

late Secretary, the Board, while regretting that Mr G's protracted silence as to the precise cause of Mr A's resignation has produced an influence unfavorable to the prosperity of the mission, appreciate the motives by which he was actuated therein, and readily express their unabated confidence in the prudence as well as ability with which he has hitherto conducted the affairs of the mission.

2nd. That, while satisfied, from the admissions of Mr Archibald, that his resignation was matter not of choice but of necessity, the Board highly approve of the spirit which he manifests, and cordially express their earnest desire for his future well doing.

3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Register, and that a copy also be sent to Messrs Geddie and Archibald.

It was farther agreed that Mr Waddell be appointed to communicate with Mr Archibald's relatives, in answer to the memorial presented by them to the Board."

Other points in Mr G's communication were then taken up and disposed of, so far as they required the action of the Board. Of these, it is of consequence to note first, the complaint made in consequence of the supposed neglect of the application made for printing material, some years ago. Our readers must have so frequently observed similar appearance of neglect on the part of the Board, that we deem it necessary to renew the statements repeatedly made in vindication of the faithful discharge of this department of their duty. Delays and oversights do occur, but not in Nova Scotia. In selecting the London Missionary Society as the medium of communication with Annetum, it was considered by the whole church, that the most favorable course was pursued; nor do we now know of any other that ought to be regarded as preferable.—However deeply to be regretted, these complaints are felt to be, by our friends, the only effectual remedy will be found in those increased facilities of conveyance which are now so rapidly encircling the entire globe.

The ends of the earth will soon be in closer

contiguity, than were the extremities of the most civilized kingdoms, in the days of our immediate ancestors. With regard to the complaint made by Mr Geddie that the application to the Board for printing paper had not been attended to, it was found on reference to the minutes that the sum of £10 was remitted in July 1849 to the London Missionary Society, in order to meet this application. The Secretary was directed to write to Dr Tidman to this effect, and to request him to replace the loan of printing paper from the Samoan mission out of this remittance; and farther, it was agreed to recommend to bible societies, in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society, to prefer the claims of Mr Geddie to its sympathy and support in, his efforts to print the scriptures in a language hitherto unknown as a medium of divine truth, the language of the Oceanic Negro or Papuan race. The board also directed the Secretary to hold similar communication with said society, and if necessary to transmit for its examination the specimens of printing which have already been prepared under Mr G's oversight.

The recommendation of Mr G. that the Board should open immediate correspondence with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, was most favorably entertained, and the Secretary was instructed accordingly. Agreed, also, that in future an official letter be despatched to Annetum every three months, adverting to whatever intelligence may have been received from the mission during each interval, and communicating any resolutions which the Board may from time to time see cause to adopt.

Ordered that enquiry be made at the Secretary of Lon. Miss. Soc. as to their mode of providing for the education of their missionaries' children, in order to regulate the practice of the Board in this matter.

[Extracted from the minutes of B. F. M.]

JAMES BAYNE, Secy.

In order to encourage effective agency for the Register, it was agreed, that every Agent forwarding payment, or becoming responsible for the payment of 12 copies, shall have one copy free of charge.