

to his field without another Missionary, and adequate provision for Schools, Colporteurs, &c. The Board estimated the expense of the proposed addition as follows : Two Missionaries, £600 sterling ; Two Teachers, £200 sterling ; Colporteurs, £150 ; incidental expenses, £50 ; Buildings, £1000 : making in all £2000 sterling, a sum which this Church could not possibly undertake to raise. The sum already raised for the proposed Church at Demirdesh amounts to about £200. Mr. McGregor and others stated that the sum would have been much larger, only having learnt that the Missionary was coming to visit our churches it was thought wiser to postpone the collections till he should arrive.

Rev. P. Constantinides being called upon, addressed the Synod to the following effect :—Four years ago as he was finishing his studies in the New College, Edinburgh, he received letters from Mr. Stewart, inviting him to join the Free Synod of Nova Scotia, and go to Turkey as the Synod's Missionary to the Greeks there. It was understood that the Free Church of Scotland was about to establish a Mission there, and that he would be in co-operation and union with them. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Edinburgh, came over to Nova Scotia, and was ordained by the Synod of the Free Church at New Glasgow. On his way back to Turkey he learned from friends in Edinburgh, that there was no probability of the Free Church of Scotland establishing a Greek Mission in Turkey—that the idea had been relinquished. This discouraged him, and on his arrival at Constantinople, he wrote to the Convener, (Mr. Stewart) and to other friends, telling them the state of the case, and recommending the immediate relinquishment of the Mission. Still he was urged to go on and he did so, single handed. When he was in Constantinople previous to going to Scotland, the American Missionaries had given him the free use of a commodious room in one of the most populous quarters in the city, to meet with his countrymen. These meetings were well attended ; but on his return he found that the American Missionaries had given up that room, and that he could not get another place to preach in. Rents had risen owing to the Crimean War, from £30 and £40 to £80 and £90. The Free Church of Scotland pay £400 rent for a very obscure place in the Jewish quarter. A room in this establishment was placed at his disposal at 12 o'clock, (the dinner hour in the East) on Sabbaths, but both hour and place were unfavorable, and the attendance ranged from 15 to 30. No permanent impression could be made in such circumstances.

He was then authorized by the Committee to make a tour through Asia Minor, and fix upon a locality where a Mission might be more cheaply sustained and more effectually worked out. This led him to Demirdesh where the people exhibited wonderful eagerness to hear the Gospel and were quite ready to leave the Greek Church, owing to their disgust at the life and conduct of the Bishop of Bythinia. Here he established a boys' school, and a female school, many of the expenses connected with which he bore from his own private resources. His sister took charge of the female school—having left the bedside of her invalid father (at his own urgent command) to do so. The Schools were attended by 80 to 100 pupils. He preached in the open air to large audiences. He had dispensed the Lord's Supper to 15 persons from 50 to 90 years of age, who had never partaken of the ordinance before, and who he believed had been truly converted under the preaching of the word. That communion, celebrated with a piece of plain brown bread, and a tumbler of the pure juice of the grape, was the most solemn he had ever witnessed.

The salary he had to pay the teacher of the boys' school was £70 sterling. His sister had given her services gratuitously. He had received £60 from ladies in Scotland to pay the teacher ; and £50 from the Free Synod to pay a Colporteur, but there were no books or tracts available.

Great progress was made by the pupils in both schools, but when summer came they had to be given up. His father's health having become still worse, his sister had to go to attend on him. The room where the boys' school was held had to be given up to the silk worms. The place, Demirdesh, is damp and swampy, and strangers are liable to fever. He had fever almost constantly during the year he remained there, but he bore up under it. But at the end of the second year he had to give up. He went fifteen times backward and forward between Constan-