

when measures should be originated with a view to the consolidation of our Educational Institutions in one locality and under one roof. The expense of keeping up two separate establishments is very considerable, whilst the duty of Superintendence must be either inefficiently discharged, or unnecessarily burdensome. Probably nothing beyond an initiatory step can be taken for the present year, but the Board would suggest that a Committee be appointed to take the whole question into earnest consideration, with instructions to prepare a scheme for bring together, if possible, the Hall and the Seminary. Difficulties no doubt may be expected, some of them of a very serious character, but these must be encountered sooner or later, and may as well be grappled with at once. Meanwhile, and pending such settlement as may be ultimately effected, it would be well that the Synod add to the Board, by the appointment of members resident in or near Halifax, who either as a sub-committee, or as a quorum of the Board, should transact its business in connection with the Hall.

To the duty of preparing a code of bye laws, remitted by the Synod at its last meeting, the Board have to acknowledge that they have not yet attended, feeling that in view of the changes, which are likely to take place in the consolidation of our Institutions, this duty can be far more effectually discharged after the consolidation is effected.

The Board have to report in conclusion, notice of a bequest to the value of \$200, from the late John Smith of Truro, to be paid within one year of his decease.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EBENEZER ROSS, *Secretary.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board of Foreign Missions met at New Glasgow on the 9th ult. A large amount of interesting correspondence was laid before them. The first was a letter from the Rev. J. W. Matheson, intimating the death of his wife. This appear in another part of our present No. The next were letters from the Rev. John Kaye, Secretary to the Committee of Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Scotland, and the Rev. John Inglis, from which it appeared that our friends in Scotland had agreed to the building of the Missionary Schooner in Nova Scotia, and also wished a Captain and crew to be obtained here. The Secretary was instructed to issue the appeal to the Children in the October No. of the *Record*, and the sub committee was directed to take immediate steps to secure a good model and have the contract taken.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Cumming, Student of Theology of the second year, who had tendered his services for the Foreign Mission Field, accompanied with a report of his medical examination by Dr. Waddell, of St. John. This, though not altogether unfavourable, was such as to induce Mr. C. in the meantime to withdraw his offer. Thus the Board have again been disappointed in obtaining the services of a third labourer for the South Seas, and all interested are requested to notice that the Board still desires the services of a third Missionary.

A ler was read from the Rev. Alex. McLean, of Belfast, P.E.I., conveying the gratifying intelligence that the Committee of Missions of the Synod