

pressing thanks for the offered co-operation of this Board in furthering their movements in connection with the anticipated sending forth of a Missionary to the New Hebrides. The Secretary was directed to communicate to Mr. McLean a copy of the Resolution of the Mission Council, on the proposed increase of salaries of Missionaries in the New Hebrides.

Mission to Labrador.

Having no recent letters from any of our Foreign Missionaries, our pages are left free to notice a Mission field lying in some respects midway between the Home and the Foreign. The Mission to the Labrador is not a Home Mission, because it is not within the Lower Provinces, and it is scarcely Foreign, for it is within the Dominion, and the people whose good is sought are chiefly our fellow countrymen, and nominally christian. We will present this mission to our readers just as it came before our Board at its last meeting. The minutes show that by a letter from Mr. Thos. M. Taylor, the Secretary of a Mission Society in Montreal, inquiry is made if the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces will undertake to conduct and maintain the mission, and we subjoin the letter.

LETTER OF THOS. M. TAYLOR.

MONTREAL, NOV. 4, 1868.

Dear Sir,—

Your name has been given to me by Dr. Dawson, of McGill College, one of the committee, on whose behalf I write to you. You are probably aware of the existence of a mission on the Labrador coast, carried on for some years past by a few persons in Montreal, known as the Committee of the Labrador Mission, and probably also know something of its history and success.

A Report, which I now address to you, will give further information concerning the Mission, so much I trust as will enable you to judge of it; and to consider the question, which I am desired to propose to you, whether your Mission, or the friends of missions in your province, would be willing to take over the mission from us, and carry it on. The mission is quite too far from us to be properly carried on by us, and the necessities of the people for food have been so represented that we have been led into debt to supply them.

We think, you of Nova Scotia, could work the mission more effectively and at

less cost than we. Our debt, including salaries, to the first of August, 1869, will be, say, \$1000.

Now, the question is, would that debt be assumed, and the buildings of

- 1st. Mission House, Cariboo River;
 - 2d. Mission Chapel, Esquimaux River;
 - 3d. Mission dwelling, Esquimaux River;
- be taken in exchange for such payment of \$1000, and the Mission be carried on.

I do not see that I can do more than submit this general statement to you at the present time.

Should it appear that yourself and friends are disposed to meet us in this proposal—which I offer now as an inquiry—we shall be glad to give you all further information in our power.

We are, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,

THOS. M. TAYLOR.

REV. P. G. MCGREGOR, Halifax, N. S.

On receipt of this communication, the Secretary replied immediately, informing Mr. Taylor that the Board of Missions would meet in January, and that some answer would be given to his letter of inquiry. Meanwhile, the Secretary applied to Dr. Dawson for further information, that the Board might have the fullest intelligence within reach on the subject before coming to any decision. Dr. Dawson's letter is hereby given, and as the Dr. was one of the early, earnest, and most useful members and office bearers in our Foreign Mission Board, and well known throughout the Church, his letter will be read with avidity and command fullest confidence.

MCGILL COLLEGE,

MONTREAL, Dec. 1, 1868.

My Dear Sir,—

You are right in supposing that the reason of the offer sent to you in regard to the Labrador Mission, is that the Committee here finds it difficult to manage the Mission, as a non-denominational effort. It is too small to excite general interest, and more of the nature of a little out-lying congregation, than anything else. It has therefore, been thought best to hand it over to any evangelical denomination which may take it up, and the number of Nova Scotia fishermen who visit the coast in summer, seems to render it more likely that interest will be taken by people in Nova Scotia than by inland people here. The property is of some value, and I presume that, other things being satisfactory, the debt on it might stand over and be provided for here; but I have no authority to say this. I think it likely, also, that something might