

their pupils on Sabbath, are previously studied and explained at Bible Class.

A Gaelic prayer meeting is held on Thursday. Two services, one in English and the other in Gaelic, are held each Sabbath when I am at Cape North, and when at other stations, three services are held. What may be called the external machinery of ordinances is indeed almost all that I could desire; and tokens of a more spiritual nature are not withheld.

There is a deep interest manifested in spiritual things. Many I have no doubt, are "pricked in their hearts," and pondering "these things," while a few are rejoicing in a Saviour found.

A manifest change has come over the place, for which I desire that the Lord shall have all the glory.

When I add to the above that I have visited all the families in the place, and expect to visit them again before leaving, you will understand me when I say I have little time for duties other than those immediately bearing on the interests of the congregation. In about nine weeks my labours here will be at an end, and you will expect a fuller report.

Yours, ob't,  
JOHN MURRAY.

## Our Foreign Missions.

### Meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Board met at New Glasgow on the 23rd instant.

Letters were read from Rev. Dr. Geddie, Dr. Steel, Rev. K. J. Grant, Captain W. Fraser, of *Dayspring*, Mrs. D. Morrison, and Rev. D. Blue.

Dr. Geddie, before leaving Australia for the New Hebrides, completed arrangements for printing the Old Testament in the language of the Aneiteumese, in Melbourne or Greeling, on his return at the close of the present year.

Dr. Steel's communications accompanied one from Rev. D. Blue, giving reasons for not accepting the Board's appointment as Missionary. As, explained in another column, the reason assigned was want of physical strength for the work.

Mr. Grant's letters gave an account of his progress and success in visiting churches in New Brunswick, and his arrangements

for the filling up of his time prior to his departure. These were approved; and the Board agreed to meet again in New Glasgow on the 20th September, preparatory to the sailing of Mr. G. for Trinidad.

The usual business arrangements were attended to in reference to the salaries of Missionaries and applications for Bursaries

We give below a letter from Dr. Geddie, written from Melbourne prior to his departure for Aneiteum. By letters from Rev. Dr. Steel, we are informed that Rev. Daniel Blue has declined the appointment to the New Hebrides Mission. This refusal rests on failure of health, occurring between the date of his offer of service and receiving notice of appointment.

Dr. Steel, while expressing regret at the disappointment, thinks the decision judicious, as there was doubt respecting physical ability, remarking that in most cases those who have died in the New Hebrides have been removed by diseases contracted prior to their residence there.

He also expresses strong hope that the Board may find some other missionary to undertake the work from our own Provinces, adding this sentence, the truth of which is self-evident, "More sympathy and support are secured from a people who have really seen the missionary before he goes to his distant sphere."

Our latest word from the New Hebrides comes through Mrs. Morrison, who is still in Auckland. She writes under date of July 7th, "I heard from the islands on the first of May. All were well at that time." She adds, that 26 Fataans had just been landed at Auckland to work at a flax mill, mostly young lads, and said to have come willingly.

We are happy to add that Mrs. Morrison and her two children were well at date of writing. Her mind was not quite made up, whether to take passage for Nova Scotia at an early day, or wait till her babe was somewhat older. She had received an invitation from Dr. Geddie to engage in the teaching of young women in Aneiteum, but this involved the acquisition of a new language, and she feared that by the time