

the fund for Mission purposes, they were not justified at once in remitting a suitable donation. One consideration has alone restrained them, and that is the important fact that recent demands for salary and contingent expenses of Mr. Geddie and family, and the salary and outfit of Mr. Gordon, have exhausted the resources now on hand, so far as to render it neither advisable nor safe to draw upon them for any purpose beyond the immediate wants of our own Mission. They have therefore directed this appeal to be made to the Christian Churches in Nova Scotia, and particularly the Pres-

byterian Church of Nova Scotia and the friends of the Aneiteum Mission. While it is not designed to dictate to any congregation or individual in what manner this appeal shall be answered, it is suggested that donations be forwarded to the Secretary or Treasurer of the Board at as early a date as convenient. It is hoped that the claim thus stated will be accounted by all our friends as the strongest that can be made on their liberality, outside the immediate necessities of the Mission, a *debt of honor*.

By order of the Board.

JAMES BAYNE, Secretary.

Youth's Department.

APPEAL

TO THE SABBATH SCHOOL CHILDREN
AND YOUTH OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Dear Young Friends,—

It is known to many of you, that the London Missionary Society have a Missionary Ship, called the "John Williams." This valuable and most useful vessel was purchased by the pence of the youth of England, who are taught, as we desire to teach you, from earliest years to feel a deep interest in missions to the heathen. We well remember how eagerly you took part in the effort to provide a boat for the mission at Aneiteum, and your success on that occasion has encouraged us to hope that our present appeal to your sympathy and generosity will not be in vain.

By a letter lately received from Mr Geddie, we have an application from him and his associate Mr Inglis, for a larger vessel in which longer voyages can be made with greater speed and safety. This has become necessary because the mission has been extended to two islands many miles distant from Aneiteum.—There native teachers have been placed, but they require additional supplies of food and clothing, and these cannot be sent to them in an open boat, with any degree of certainty or safety. One of the Teachers was nearly lost very lately when he was going to Aneiteum for food and other supplies. Mr Geddie was so much pleased with your generous and successful efforts in providing a boat for him, that he feels very anxious to have you provide this schooner, or rather, to

have you join the children in Scotland, and provide one-half of the expense such a vessel would cost. The whole sum he thinks will be £300 sterling, and he asks you to raise one-half, £150 sterling, or £187 10s. currency. Now, though this appears a large sum, yet, if divided among the congregations of our Church, it would not require more than £6 from each to make it up. Judging from your former effort, we have no doubt you will easily raise more than this; and the best plan is to raise all you can. Indeed the Board have so much reason to trust your aid, that they have already sent home, in your name, the sum required, as it is wanted immediately; and they wish you to lose no time in settling about your part in collecting enough to replace it. Mr Geddie says the schooner is to be called the "John Knox," and the reason is, that this was the name of the missionary who first carried the gospel into Scotland at a time when its light had almost gone out;—just as the "John Williams" is so called because this is the name of the missionary who did more than any other to carry the gospel to the South Sea Islands, and was at last killed on Erromanga when landing there to prepare that island for receiving native Teachers.—The children of England and their friends thought it an excellent thing to call the vessel after him, so that his example might be remembered by the missionaries who are conveyed by that noble ship to the Islands of Polynesia. We hope you will see the same good reason to call your mission schooner the "John Knox," which will be your property, in common with