

INGLIS of Anciteum, and the Rev. P. CONSTANTINIDES of Turkey, will be present at our next Synod. A new impulse will thus be given to the missionary spirit in our midst and the attention of our people will be directed more than ever to the paramount importance of the Gospel.—For if it is worth our while to urge Christ on the acceptance of Heathens, Greeks, and Mahommedans, surely, surely, we must open to Him the gates of our own hearts! If men are to travel thousands of miles at our expense and spend long years of painful toil to lead sinners to Jesus, we will not be so mad as to reject that same Jesus ourselves! We always feel that in advocating the claims of Foreign Missions we are raising a most notable and emphatic testimony on behalf of the preciousness of the Gospel,—a testimony to which every man subscribes who contributes to our funds or helps us on by word or deed.

Constantinople; Jan. 12, 1861.

MY DEAR MR. STEWART,—

It is past six months since I heard from you last. Are you so busy that you cannot spare a moment to drop me a line, and let me know now and then at least how you are getting on. Once you used to send me your *Witness and Record*. This is the fourth month since they have ceased to come. I feel as if I were utterly forsaken by all my Nova Scotian friends. But He "who sticketh closer than a brother" is nigh, and His holy presence cheers me on in this dreary wilderness. About a month ago I wrote you of the great opening among the Greeks at Brusa. With deep sorrow I feel that we are utterly unable to do anything there. Schools, teachers, colporteurs, books, &c., &c., are some of the most indispensable means for carrying on this work, but we have not the least of these. How long will you keep me in this painful situation—a soldier unarmed in the midst of a fearful battle!

During my short stay at Demirdesh I baptized a child, and dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We had a very refreshing time. My people did all in their power to make me happy and comfortable, but I took the fever, and was obliged to return to Constantinople. The boy's school is getting on very well, but owing to the inconvenience of the schoolroom, we are obliged to limit the number of our pupils within the narrow boundaries of the few Evangelical families. Without a regular schoolroom and a female teacher we cannot expect anything satisfactory. As to the church in this city I shall be obliged to give it up at last, for I could never divide my attention between this place and Demirdesh, and accomplish any thing of the least consequence, without any help.

As my health is very feeble, I shall be obliged to leave Constantinople during the coming summer. I purpose therefore (D. V.) to visit Nova Scotia and make better arrangements for my future labours. Could you oblige me with a note, and assure me that you are not opposed to this my movement? I intend to set off at about the beginning of April. I will make good arrangements so that Demirdesh shall not feel my absence. Our school teacher there will be obliged to give up the school for want of a room in the spring, and he will pay attention to the people. My father and sister are both confined to their beds. Pray for us. Do write me as soon as possible, and believe me ever yours in Christ.

PETROS CONSTANTINIDES.

Rev. J. Stewart, N. S.

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### NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

Private letters have been received from the Rev. Mr. Geddie and Mrs. Geddie, dated September last. The Mission families were in their usual health. Mr. Matheson's health was in the same state. The *Evangelical Christendom* for February contains a letter from Mr. Gordon, dated October. It contains no news of importance. In our present number we have the pleasure of laying before our readers (through the kindness of Rev.