

mission boxes already. Well, just let them be continued, and let such families and schools adopt the motto of the new society, so that all the young people may understand that they are contributing for the same mission. To secure the interest and sympathy of the children, a definite object must be set before them, and they will do all they can. Set the condition and claims of the heathen clearly before the children now and then, and their zeal and liberality will be proportionately increased.

MISSIONARY SERMON.

I would also propose that, yearly, on the first Sabbath or during the first week of April, a missionary sermon should be preached to the children and young people in each congregation and Sabbath school, when a child from each family and each class, having a mission box, should be appointed to present to their treasurer the money collected in the box during the past year, when the sums given in by each, and by the whole in the congregation, should be made known, to encourage the children and their friends to persevere in the good work. A similar correct list from every congregation in our Church should be prepared and sent to the editor of the *Magazine*, so that in the May Number it might be printed, shewing what each congregation, class and family in the Church had raised during the year. This would bring the sum so raised before the Foreign Mission Committee and the Synod in May, and enable them to advise and act accordingly in extending our mission.

Now, I do hope and pray that this proposal may not fall to the ground, but be taken up cordially by all interested, and at once adopted by every congregation and Sabbath school in our Church. I earnestly and humbly entreat all the children and friends of our mission at once to adopt and carry out this scheme, so well calculated to do good. And if such a society is formed, we will send frequent letters to the children, to try and deepen their interest in our mission. We expect much from the children, and certainly they will exceed our expectations if they are assisted and encouraged, as we hope they will be, by their superiors.

PROSPECTS.

Some of the friends of our mission now express their fears that, as a Church, we will not be able to support four additional missionaries, and keep our ship sailing; but if the children do their part, assisted by the children and friends in Australia, as I believe they will be, we will not only support our mission as at present, but soon be able to place missionaries on all the islands of our group now in heathen darkness. Be-

sides the princely sum raised and given by the dear children in Australia for the purchasing of our mission ship, in Nova Scotia, and in Scotland, the children have taken about 56,000 shares, at sixpence each.—Now, if these shareholders in Scotland and in Nova Scotia were only giving fourpence each yearly, it would raise about £933: 6: 8; and if my scheme is taken up and wrought out vigorously, I believe they will raise more than this sum; and if we get the assistance we expect from Australia, I hope we will not only keep our ship sailing, but soon be able to place a missionary on every island in our group.

Is it not encouraging to see the different branches of the Church, and the different colonies, assisting in the support and extension of our mission? Surely the Church has been much weakened, and her mission work much hindered from want of union. We missionaries all long for more union among the Churches, both in the home and foreign field. And, surely, in these days when the union of the non-established Churches in our land is calling forth such prayer and effort, by our Church engaging a Free Churchman, a United Presbyterian, and two Reformed Presbyterians, to labour side by side as missionaries, the Reformed Presbyterian Church has set an example to all in the good work. She has done so in the past, in working for many years, side by side, harmoniously in our mission on the New Hebrides with the United Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia—a United Presbyterian and a Reformed Presbyterian missionary being placed to work unitedly on each island, and with the happiest results. This is surely union of the right kind, upon which we may seek God's blessing, as we have enjoyed it in the past experience of our mission. Surely this is just as it ought to be. The Church whose Solemn League and Covenant aimed at a grand union of all the Churches, ought practically to carry out the spirit of its principles wherever that can be done for the glory of God and the Church's good. Oh, that this spirit of brotherly love and union in our Lord's work may go on and increase among Christ's people, till every adversary is removed, and that union enjoyed which Christ requires of His Church and people!

If God has exceeded our expectations in giving us such a vessel, and in providing four able men for our mission, certainly He will provide all the means required to keep them in His service, till the work He has assigned them is all accomplished. Let us exercise faith and prayer as we persevere in our mission among the heathen. Let not past losses and trials dishearten us as a Church, but move us for greater efforts in the mission field, and at God's time victory will be ours if we faint not in His service.