenced with Mr. Morton's settlement in Jere Village in 1867. Mr. Grant followed in 1870 and Mr. Christie in 1873. At first the work had been met with stern and persistent opposition, and little success. For three years there had not been one baptism, while last year there over 70. There are three missionary districts:—Savanna Grande, Rev. J. Morton; San Fernando, Rev. J. Grant; and Couva, Rev. T. M. Christie. Each missionary has an assistant evangelist drawn from among the converts. Mr. Grant has three, and each missionary has several schools, with teachers, also drawn from the converts. The present balance against the fund was \$1,000.

WESTERN SECTION.

PROFESSOR McLAREN, Convener, presented and read the report of the Committee for the Western Section.

The work to which the report relates is divided into three departments:—The first being the mission to the Indians in the North West Territories. In Prince Albert the Rev. D. C. Johnson continues the Mission School there with efficiency and success, and had besides for some short time back the general oversight of the whole mission. Mr. Johnson is assisted by Mr. McKay, who acts as interpreter and missionary catechist. At Okanase, an Indian reserve 160 miles north-west of Winnipeg Rev. George Flett labours with zeal and success, and ministers to 4 or 500 Indians at the various points which he visits. Though his annual report has not yet come to hand, cheering accounts of his