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The Foreign Mission Committee, Eastern Division, invites correspondence from ministers and licentiates of our Church with a view to obtaining an additional laborer for the New Hebrides, if the way be clear to send Him.

They wish a lady teacher for the district of Courva, Trinidad, and ask applications for that position E. Scott, Sec.

A few weeks since the "*British Queen*" landed her cargo in Halifax. Part of it consisted of what seemed half a dozen large coffins, which from their weight appeared freighted with their usual burden of "lifeless clay". They proved to be human forms, not in clay, but in stone. "graven images", "carved saints" consigned to a prominent ecclesiastic and will no doubt occupy a prominent place in some of the chapels, and in the devotions of some of their worshippers. Another part of the cargo of the same ship, consisted of a dozen casks of arrow-root manufactured and sent by the Christian natives of the New Hebrides as a contribution to our Mission Funds. Strange contrast! In the boxes graven images, to aid the people of Nova Scotia to worship. In the casks, the thank offering of the natives of the South Seas who have been turned from idols to worship the living and true God.

In our last issue mention was made of some of the ways, such as lotteries, dances &c. resorted to in raising money for Church purposes. Such practices do not appear to

be confined to any one part of the church. The following deliverance was passed by the Halifax Presbytery at a recent meeting.

"It having come to the knowledge of the Presbytery that in a few of the congregations under its supervision, dancing and other like amusements are resorted for the purpose of raising church funds, this Presbytery hereby expresses its strong disapproval of such methods of raising money, methods which, to say the least of them, are calculated to give offence to good brethren in our own and other communions, and further, the Presbytery hopes that all such methods will take end at once throughout the bounds of its congregations and stations."

To take even the lowest ground, do such schemes pay? "Pay! says some one, who has taken in a hundred dollars or more at a ball or dancing stage! Pay! says the committee that counts over its gains from the lottery? Pay! why of course it does! We could not get the money so easily or quickly in any other way."

Sound reasoning truly for those who are working for the church of God! On exactly the same principle, it *pays* the man who gives up his honest business, opens a gambling saloon or pool shop; it *pays* the young man, who, beginning with gaining a few cents in some trifling lottery, goes on, becomes a proficient in gambling and takes a place at Monte Carlo. It *pays* the keepers of dance houses in our large cities, who fill their pockets by pandering to what is lowest in humanity! You had better read over again a passage in a certain old book which propounds the question "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Read it again and substitute the word *church* for *man*.

How can a church prosper without God's presence and blessing? How can that presence and blessing accompany such means, some of them illegal and immoral, others, essentially worldly and immoral in tendency? The church that resorts to such means is building up the kingdom of