

"Dr. Geddie continued diligently to perform the varied duties of a Missionary, (with the exception of a visit home, and two trips to Melbourne, in connection with the printing of the Old Testament,) till June of last year, when he had a stroke of paralysis.

"In October he left the New Hebrides for the last time, to join Mrs. Geddie at Geelong, where he died in December last.

"Dr. Geddie was possessed of many excellencies, especially qualifying him for the early years of a heathen Mission, such were his energy and zeal, his ingenuity and power of surmounting difficulties, his tact in enlisting the help of the natives in all his undertakings, his willingness to sacrifice and to endure hardships for the sake of the Gospel, his faith in God, his habit of looking at the bright side of his work, and his strong, all prevailing Missionary spirit.

"He thought much about the other islands of the group, gathered information about them from all quarters, sent out Teachers to them, and visited these Teachers. He was kind to strange natives who might happen to touch at Aneityum, and his name is known by many on the group who never saw the immediate sphere of his labours.

"The members of this Synod would seek to improve this further admonition of their mortality by working while it is day; they would feel thankful to God for what Dr. Geddie was enabled to accomplish; and they would desire a like measure of success, and like qualifications to be given them, and that they may see as great a change for the better on the mission and on the group in their day as he did in his.

"This Synod would express their sympathy with the Church in Nova Scotia, in this further break in the number of its Missionaries, and with Mrs. Geddie and her children on account of their bereavement.

"The prayer of this Synod is that all who have been in any way affected by the void our Heavenly Father has made, may have it made good out of the fulness of His grace and love.

"That a copy of this minute be forwarded to the Secretary of the Mission Board of the Church in Nova Scotia, and also to Mrs. Geddie."

12 Mr. McDonald made application to be allowed to leave his station for a time, and go up to Sydney in the Mission vessel, as, from the state of his own health and the health of his family, he felt that a change was necessary for all of them. After hearing a full statement of his case the Synod expressed their sincere sympathy with Mr. McDonald and his family, and, while regretting exceedingly that the appli-

cation has been so soon after his settlement, they nevertheless granted his request.

13 Mr. Good will sent in a letter to the Synod, requesting to be allowed to give up his station on account of Mrs. Goodwill's health. It appears that all the medical men whom Mrs. Goodwill consulted, on her recent visit to Sydney, had said distinctly that unless she leave these Islands, the state of her health is such that her life is in imminent danger; he therefore requested, although most reluctant to do so, to have liberty to proceed to Sydney in the Mission vessel, unless, in the meantime, Mrs. Goodwill's health should materially improve. The Synod expressed their sincere sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill in the afflictive dispensation of God's Providence, regretted deeply the necessity of their leaving the Mission, but, under the condition expressed, granted their request.\*

14. Mr. Copeland made an application for leave to proceed to the Colonies by the Mission vessel, to remain there for a time, as both he and his family stood greatly in need of a change.

The Synod sympathized with Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, and as neither of them has been off these islands for seven years, they granted him his request.

15. Mr. Paton made application that he and his family be allowed, if needful, when the time comes, to pay a visit to the Colonies by the Mission vessel, as he has had a severe attack of illness, and the other members of his family were all in need of a change.

The Synod expressed their sincere sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Paton, and, as he has not been off the islands for seven years, they granted him his request.

16. Mr. McKenzie stated the claims of Efli Harbour, Efate, as a suitable station for Mr. Annand. Mr. Robertson also stated the claims of Cook's Bay, Erromanga, and supported these by an application that had been made by the principal chief, and about 40 of the friendly natives of that district, for a missionary.

Mr. Annand stated his own views, and expressed a decided preference for Efli Harbour. In accordance, therefore, with his own wishes, and with the approbation of the Synod, he was appointed to Efli Harbour.

17. Mr. Robertson presented an application for Mr. Milne to be removed from

\* Mr. Goodwill states in a private letter that he has not actually resigned his station on Santo, or his connection with the Mission. His object, he says, in coming to the Colonies, is to recruit his own health, and to consult more fully with medical men with reference to the health of Mrs. Goodwill, which, as will be seen by her own letter, has been very severely tried.—(Ed. M. R.)