

Having thus faithfully though unsuccessfully sought to obtain co-operation in the Greek Mission, in terms of the Synod's remit, the Board are quite prepared for any further instructions which may now be given on this subject.

#### MEDICAL MISSIONARY.

In concluding their report of action taken during the past year, they would refer to a proposal to attach a medical missionary to the New Hebrides staff. The propriety of this step was brought under notice from various sources, but specially by the spontaneous offer of a highly promising young man in attendance on the Glasgow medical university, Scotland, and favorably known to several of the members of the Board by his residence in Nova Scotia for some years. Immediate correspondence was set on foot to ascertain the opinion of our coadjutors in Scotland, and if favorable, invite their co-operation. These Brethren held intercourse with the candidate both privately and before their Committee, and were highly pleased with his appearance and qualifications. They desiderated however, the union of the strictly missionary with the medical service, and stipulated that he should be ordained. On this ground, he, after deliberation, withdrew, and on offering his services to the London Missionary service, was immediately accepted by them. The Board cannot but express much regret at this result, but feel satisfied that their course throughout will commend itself to the Courts and the Church at large.

#### THIRD MISSIONARY.

There is still some hope that a third missionary may yet be found, as there is now under consideration the tender of service by a student of the third year, at the Halifax Theological classes. His medical certificate has not yet been forwarded, so that there is still room for disappointment. In view of such a result, the advertisement for a third missionary has not yet been withdrawn.

#### EXPENDITURE.

With regard to expenditure, the usual statement of Funds will be laid before Synod by the Treasurer. It is only necessary to add that all the drafts of the London Missionary Society and the Missionaries, have been honorably met, so that the sum now on hand may be fully accounted at our disposal for the salaries and contingencies of the present year. Mr Morrison ought to be salaried in one or other form from the date of his entrance on the service of the Board. All that has been promised to him, or any other candidate, is the full payment of all expenses during their home services; £50 outfit, and free passage to the islands, where the full salary will begin on their landing. Such were the terms which Mr Johnston received, but it will be for the Synod now to say what shall be the measure of support, that the present outgoing missionaries shall receive.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board.

JAMES BAYNE, Secy.

### APPEAL FOR THE NEW MISSION SCHOONER.

The readers of the *Record* will be all aware that the Synod at the meeting in New Glasgow last June, adopted the suggestion of the Board of Foreign Missions, to provide another Mission vessel for the New Hebrides, and authorized an appeal to the children of the Church with a view to provide the necessary funds. Many will no doubt have felt great surprise at the apparent neglect or unaccountable delay that has occurred in issuing this appeal. It is due to such, and to the Church at large, as well as to the Board, to state the true cause of delay.

Soon after the meeting of Synod, information came to hand from the Secretary Reformed Presbyterian Church Committee, that Mr. Paton had sent to them an urgent request, that as there was quite a probability that the Churches in Australia would raise the whole sum required for building the vessel, they should be allowed to build her in that Colony, as they were very desirous to do. The Board in Nova Scotia had previously taken action on the resolution of Synod, but at once deferred all further procedure until the Committee in Scotland would express freely