

which together with the reading of Scriptures and prayer, I trust has not been without some good effect. Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL ARCHIBALD,
Dec. 6th 1869. *Preacher.*

Our Foreign Missions.

Meeting of the Board.

The Board met at New Glasgow on the 13th ult., and immediately after notice had been given of Mr. Henry's decision not to accept the call to Foreign Mission work, proceeded to consider the offer of Mr. Daniel Blue, Probationer, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, to become our Missionary, if accepted, either in New Hebrides or Trinidad.

Mr. Blue's offer of service was read, also a letter from Rev. Dr. Steel, containing the recommendation of the Mission Committee of the New South Wales Presbyterian Church. These documents showed that Mr. Blue had been educated in Scotland and licensed in New South Wales; and that prior to license he had been employed for some time as a Catechist; and that in the Fiji islands he had been engaged in mission work with the Wesleyan body for four years and a half. He is thoroughly acquainted with mission work in the Fiji's, and with the language of the Fijians; has a practical knowledge of printing, and is deeply interested in missions.

On motion of Rev. George Walker, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Blue be accepted as a missionary to the New Hebrides, to be ordained in New South Wales, and to proceed to the New Hebrides in the *Dayspring*, in April; salary to commence from the date of ordination, according to our usual practice, and Fifty pounds sterling to be given for outfit.

The Secretary was accordingly directed to communicate this acceptance, and to forward salary and outfit: also to inform the Church generally of the low state of our funds at present, in confident expectation

that what is really required will soon be forth coming.

Dr. Geddie's report for 1863 was then read, and the facts and representations submitted heard with deepest interest. As the report will appear in full, we furnish no outline of its contents. We wish to mention, however, in reference to the recommendation of the Mission Council, arising from the indisposition of Dr. and Mrs. Geddie but of the latter in particular, that Dr. Geddie should leave Aneiteum, and become exploring and visiting missionary, by which arrangement Mrs. Geddie might live in Australia, that the Board came to the following resolution:

"To express deep sorrow that the state of Dr. and Mrs. Geddie's health required the proposed change yet in the circumstances the Board are prepared to acquiesce in the measure, if Dr. Geddie and the Mission Council think that circumstances in providence demand it."

On the subject of strengthening the Mission to Trinidad, it was agreed unanimously—"That the Secretary prepare a call to be signed in the name of the Board by the Chairman and Secretary, to be laid before the Presbytery of Pictou at its first meeting, addressed to Rev. Kenneth J. Grant, of Merigomish to become our second Missionary to the Coolies of Trinidad. Rev. Dr. Bayne and Mr. R. McGregor were appointed to support the call before the Presbytery.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

Dr. Geddie's Report for 1863.

ANEITEUM, NEW HEBRIDES,
January 4th, 1869.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—

The close of another year reminds me that my annual letter is due to you. I have nothing very important to record, for our mission has now reached that stage when the exciting events of former years are of rare occurrence. We pursue the even tenor of our way, with little to elevate and little to depress us, in rearing the noble structure of Christianity over the ruins of heathenism.

THE GOSPEL PREACHED.

In giving you a statement of our labours I may remark that a prominent place has