

er.—Mr. Bremner told me, that of the \$870 required, only a little more than \$200 had been sent in, as not more than one-third of the congregations had made the collection enjoined. I felt disheartened at the thought of our church nibbling away, perhaps for two or three years to come, at such a trifle; but that same evening a letter reached me from a noble hearted christian in the Island, enclosing a draft for four hundred dollars as his contribution, and requesting that his name should not be published. I felt so thankful not only to him, but to God who had inspired him to do such an act, that I could not help thanking Him and acknowledging His hand, and taking courage for the future. Let us all be convinced that we should trust God and trust our people more. Let us not be afraid of embarking on difficult enterprises because there are lions in the path. The only policy that is ruinous to a congregation or a Church is a policy of selfishness, of stagnation, of sleep. Death is then not far off.

We should name the places that sent in collections. Here they are. The Presbytery of Miramichi gave nothing. In the Presbytery of St. John, Richmond, St. Andrew's, and St. John forwarded collections. In P. E. I., Georgetown, Charlottetown, and St. Peter's and Brackly Point roads gave, the largest amount coming from the youngest congregation. We expected a contribution from the field of Rev. James McCoil, knowing that his sympathies and those of his predecessor were enlisted in this cause, but as yet nothing has been received. In the Presbytery of Halifax, St. John's Newfoundland, and Halifax City gave. In Pictou Presbytery, New Glasgow, Salt Springs, Pugwash, and McLennan's Mountain sent in their collections.*

A word to those who have promised but have not paid yet. Although the work that we proposed is accomplished, yet if all would give, we would be able to pay our Professor a quarter in advance and thus put him in the same position as that in which all the others in the College are. One word more to all. The College—though the best equipped in the Maritime Provinces, and even in the Dominion—as far as the Faculty of Arts is concerned, needs a thousand things yet. We need more money for the library, for apparatus, for prizes, and for many other things. It is good to give when you are asked for such objects, but it is better far to send. Very thankful for what has been done, let the Church hope for greater things yet.

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* Some others have made, though they had not sent in, their collections.—Ed.

Foreign Mission.

A meeting of the Committee for this Mission was held at Pictou on Thursday the 8th October.

The Convener read a letter from the Rev. Dr. Geldie, which was ordered to be published in the *Record*.—Also, enclosed in that letter, a minute passed at the annual meeting of the New Hebrides Mission, regarding a suggestion in a letter from this Committee to Dr. Geldie, by the direction of our Synod last year in reference to a Mr. Robertson, who accompanied the "Day Spring" to Aneiteum. The Synod being informed, that Mr. Robertson was desirous of devoting himself to the Mission work, and possessed qualifications, which fitted him for labour, with good prospects of usefulness, directed the committee to enquire, if the Mission, in New Hebrides, would consider it advisable to take him under Theological training, with the view of his being set apart for regular Mission work. The reply, enclosed from that Board, while showing, that, that suggestion could not be adopted, at the same time, strongly recommends to this Church, to secure for Mr. Robertson the training required, by aiding him on his return to his native land, which, on account of ill health he is about to visit. The Rev. Mr. Herdman read a letter from Mr. Robertson himself, intimating his intention to visit Nova Scotia and his earnest desire to return to the New Hebrides, either as a Lay Teacher at once or if the Church would advise it, to go through the training required to qualify him as an ordained missionary. It was felt, that this offer was one of great importance, and the Rev. Mr. Herdman was directed to instruct Mr. Robertson to place himself, immediately on his arrival, in communication with the committee.

A communication from F. M. Board of the Sister Church of the Lower Provinces, was read, expressing gratification, on the part of that Board, at the appointment of our Missionary and their willingness to co-operate with and assist this committee. The committee would record their deep sense of the truly christian and brotherly spirit, which dictated this expression of goodwill and sympathy in Missionary work, and directed that the same be suitably acknowledged.

With reference to the Rev. Mr. Goodwill's labours, in visiting the different congregations, previous to his departure, it was considered best, that in his return from Philadelphia, he should first visit the congregations in New Brunswick, according to whatever arrangements may be adopted by the members of Committee residing there, and that afterwards he shall visit the congregations in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, in the order, which circumstances may render most convenient.

The committee having learned from the Rev. Dr. Bayne, that articles of clothing &c. have generally served a good purpose, in dealing with the natives of the South Sea Islands, by the influence, therefrom, to re-