

Our Foreign Mission.

Meetings of the Board of Foreign Missions in New Glasgow.

Two meetings of the Board were held in New Glasgow on the second and fourth of October. Present, Rev. J. Stewart, *Chairman*, with Rev. Messrs. Roy, Walker, G. Patterson and Rev. P. G. McGregor, and Mr. R. McGregor.

A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Bayne, explaining that engagements in connection with education rendered his attendance impossible, and giving notice of the appointment of Rev. P. G. McGregor as the Synod's agent, and, consequently, the Secretary of the Board.

The official notice of this appointment being read, the books and papers were transferred, and Rev. Messrs. Roy and Walker appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the high sense which the Board entertains of the value of the past services of Dr. Bayne as Secretary, and directing that the Synod's allowance to the Secretary be paid till Dec. 31st.

Letters were read from Rev. Dr. Geddie, Rev. Wm. McCullagh, and Rev. D. Morrison, and also from Rev. Dr. Steele of Sydney. Dr. Geddie's letters were respectively a narrative of the voyage in the *Fearnought* from Liverpool to Melbourne, and a report on matters of business.

Rev. Mr. McCullagh's correspondence was quite voluminous, embracing full explanation on subjects on which the Board had made enquiry,—an account of the present state of Aneiteum, and a narrative of a voyage in the *Dayspring*, by Rev. Mr. Inglis and himself, to Aniwa, Tana, and Fotuna.

Mr. Morrison at the date of his letter, May 17th, was engaged in correcting the proof sheets of the Gospel of Mark, brought by the *Dayspring* from Sydney, prior to her voyage to meet Dr. Geddie and family at the same port. He and family were well, and the teachers at Sema, an out station, in good health and at work.

The letters read from Rev. Dr. Steele, the agent of the Board at Sydney, were on

business connected with the mission and the *Dayspring*, and, in all respects, satisfactory.

Some of these letters will be published, and extracts given from others, so that a more extended notice at present is unnecessary.

Orders were given that the salaries of the missionaries for 1867 should be remitted to Rev. Dr. Steele. A proposition for a quarterly meeting of the Board, for special prayer, was laid on the table for future discussion; and Rev. P. G. McGregor, Rev. Wm. Maxwell, Dr. Forrest, Mr. William Garvie, and Wm. J. Stairs, Esq., added to the Board, who, with Mr. J. S. McLean, shall constitute a sub-committee, to meet in Halifax, whose proceedings shall be minuted and reported to the Board.

It was agreed that a committee of men of business in Sydney be organized, who shall have a charge over the disbursements of the *Dayspring*. Circulars were directed to be sent to all the ministers in the body, requesting them to apply for collecting cards or mission boxes, for the use of Sabbath Schools and families, in raising funds for the upholding of the *Dayspring*; and correspondence ordered respecting the feasibility of a mission to the Coolies of Trinidad.

The Secretary was directed to advertize for more missionaries, according to the directions of Synod; and it was agreed that as the office of Secretary and Treasurer are now vested in the same person, that money shall be paid by the Treasurer only on the written order of the Chairman. A long and elaborate defence of the missionaries who were with the commander of the *Curacoa*, and concerned in the shelling of heathen villages in 1865, was on the table and read in part, but as no time remained for its consideration, or even to complete the reading of the entire document, the matter was necessarily postponed to a future meeting.

(Condensed from the minutes.)

FROM ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA.

LETTER FROM MR. GEDDIE.

OFF HOBSON'S BAY, AUSTRALIA, }
Ship *Fearnought*, June 23rd. }

Rev. and Dear Sir,—The first of March was the day appointed for our departure from Liverpool for Australia. We took an