

His purpose to devote himself to work among the heathen, was formed before he went to Princeton, as we learned at the time, and it has since that been deepened and confirmed. His heart seems now fully set on the work. He has made the first offer of his services to his own Church, but should they not be accepted, he intends offering himself to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in the United States.

Mr. Mackay intends spending the coming winter in Edinburgh, with the view of prosecuting some additional studies more directly preparatory for Foreign Mission service. It is likely he will commence the study of some of the languages of India or China. These are the fields to which his mind has been more specially directed.

It appears to the Committee highly desirable that Mr. Mackay's services should be secured, and arrangements made so that he may be designated and sent forth by the next General Assembly to the foreign field. We have long been speaking about the claims of the heathen field, and enquiring for young men willing to devote themselves to that department of Christ's service. An opportunity now presents itself of showing our interest in the salvation of the heathen, not in words only, but in deeds.

Should it appear that the Church is generally prepared to follow up words by practical effort to send the Gospel to the heathen, the Foreign Mission Committee will recommend the next General Assembly to accept of Mr. Mackay as a Foreign Missionary, and send him forth without delay. We will also advise with Mr. Mackay in reference to his studies, and endeavour to secure his presence at the next General Assembly.

I have to request that you will kindly bring this subject under the notice of your Presbytery at its first meeting, and favour us with an expression of your mind respecting it, at the earliest moment. It is necessary that Mr. Mackay should know as soon as possible what he may expect to be our decision, in order that he may shape his future course accordingly.

There are two points especially on which we desire to know the mind of the Presbyteries of the Church, not later than 14th January, 1871, viz:

1. Should the Committee recommend the General Assembly to send Mr. Mackay as a Missionary to the Foreign field?
2. If so, to what field should he be sent?

Any additional suggestions your Presbytery may have to make will be gladly welcomed.

Trusting that the Great Head of the Church will guide you and the whole Church to right conclusions, I remain,

Rev. and dear sir,

Yours respectfully,

WM. McLAREN, *Convener*

### **Missionary Intelligence.**

#### **SYNOPSIS OF REPORT OF STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF KNOX COLLEGE.**

The immediate and chief object of this Society is to furnish Missionary supply to the more remote settlements, which are, by the nature of their situation, cut off from regular Presbyterial attention.

The funds of the Society are almost entirely derived from collections or contributions received by the students in the mission field, and expended in the payment of the missionaries appointed by the Society.

The Treasurer's account for the past year opens with a balance of \$5.65 cash on hand. During the year, there was received a total of \$596.29, and at the