

The Committee thus armed met on the following morning, and after prayer for the Divine direction proceeded to examine the whole subject with care, and to weigh the difficulties of various kinds likely to be met with in prosecuting this enterprise. They found that the work was in fact already begun, that Mr. Rand besides giving portions of his time for the last three years, as other engagements permitted, had devoted the last few months exclusively to the interests of that people. In these labours they found farther he had been acknowledged by the Baptist Association, and encouraged so far as the means at their disposal would warrant. These however were not such as to warrant Mr. Rand in devoting his whole time to the Micmac race. The Provisional Committee at once offered, and expressed by resolution *their desire*, to do all in their power to provide such aid as would enable him to employ all his time for the benefit of that tribe, during the ensuing year; before the expiration of which, he would after consultation with his brethren be able to decide whether he should feel free to continue to follow the suggestions and directions of a Protestant Board.

These points having been discussed in the kindest spirit, and arranged satisfactorily, were submitted to an enlarged Committee, consisting not only of Ministers, but of lay Gentlemen of different religious bodies of Christians, and cordially approved. The whole proceedings thus far were then submitted to a *Public Meeting*, held in Chalmers' Church on the evening of Sept. 19th, which Mr. Rand by request remained in Halifax to address. The meeting was numerous and influential, the measures already taken were approved, the present Committee and Office Bearers appointed, and an impression highly favourable left upon the public mind.

The present Committee, thus appointed and sustained, felt themselves in a position to express their desire to Mr. Rand, that he should devote his whole time to the work of the Mission, it being well understood that for some time his chief employment would be preparation for future labour. The Committee expressed their readiness, should he decide on giving his undivided attention to this work, to undertake to provide for his support a salary of £160 N. S. currency, exclusive of travelling and incidental expenses, which were not to exceed £40. They farther requested Mr. Rand to prepare for publication in a Pamphlet the Lectures recently delivered by him in Halifax. On the part of the Missionary, the Committee found the readiest acquiescence in these measures, and in every other which tended to advance the work of which he was the earnest advocate; and having arranged all preliminaries, they commended him to God, and bade him an affectionate farewell.

For a short time after his return to Charlottetown, Mr. Rand was occupied in preparing for the press the Pamphlet which has been so generally circulated in this City and Province, and also in holding one or two Public Meetings in Charlottetown, where a deep interest has all along been manifested in this cause. It is but justice to state, that before the Committee had an existence, several Naval Officers in Her Majesty's service, resident in Charlottetown, and employed in surveying the coast, had given Mr. Rand encouragement and support in prosecuting this work; and ever since these gentlemen and others in that town have manifested the greatest zeal and liberality in supporting the Mission.

Mr. Rand spent the winter in Charlottetown, engaged chiefly in prosecuting a more intimate acquaintance with the Micmac language, in forwarding his projected Grammar and Dictionary, and in perfecting his translation of portions of the Word of God. The Committee deem it unnecessary to say much respecting the importance, nay the necessity of this department of labour.—