

referred to the present meeting of Synod. Due notice of this decision was given to Mr. McCurdy, who was requested to collect all information, from published statistics, and otherwise, to prepare for the ultimate decision in this Court.

Meanwhile, with a view to draw the attention of the whole Church to the propriety of instituting a Jewish Mission, it was ordered that his letters, already received, be published in the *Record*. He was further requested to attend personally at Synod, and present whatever additional facts he might collect, to throw light upon a question confessedly so grave and momentous as this: Is the time yet come, for this Church, to build the Lord's house; out of the widely scattered and hitherto, obstinately unbelieving tribes of Israel? Your Board would further suggest, that Mr. McCurdy be requested, at some suitable time, to address the Synod, and, if convenient, also the public Missionary meeting, with a view to deepen the general interest, in the spiritual welfare of the natural seed of Abraham.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS.

Passing from home, to foreign operations, we find that events of great moment have been transpiring, during the past year, on the New Hebrides.

According to Mr. Geddie's annual Report, the Aneiteumese Mission is maintaining its onward course. Mr. and Mrs. Inglis have safely arrived at their former field of labour, along with Williamu, now happily much, if not wholly, restored to former health. It is matter of great interest to our Church, to know that Mrs. Johnson, widow of our late missionary on Tanna, has been most auspiciously married to Mr. Copeland, a missionary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, who had supplied most efficiently Mr. Inglis' station during his absence, and whose letters have given so much pleasure and valuable information to the friends of the Mission in Nova Scotia. Mrs. Copeland's accession to the Scottish Agency on Aneiteum must be admitted, by all who have observed her missionary character, to be not a little at our expence. It is well

known, that after the death of her husband she removed to Aneiteum, and there found a hospitable home under the roof of Mr. Geddie, who repeatedly acknowledges the valuable aid which the Mission has received from her, as a most efficient teacher of a superior school at his station. But however much cause we have to regret her separation from our service, we are quite prepared to congratulate her, on her union to one whose missionary zeal and success have gained for him so eminent a position in Nova Scotia, as in Scotland, and among his missionary brethren. We would congratulate also our sister Church, on this new bond of union between us, and express the hope that, this alliance, if it do not serve to obliterate what remained of the line of separation between our respective agencies, in everything but support and control from home, will at least confirm and perpetuate that mutual fellowship, and good understanding which have hitherto prevailed. Of all this, it is a happy omen that Mr. and Mrs. Copeland have cordially consented to occupy the station of Mr. and Mrs. Geddie during their absence.

Another matter of great interest, connected with Aneiteum, is the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Geddie, with their family, from the scene of sixteen years most eventful missionary life, and their anticipated arrival amongst us during the present year. Your Board has repeatedly suggested to Mr. Geddie the propriety, if not the necessity, of relaxation from constant toil and frequent perils, by a visit to their native land. The unfeigned reluctance, with which he has at last found himself constrained to comply with this reiterated invitation, and to contemplate an absence, however temporary, from the scene of his many and severe trials, and of his not less numerous and notable triumphs, present him before us in a most attractive light, as the *real-hearted missionary*. His preference for active mission labour yields rather to the unanimous decision of the missionary brethren on Aneiteum, who strongly counsel his withdrawal as necessary to the recovery of the wasted energies of *himself* and Mrs. Geddie, than to any desire to see