

happy to say that Mrs. M. and child are well.

The *Chanticleer* arrived in Melbourne before the *Dayspring* left, and our boxes were transferred to her.

I am glad to see that our church has found a mission nearer home. The mission here is likely to fall gradually into the hands of the Presbyterian Church here, a change not to be regretted but rather hailed with delight, as they can carry it on to so much better advantage, being so much nearer the scene of action. Our church should cast her eyes on South America, which seems now to be opening its dark bosom to the Gospel.

We have not heard a word from the islands since we left. A vessel occasionally goes down, but none returns at this season.

I hear no certain word of more missionaries from the Lower Provinces. Those who seem disposed to the mission work should be encouraged, and no stumbling block should be laid in their way to deter or divert them from coming. There is, alas, in the missionary's own mind, enough of that to be overcome. I am really disappointed that none is coming from our church now."

At the latest date already given, Mr. Morrison had removed down the Bay to Paramatta, to be near a medical gentleman eminent for skill and success in the treatment of lung complaints. From Paramatta he writes, "We are now here a fortnight, and I am happy to say that I am decidedly better than when I came here. The Doctor seems pretty confident that he can do me good. By God's blessing on his skill I hope he may. I send you half-a-dozen of my Fatecan hymn book for friends. Send one to Rev. M. Stewart.

"P.S.—Until lately I only received eight *Witnesses* for a year. They are beginning to come now, but no *Records* since the October number."*

Letters were read from Revds. J. D. Gordon and Dr. Steel, when the Board agreed to sanction payment of £10 stg.,

* Representations have been made at the Post Office.

being part of passage money of Mr. Gordon in returning by *The Coquette* to the islands, and to refund £16 stg. paid by Mr. Gordon last year for the printing of an Erromangan Primer.

Intimation having been given both by Dr. Steel and Mr. Gordon, of the acceptance by the latter of the invitation of the church of New South Wales, to become their missionary, and, consequently, that he would cease to be the missionary of this church at the end of the year. It was agreed unanimously,

"To record the high sense entertained by the Board of the diligence, zeal, and devotion to the work of missions, which Mr. Gordon has manifested under great and protracted trials, and in closing our connection with him as one of our own missionaries, to assure him of our fervent desires and prayers, that he may be sustained and blessed in the same glorious work in connection with the sister Presbyterian church of New South Wales."

The Secretary was instructed to remit £500 stg. to Dr. Steel to meet missionaries' salaries and extras, and to pay the annual rate to the Widow's Fund for them all.

ANOTHER MISSIONARY.

The Board having intelligence of the appointment by the Synod of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in connection with the Church of Scotland, of a missionary to the New Hebrides, agreed to express gratification at the fact, and to assure the Board or Committee of the sister church, that the Board will be ready and most happy by all means within their power, to co-operate in furthering the enterprise on which they have entered.

It was unanimously agreed, "That the thanks of the Board be tendered to Rev. Wm. McIntyre and Wm. Wright, Esq., of Sydney, for the considerate hospitality and great kindness shewn by them frequently to the missionary agents of this church, and recently to our beloved brother, Rev. D. Morrison, with his family in their affliction.

The Board will meet again in Pictou town, in Prince Street Sabbath School House, on Tuesday, the 11th day of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to attend to business remitted for investigation by Synod.