

In the matter of final instruction to your Missionaries your Board would strongly recommend that Aneiteum be the first scene of Mission labour, with all outgoing missionaries, so that before entering upon his settled place of labour, each may have sufficient opportunity to acquire the language of the tribe or district in which he intends to reside; if possible too, natives from the Islands to be evangelized should be taken to Aneiteum and there receive their first lesson in christianity, so as not only to facilitate the process of mastering the native language by the missionaries, but be a wall of defence around them when assailed by the cruelty and enmity of untutored Heathens. Greater unity of operation and greater certainty of success will be thus secured in this preparatory process, passing under the eye of the experienced agency now on Aneiteum.

Correspondence during the past year has been held with a view to re-open the Greek Mission. Letters have been received from Rev. Mr. McKenzie, of the Free Church Foreign Mission Committee, Scotland, in answer to enquiries, proffering another native convert for our acceptance, at a salary of £250 stg., per annum, with additional charges for extras of £25 stg. The individual recommended is a Mr. Williams, a convert of the Free Church Mission, afterwards connected with the American Mission and at present under Episcopalian control but desirous to return to his first connection. He is very highly certified by Mr. Thompson, formerly a Free Church Missionary, but now agent for the British and Foreign Bible Society in Constantinople. It is necessary to observe however that Mr. Williams is not certified as qualified to take charge of a mission or act in any other capacity than that of Catechist. The letters received from Messrs McKenzie and Thompson will be laid upon the table of Synod, and your Board will regard the decision which this Synod may adopt then, as indicating the course to be pursued.

In conclusion your Board would submit for consideration of Synod the following subjects of reference:

I. What shall be the future scale of

salaries for ordained Missionaries on the New Hebrides?

II. What means should be taken to increase the number of young Missionaries?

III. What shall be the time of Mission Vessel leaving Nova Scotia?

IV. What step, if any, shall be taken to re-commence the Greek Mission?

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Board,

JAMES BAYNE,
Secretary.

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM REV. JOHN INGLIS.

The following letter from Rev. JOHN INGLIS, which appeared in the August *R. P. Magazine*, will be read with much interest. We omit paragraphs strictly personal.

On the evening of Wednesday, the 29th April, a public meeting was held here in the Masonic Hall, in behalf of the New Hebrides mission, His Excellency Sir John Young, Governor of New South Wales, in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. A. W. Murray, author of "Missions in Western Polynesia." The Governor made a few very simple and judicious remarks. Mr. Paton on whose account the meeting was held, to receive a report of his labours in connection with the mission, then rose and delivered an eloquent and telling speech. I followed, and gave a brief account of the position and prospects of our mission. Two resolutions, the one bearing on Mr. Paton's labours, the other on mine, were moved, seconded, and unanimously carried. The first was moved by the Rev. Dr. Steel, of the Free Church, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Vetch, Congregationalist. The second was moved by the Rev. J. Watkins, ex-president of the Australian Wesleyan Conference, and seconded by Rev. S. Ironside, Wesleyan. These two were fellow-labourers of mine in Wellington, New Zealand. The hall, one of the largest public buildings in Sydney, was completely filled; it was said to be one of the largest missionary meetings ever held in this city,—one of the nearest approaches to Exeter Hall.

On the afternoon of Sabbath the 3d inst., Mr. Paton addressed a great meeting of Sabbath School children in the same hall. It was not only crowded to excess, but the overplus filled the large congregational chapel in Pitt Street. Mr. Paton, assisted by Rev. Dr. Lang, addressed the meeting in the Masonic Hall, and I, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Steel addressed the other. It was