

handed. His successors in the Mission find that tender and grateful remembrances still cluster around his name in the homes of the poor. In his correspondence with ourselves long after he had left our shores he made frequent inquiries as to the condition of the House of Refuge, the Ragged Schools, the Young Men's Christian Association and the City Mission—showing that the cause of Christ in all its aspects was ever dear to his heart.

MR. GORDON DEVOTED HIMSELF TO THE FOREIGN MISSION.

During the protracted illness to which we have already referred Mr. Gordon thought deeply and prayerfully on his duty as regarded the Foreign Mission field. The result will be seen in the following characteristic note addressed to the Rev. P. G. MCGREGOR. It is dated May 10, 1853:—

"In looking over the *Register* for the last two years my soul has often been stirred in me by reading the following words: "A MISSIONARY WANTED." Were I possessed of the qualifications of the "Missionary wanted," long before this would I have said, *Here am I, send me*; but I contented myself with the hope that at some future time God would remove difficulties out of my path and open up way way to the field of labour in which my soul desires to be engaged. For the last few years God in his providence has cast my lot in Halifax, where I have enjoyed the benefit of instruction in the Free Church College, and as time has passed away my heart has been gladdened at the prospect of being, at no very distant date, fit for a missionary as far as necessary education is concerned. I am at present City Missionary, with a comfortable salary; and God has rejoiced my heart much of late by deigning to countenance my labours with his blessing. But my heart is not in the domestic mission field as it is in the foreign. I therefore now, in the name of the Lord Jesus, offer myself to your Board as a missionary to the South Seas.

"Yours in the bonds of the everlasting Gospel of God's dear Son,
"G. N. GORDON."

His services having been accepted by the Board he gave all diligence to fit himself for the work. He was already a carpenter, he could build a house and prepare all the material. He now learned to wield the blacksmith's hammer, the shoemaker's awl, the tailor's needle. He also studied medicine with much success under Dr. Parker, and the knowledge thus gained he found of essential service in the Mission field. He learned to set type, make up a form, and work the hand-press in the *Witness* office.

He was licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Halifax, on the 16th May, 1855. He then visited nearly all the congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, addressing large and attentive audiences with great fervor and eloquence. These visits are still fresh in the recollection of our people in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. He made his name dear and familiar to all the Presbyterian Churches by his admirable correspondence in the *Witness* while travelling in these Provinces and in other countries.

He was ordained in the West River Church on Wednesday the 12th September, 1855; and on the night of Thursday the 15th October he bade a last farewell to Nova Scotia. On the previous Tuesday evening a large and deeply interesting meeting was held in Temperance Hall in honour of Mr. Gordon. The platform was occupied by ministers and members of various evangelical denominations; and evidences not a few were afforded of the deep hold the missionary had upon the best affections of the Christian people of this city. Late on Thursday night a few of his intimate friends met with him once more at the residence of the Hon. Samuel Croelman. Earnest prayers were offered up and the parting was solemn and deeply affecting, all present feeling per-