

made no comment. The notices referred to have been communicated by respected ministers and laymen, and now that Mr. Beatt has written about Rev. Dr. Armstrong, we gladly publish his letter.—ED. PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

Knox College Alumni.

Editor PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW:

SIR,—The Alumni Association of Knox College has for its object "the advancement of the interests of the College." Perhaps there has never been a time in the history of the College when her welfare has been more concerned than the present. The lamented death of Prof. Thomson and the tendered resignation of the venerable professor of Church History, Dr. Gregg, leave the staff depleted; and though the professors who remain are men of ability and command the fullest confidence of the Church in Canada, and have a high position among the leaders of Presbyterianism throughout the world, yet we feel that the future welfare of Knox, both as to the character of her work and as to the support she may expect from the Church, depends to a large extent upon the appointment or appointments made to the vacant chairs. Owing to an error in the minutes of the Assembly, the notifying Presbyteries of the Board's desire to nominate a professor was delayed until a very recent date, consequently there has been lack of time to forward the Board properly considered nominations, so much so, that only about one fifth of the Presbyteries reported to the Board within the specified time, and of those reporting one nominated to the chair of History, for which no nomination had been asked, and another suggested a rearrangement of the subjects and the appointment of two permanent lecturers. Subsequent to the meeting of the Board it has appeared from the public press that more than one Presbytery recommend a rearrangement of subjects. Such rearrangement, of course, cannot be made until the Assembly has taken action upon Professor Gregg's resignation. The executive of this association has therefore taken steps to ascertain the mind of the Alumni upon the question, as to whether in view of all the circumstances the welfare of the College will not be best conserved by a year's delay in appointments. So far, a considerable number have been heard from, and the prevailing opinion seems to favor delay. The information obtained from a fuller reply will be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the College Board as soon as received.

In taking this action the executive has been actuated by the single desire to secure the best interests of the College, and not to either oppose or further the appointment of any particular nominee.

W. A. J. MARTIN,
Toronto, May 31, 1895. Sec. Exec. Com.

Mr. Scott's Attack on Dr. Paton and the New Dayspring.

Editor PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW:

SIR,—In my former letter I dealt with some errors into which your correspondent has fallen and have put your readers in a position to weigh the opposition to the steam Dayspring project. I have now to deal with the need and cost of the vessel.

THE NEED OF A STEAMER.

The need of the missionary steamer to do the work of the eight churches in this large group of islands might be concluded from the experience of the other churches and missionary societies engaged in similar work in the Pacific. They have each one or more missionary steamers. The London Missionary Society has the John Williams; the Wesleyan Methodist Society the John Wesley; the American Board of Foreign Missions the Morning Star; the Melanesian Mission (Church of England) has the Southern Cross; and our neighbors, the Methodists of this Dominion, have their Glad Tidings to do their work on the islands and inlets of our Pacific coast. In some of these cases there are commercial steamship lines plying to the groups, as now to the New Hebrides, and yet the societies have found it expedient to have steamships of their own.

Notwithstanding all that Mr. Scott says in its favour, the present service is in important respects very unsatisfactory. It has once completely broken down and thrown the affairs of the Mission into confusion. There have been serious complaints against the Company for complicity in kidnappings, landers, outrageous profanity, disregard of the Lord's Day and traffic in strong drink. To give your readers an insight into the treatment that the missionaries have sometimes received, I give one illustrative example from among a number given in an official document lying before me. "When Mr. and Mrs. Watt, of Ganna, returned after a long absence in Britain, carrying their translation of the complete New Testament through the press with it, they were anxious to get back to their station and work as soon as possible, and went on board the Company's inter-island vessel, expecting to be there in a few hours; but the captain passed it without landing them, and they had to remain on board nearly a month in the hope of being landed on their return voyage. Their pleading was again in vain; he passed it and took them on to Aneityum. They went on board again next month, imploring him to land them, but he passed their station the third time, and after being nearly six weeks on board, they landed, where he called on Tama, about thirty miles from their own station, and when the sea permitted their boat to go, had to find their way back to it with their provisions and chattels."

That the present service does not meet the requirements is practically acknowledged by the Dayspring Board and the Church of New South Wales. In quoting from the recent finding of the former, Mr. Scott stops short.—Let me give the balance of it. "As an alternative scheme (to the building of a steam Dayspring) we suggest that the New Hebrides Synod, the Foreign Mission Committees of the Church, connected with the Mission and the Dayspring Board, should consider the question of building and maintaining a small inter-island steamer to do pioneering and deputation work supplementary to the present service." The New South Wales Assembly expressed itself favourably as to this scheme.

The opponents of the steam Dayspring while palliating the profanity, Sabbath-breaking and liquor traffic complained of in connection with the present service, thus practically acknowledge its insufficiency. It does not and cannot overtake the work of the Mission.

THE COST.

Much is made by Mr. Scott of the increased cost of a steam Dayspring service. By dint of effort he manages to figure up the annual cost of maintenance to about \$25,500. In reply to this, all that I need to say is, that the friends of the enterprise have made careful inquiries and have secured independent estimates from unbiased parties, that have led them to conclude that the annual cost of the vessel they are building will not exceed half that sum.

The Morning Star, the missionary steamer of the American Board (a vessel similar to the new Dayspring) is maintained at an annual cost of \$12,000.

The designer of the new Dayspring, Mr. Stephens, submitted his plans to a large ship-owning company, having large and small vessels loading in all parts of the world, and got from them an estimate for annual maintenance; this reply was that the Mission with economy should do it on from \$12,000 to \$12,000.

Capt. Munro, late of the SS. Crydon, sailing in the New Hebrides, was asked while in Glasgow to give an estimate based on his experience there. He furnished it, giving details, in all amounting to \$12,460, per annum.

These independent estimates taken in connection with the annual cost of the Morning Star will satisfy those who are unbiased in the matter, that the estimate of the Victorian Foreign Mission Committee or from those of the other churches for the extra cost of maintenance of a steam Dayspring.

The additional cost is found money to the Mission. "The John G. Paton Mission" of

Britain, a voluntary organization, has offered to furnish \$5000 yearly for a term of years. They have satisfied the Victorian Assembly by submitting a statement of funds in hand, annual subscriptions, etc., of their ability to implement their undertaking.

We in Canada have a special interest in this Mission. There under the labours of our pioneer missionary, Dr. Geddie, we gathered in our first fruits, to the Lord, from among the heathen. It has another special claim upon us as Presbyterians. The New Hebrides are left by other Protestant churches to us to evangelize. The accomplishment of the task laid on us is within sight. The outburst of liberality within and without our fold prompted by Dr. Paton's autobiography and his personal visit to America and Britain has placed the means to accomplish it unexpectedly in our hands. It is painful to find those among ourselves attempting to dry up this stream of generosity, and that in a day when millions are squandered by church members on luxuries and even on debasing indulgences. What are the few thousand dollars needed for this advance, when set beside that enormous waste? Let us thank God that He has raised up so marvellously gifted one of our number to awaken a widespread interest and stimulate the generosity of thousands. Let us bid him God speed in his noble work of winning the New Hebrides to Christ and cheer his closing years with our hearty sympathy, our prayers and our co-operation. Yours truly,

J. W. MITCHELL,
Thorold, May 25, 1895.

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