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Like the pillars in the porch of Solomon's temple, Jachin on the right hand, and Boaz on the left, are the two chief missions of our church, the Home Mission and the Foreign.

The Home Mission was begun many years ago, and its object was to make the Church self-sustaining, and to enlarge its sphere within the land. It was called a Home Mission, because its operations were devoted to the support of the Church in its home in this country. And as this was its name and purpose, so has it been hitherto uniformly devoted, its funds going to supplement weak charges and support catechists laboring in Cape Breton, or other vacancies.

From two sources was its exchequer replenished, Church door collections, and quarterly collections by card. Hitherto, this has been a flourishing scheme, and our Church has wisely resolved that it shall be continued as before the Union, to enable us to supplement weak congregations, support catechists, and relieve the parent church. If the pillar Jachin fall, the temple does not stand. Let it then be supported, as its merits require.

But Boaz is another pillar, i. e. the Foreign Mission. Referring to the published minute of Pictou Presbytery, of date August 25th, 1875, we find that "The Presbytery, having reason to understand that the Colonial Committee

of the Church in Scotland were in favor of co-operation, on the part of this Presbytery, with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in Foreign Missions, Widows' and Orphans' Scheme, and other Schemes, authorizes its Ministers and congregations to act accordingly, and to make collections." In point of fact, we were co-operating with the sister Church in Foreign Mission work from the first, our earliest contributions being given to the support of native teachers under Dr. Geddie's direction. This continued for some time. Then Mr. Goodwill was accepted and sent out, and afterwards Mr. Robertson, so that we had these two missionaries in the field. One has returned, and is now laboring zealously in P. E. Island; the other remains as devoted and successful as formerly. Thirty converted natives have sat at the Lord's Table, by last accounts, at Erromanga. This is good tidings from the blood-stained island. Our Church has every confidence in Mr. Robertson, and personally, he is better known to our Ministers and people than his brother missionaries, but all of them are zealous and earnest men, and we have reason to expect that the Divine blessing will accompany their faithful labors. Let this scheme, then, (the collection for which was appointed for the 2nd Sabbath in February,) a scheme so Scriptural and so necessary, be supported liberally throughout the bounds of our Church.

We omit in this number a few extracts of intelligence recently received from the South Sea Islands.