

ous to the cause of Christ, *i. e.* consulting one's own convenience or particular interest. It appears to me the following rule is a good one, in choosing a field of labour: The measure of one's strength, the measure of one's talent, the circumstances of the parish, the need it has of us rather than some other, or of some other rather than of us.

The subject of Foreign Missions is frequently discussed here. We have a Missionary meeting every Sabbath evening, when some field is presented by the person who conducts the meeting. The first Monday evening of every month, is also given to this subject. The professors take it in order. Dr. Hodge takes a very great interest in this work. The prayers of Dr. Hodge on this subject, influence me more to think of the condition of the heathen world than the addresses of returned Missionaries.—All the Professors here are earnest, devoted men, but Dr. Hodge excels them all, not only as a theologian, but as a christian.—His addresses at Conference are rich—his own experience being clearly brought to view. These missionary meetings, held every Sabbath night, together with the monthly ones, and several stirring appeals from returned missionaries, awaken in the students a lively interest in the salvation of the heathen world. To prove this, it is only necessary to state that eight or nine of these who are to graduate this spring, intend to labour in foreign fields. Let me say this about Princeton, that it gives its quota of men to labour among the heathen. I think this is the glory of any institution. The Board of Foreign Missions is deeply in debt, yet, they tell me, they never refuse to send out the men who offer themselves. From the reports given from time to time, I learn that their missionaries are doing a good work. We had two missionaries, one from Brazil, the other from China, a week ago, who gave us the most encouraging hopes of these two large countries.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM GRANT.

Rev. P. G. MCGREGOR.

Our Foreign Missions.

Letter to the Secretary from Rev.
Dr. Morrison.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, }
December 20th, 1868. }

Rev. and Dear Sir,—I venture now to drop you a line from my own hand. I am now, for the last month, using sulphur, according to Dr. Dewar's pamphlet. It has

benefited me much; but latterly my progress under it is not so decided as during the first week of its use. Then, I hoped it was to effect a speedy cure. Now, it seems to have lost some of its power; but still it holds the disease in check.

I purpose to meet the *Dayspring* in New Zealand, and to go down to the island once more, not, I fear, for work—for I am quite unfit for that, as yet—but to look after the few things we left there.

It is the general opinion of friends here that the climate of the islands will not suit me. It seems to be the opinion at home, too. My prospective separation from the Mission work I contemplate with feelings of keen regret. I regret to be separated from my very dear and highly esteemed brethren engaged in the work; I regret to have to separate from the little flock to whom I am now attached with fatherly tenderness; I regret not to be any longer privileged to hold the water of life to the lips of those who are perishing without it. But now I am unable to do anything anywhere. My only work now seems to be to waste my lungs with coughing and spitting. However, if that is what God would have me do, I should do it with holy resignation to His will. What the issue of my present trouble is to be none can at present certainly tell.

I now doctor myself. I do not employ a physician. I think medicine has done for me all it can.

Dr. Steel will give you the general news of the Mission. I must confine myself entirely to my own affairs.

It is likely I shall have to lay down the banner of the Cross on the Mission field. Is there none in our Church to volunteer to fill the gap? Where are the C—s and the McC—s, and the M—s? The harvest is plenteous in the New Hebrides, but labourers are few.

Mrs. M. joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. McGregor and yourself.

Ever yours very sincerely,

DONALD MORRISON.

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

P. S.—I have to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from you since I wrote you last. Your favours were dated Aug. 12th and Sept. 11th, respectively; they came to hand on Nov. 3rd and Dec. 5th, respectively.

The *Record and Witness* come now more regularly than heretofore; but I fear the breaking up of the Panama line will throw our mails again into confusion.

I congratulate the Established Church in Nova Scotia on their commencing to work in the Foreign Mission field. We shall hail with delight the arrival of Mr. Goodwill among us.