

APPENDIX E.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSION.

Your Foreign Mission Committee have to report that the Rev. John Goodwill, who, in July last, offered his services for the South Sea Mission, demitted his charge as directed by this court in order to devote his whole time to qualify himself for efficient services in that distant field. As enjoined by the synod, your missionary proceeded to Philadelphia, on being relieved of his charge, for the purpose of acquiring some knowledge of Anatomy and Medicine, preparatory to his departure for the scene of his labours. Your committee are much gratified in being able to state that Mr. Goodwill improved the few months devoted to this object so diligently and with such success as to justify the belief that the medical knowledge acquired by him may help in greatly furthering the interests of the mission. Since his return from the Medical Hall, your missionary has been employed in visiting the different congregations of our church. Everywhere, he has been most cordially received, and has been able to report that he found a real interest in missionary work pervading all sections of the church. Your committee indulge the confident hope that much benefit will result from Mr. Goodwill's labours among our people. It will secure, it is hoped, a lasting interest in the Mission, and create the desire, in old and young, to read missionary intelligence. This was much required. Political papers were willingly paid for and read, while our *Record* and other similar publications were uncared for, by the great majority of our people. An interest in the missionary, and in the progress of his work, will tend to remedy this evil, and should our Foreign Mission scheme effect no more, all the labour and the means expended upon it would be well rewarded. It is only when men possess missionary intelligence, and are made acquainted with the efforts made by other sections of the church, that we can hope to see their zeal and their liberality rightly moved in the cause of missions.

While it is still true that much apathy was manifest in some of the collections for this scheme, it is at the same time encouraging to know that several congregations contributed liberally, and that in the case of such as did much less than they should, there is some improvement over former years. The account transmitted by our respected Treasurer, James J. Bremner, Esq., will sufficiently satisfy the most diffident, that, as a church, we have resources to enable us vigorously to engage in and prosecute missionary work. While from many congregations the collections have not yet been reported, the amount in funds, as shown by the account, is not much short of \$3,000.

By the arrangements now made, your committee believe that about four weeks further may be sufficient to finish the labours of Mr. Goodwill in visiting the congregations. Then, two weeks will be required in New Brunswick, one in Prince Edward Island, and one or two in Cape Breton, where the missionary will receive his appointments from Messrs. Gunn and Fraser. Thus, so far as the present arrangements of the committee are concerned, your missionary will then be prepared for his departure.

In compliance with his request, however, your committee have agreed to recommend that four weeks further be allowed to Mr. Goodwill to settle his own private affairs and visit his family and friends previous to his leaving.

Your committee, subject to the approval of synod, have agreed to pay the missionary for the year now ending,—that is, from the date of the demission of his charge, in September last, to the date of his departure,—the same salary formerly paid him as yearly stipends by his congregation, and also his travelling expenses and medical fees; and further, to supply a medicine chest and such surgical instruments as may be considered necessary, pay his passage to the Pacific, and, from the date of his departure, to place him in the same posi-