

directed to prepare a written copy of this resignation with a view to its being laid upon the table of Synod.

HOME OPERATIONS.

In conclusion, the Home operations of your Board must now be shortly reviewed. The expenditure of the past year as well as the receipts will be most satisfactorily exhibited by the Treasurer's accounts to be laid upon the table of Synod. The salaries of the respective Missionaries, and all incidental expenses so far as known, have been fully paid. The sum of £115 sterling, required to meet the voyage expenses of Mr. Geddie's children to Nova Scotia, has been remitted to the proper quarter, and by donations from different congregations and individuals about £50 sterling has been obtained, leaving a balance on this account due to the general fund £65 sterling. Instructions have been sent to all the Missionaries to forward a yearly statement of their respective accounts, including both salary and contingencies. Also, that as far as possible their first statement shall include all past expenditure by each Missionary, from the date of his connection with the Mission. At the request of Mr. Inglis a formal application has been sent to the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society to print an edition of the New Testament in the Aneiteumese language, from the translation now being prepared by him for the press.

An application has been received from a student of the second year at our Theological Hall, offering himself as a Missionary for Turkey. Your Board having no instructions to guide their proceedings, simply directed their Secretary to intimate to Mr. Sutherland that they had no power to increase the mission staff in Turkey, and that before his application could be entertained, the Synod must be consulted, but meanwhile directed his attention to the New Hebrides, so that should the Synod decline to send an additional missionary to Turkey, he might be disposed to cast in his lot with the Brethren in Polynesia. An answer has been received to this proposal in which Mr. Sutherland renews his former offer of service, but declines to devote himself to the South Sea Mission.

The following subjects of reference to Synod may be offered, with a view to facilitate deliberation on the foregoing report:

I. The Greek Mission in Turkey. Shall it be continued on its present footing, or reinforced, or abandoned? That it cannot be continued on its present footing will be evident from the facts already stated. In the view of your Board but one of two alternatives remains—either appoint a second duly qualified missionary, with ample accommodation for Sabbath and week day labour, also secure for each mission station (Broussa and Demirdesh) two teachers and two colporteurs, with full equipment of buildings and books, or should this involve an expenditure beyond what the Church can command either from her unaided resources or by connection with any other Evangelical Body, let the field be abandoned for one more consistent with our limited means.

II. The New Hebrides Mission. Shall it be extended, and if so, how far? That extension is extremely desirable all our correspondence sufficiently attests. To keep pace with the Church in Scotland, our coadjutors in the mission, we should be prepared to add one or even two missionaries. Loud calls for additional labourers have come from Erromanga, Tana, Aniwa and Fotuna. The Churches on Aneiteum are now furnishing by annual contribution what should prove equal to the support of one. The contingent expenses do not increase in proportion to the number of new stations. The *John Knox* would incur little additional expense by visiting one or two islands beyond those now visited. Indeed, at all the stations where the present demand is made, Aneiteum teachers are now settled and are regularly visited.

III. The services rendered by the London Missionary Society, and their agents in London, Sydney and the South Seas. What return shall be made for them? Under the direction of Mr. Inglis the children of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Scotland, have contributed £300 stg. for the *John Williams*, and in answer to his appeal for this purpose just double the amount was realized. The *John Knox* has cost the Churches at home nothing at all during the past year, and is not likely to cost us much for the future. Might not the scheme so successfully carried through in Scotland be attempted in Nova Scotia. Were the