

congregation, and many other friends will regret the loss of his services to the Church at home, yet we believe it will cause general satisfaction, that he has felt it his duty, impelled as we doubt not by the Spirit of God, to devote himself to the Foreign Mission work. One gratifying circumstance, as connected with this offer, is, that the first tender of services to supply the losses of the New Hebrides comes from a member of the Free Synod. It shows how completely identified the two Churches are in the operations of the united body. Should providence open the way for the resumption of the Turkish Mission we doubt not that those formerly connected with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia will as cordially support it, as the members of the other Synod, while no better evidence of the interest which the members of the Free Synod take in the New Hebrides Mission could be desired, than the tender of service which we have now intimated.

We may also add that at the same meeting a letter was read from a young man now on trials for licence, intimating his intention to tender his services as soon as he can arrange his private affairs, and asking the advice of the Board, on certain matters connected with his coming forward. He is engaged in his present situation till the month of May, and was hesitating whether to continue in it for another year. The Board have earnestly recommended him to relinquish his situation at the expiry of his present engagement. As the party alluded to is one who is believed to be possessed of many superior qualifications for the Missionary work, we hope to be able to announce very soon his engagement by the board. These are all the parties who have as yet had any correspondence with the Board, but from private information received of the views of other parties, we have every prospect, that at an early day, not only the three advertized for by the Board, will be obtained, but that more can be had if the Church furnishes the means for their support. The time that has elapsed since the call for laborers has gone forth has been but short, and the response is as great as could have been expected in the time. It was not to be expected that parties should tender their services on the spur of the moment, and it is well that they are found making it the subject of long and prayerful deliberation before taking so serious a step. But for the rising Ministry of our Church, we are satisfied, that there shall be nothing wanting on their part to meet the solemn crisis of our Missionary operations. Will the Church do her part? is now the enquiry.

When we speak thus we too would not wish it to be understood that we conceive the Church will have done her duty if she sends out *three* Missionaries. This will be only placing us in the position contemplated by the Synod last July. It will only supply the places of the departed, and the additional one then advertized for. By sending out three all the trials to which we have been subjected will have produced no additional effort. We will but have recovered lost ground, we will have but held our own against satan, we will have made no advance upon his kingdom. We solemnly avow our conviction, that if this is all that the Church does—if she only does what she was about doing before these heavy trials came upon her, the effect of these painful events has been in a great measure lost upon us. We would be no better than we were—with all the purging God had sent, we would be bringing forth no more fruit. Could we in such a case believe that God's dealings with us had secured their great designs. "Every branch in me that beareth fruit he purgeth that it may bring forth more fruit," and we will not be satisfied that the Church has done her duty, until as the result of the late solemn dispensations of Divine Providence, our Missionary Staff be largely increased. We doubt not that the men can be obtained before