

topics were recorded and ordered to be transmitted.

Mr. Morrison's letter contained a Protest against the minute of the Board condemnatory of the conduct of the missionaries, before explanations were heard from them, respecting their part in the *Curacao* affair.

The annual reports of Mr. Morrison and of Mr. Gordon were also before the Board,—referred to Mr. Patterson to select the leading facts for publication.

A letter was then read from Rev. ——— of ———, offering his services as a missionary to India or China, and assigning reasons for concluding that God in his providence called for labourers to enter and occupy some of the *great centres* of population in Asia.

A letter was also read from Rev. ——— of ———, offering his services as a missionary to the Coolies of Trinidad.

"After earnest deliberation the Board agreed to record the deep interest with which they have heard these communications from two of our ministers, both pointing to new fields of labour and of usefulness; and feeling that the decision of so important a question as the choice of one or more *new mission fields*, properly belongs to the Synod, as representing the whole Church, agree to refer both tenders to Synod, *simpliciter*."

In the mean time the Secretary is corresponding with the Secretaries of the U. P. and Foreign Mission Boards, to gather the materials on which the Synod may be able to come to an intelligent conclusion.

It was agreed that the quarterly meeting of the Board, for prayer, be held in John Knox's Church on Monday evening, at 7½ o'clock.

It was also agreed that our congregations be requested to co-operate with us in prayer for Missions, by joining, where practicable, in a monthly concert to be held on the first Monday of each month, at such hour as may be most convenient.—*Condensed from Minutes.*

Quarterly Prayer Meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions.

This interesting meeting was held in John Knox Church, New Glasgow, on the first

Monday of April, at 7½ o'clock, p. m. A large body of christian people assembled, and shewed deep interest in the proceedings. Addresses were delivered by the Chairman and Secretary, and the devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Messrs. Stewart, Roy, Walker and McGregor. The special aim of the whole services was to induce a deeper sense of our need of Divine influences, and to excite to earnest and persevering prayer for the Holy Spirit to revive His own work at home and abroad.

Special *thanksgivings* were offered up for the favourable news respecting the expansion of the mission, the increase of church members on Aneiteum and Faté, and the improvement in health of the missionaries generally.

Letter from Dr. Geddie.

*Aneiteum, New Hebrides,
Nov. 26th, 1866.*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—You have no doubt heard before this time of our safe arrival at this island. We landed here on the 8th of September, after a pleasant voyage in the *John Williams*, of two weeks, from Sydney. It was cheering to Mrs. Geddie and myself to look once more on the lofty mountain, the fertile valley, and the ever-green verdure of this lovely isle. We have seen nothing to compare with it during our long absence.

RECEPTION AT ANEITEUM.

The ship which had been daily expected was recognized in the distance, and as we approached the land, clusters of natives could be seen gathering on the shore. As soon as we entered the harbor a boat came off to receive us, and we accompanied our friends ashore. A large number of natives were assembled to give us a cordial welcome to the spot where we had spent so many eventful and happy years. They would not allow us to leave the boat, but gathered around it, raised it on their shoulders, and carried us in this way to the gate in front of our house. As soon as we were released from our novel conveyance, men, women and children came and shook hands with us. They seemed glad to see us once more, and this feeling was reciprocated on our part. Many tears were shed by the natives, and we found it difficult to suppress our feelings also. Our return to this people presented a strange and happy contrast to our first landing among them, when they were naked, painted, and armed savages. O, what a change has the gospel wrought among them.