

ry Society's Missionaries, we believe essentially important; and we trust your co-operation will ever continue harmonious and effective. We can never think of assuming the Mission as our own, while our resources are so limited and there remains so much land to be possessed. We are disposed to consider ourselves as entering into their labours, and spending on the same ground such missionary resources as the Great Head of the Church may place within our reach. We are most grateful for the kind and efficient manner in which they have taken you by the hand; but it is our desire and our intention to bear all your expenses. Presuming that your expenditure for houses, lauds and boat accommodation, &c., have been necessary and economical, we have transmitted money to meet your drafts for these so far as we have been advised. We have added £5 st'g to your salary, and provided for the expenses of freight of your supplies. Your mode of instruction and intercourse with the natives, is of ancient and honorable origin, and we hope in due time it will be abundantly successful. Our blessed Lord went about doing good, and you cannot be too earnest in season and out of season in following his example.

We have no prospect in the meantime of being able to send out another laborer to your assistance. We are anxious, however, that as soon as practicable, Mr. Archibald may be ordained as a missionary, and placed in a situation to be as extensively useful as he can be made.

We have applied to the Synod, and received instructions to take the necessary steps for his ordination, but they have restricted us to Presbyterian ordination. We request you therefore to take such steps, in conjunction with Messrs. Nisbet and Turner, to whom we have written upon the subject, or any other Presbyterian brethren within reach, as will enable you as soon as practicable, to secure to yourself a brother of your own in full standing, to share with you in all the responsibilities as well as in all the counsels, which your trying situation may require. We will expect you to report your progress in this matter with all diligence. It has appeared to us that your distance from each other, so far as twelve miles, must

make your intercourse less frequent than could be desirable; but we trust you are co-operating in the best manner for accomplishing the best ends.

Intelligence of all kinds from you, is most eagerly sought by friends and the Church at large; and your journal we will look for, both for our own information, and as a means of stimulating our people to those exertions which, under God, are indispensable for your maintenance and support, in the great work in which you are engaged.

Commending you anew to God, and assuring you that we do not cease to pray for you, and that at all times you may rely upon our best exertions to promote your own personal and domestic interests, as well as to further the great object of your mission,

I am, Rev. and Dear Brother,

Very Sincerely Yours,

In name and by order of the

Board of Foreign Missions,

JAMES WADDELL, *Cor. Sec'y.*

The Rev. John Geddie, &c., &c.

P. S. We would like that your journals should contain reference to Mr. Archibald's labors, and frequent notices of your wives and little ones. Our Church do not wish you to be less domestic in your feelings, less intimate and familiar in your personal intercourse, or less communicative in all that concerns you as men, women and children, because you are our representatives in higher and holier spheres. Only "let your conversation" &c., Phil. i. 27; 2 Tim. iv. 1, 2, 5, 19, 22. Offer our fraternal salutations to your brother Powell. Phil. iv. 21, 23.

J. W.

NOTE.—A letter was sent at the same time to Mr. Archibald; but as its tenor is almost the same with that of the above, it is not thought necessary to publish it.

RECOLLECTIONS

OF THE FOREIGN MISSION ENTERPRISE
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BY THE REV. J. WADDELL.

NO. I.

Early, individual and detached operations.

It will not be supposed, that, in a Church possessing a regular organisation, and enjoying the advantages of a