

their concurrence in the proposal to build in Nova Scotia. After such a period as was needful to complete needful correspondence, this consent was most cordially given, so that now no hindrance whatever exists on this point, to immediate action.

In addressing the children of the Church, the Board have much pleasure in being able to present their appeal in the precise form prepared by the Aneiteumese missionaries for the Churches in Australia and New Zealand. Further information will hereafter be given as to the best mode of collecting monies, and every facility furnished to render this service simple and effective. Meanwhile parents and Sabbath School teachers will perform good service to the cause by reading the appeal to the children committed to their care, and otherwise recommending the scheme to the favourable consideration of their youthful charge.

By order of the Board,

JAMES BAYNE, *Secretary.*

APPEAL FOR A MISSIONARY SHIP.

TO THE CHILDREN OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

Aneiteum, New Hebrides. December, 1861.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—You no doubt often hear your parents and others remarking that the times in which we live are wonderful times. And it is true; they *are* wonderful times—very wonderful. How thankful we should be that we live in such times! We are not going to talk to you about all the things that distinguish the age in which we live; we will leave it to your parents and teachers to do that. We wish to speak to you about one thing—only one; but it is one that we regard as the most important of all. It is the subject of *missions to the heathen*. Now you do not need to be told what missions mean. You know why men and women, who love Christ and pity the poor heathen, go from among yourselves to countries far away beyond the seas to live and labour, and very often to die in these lands. They go to teach the heathen words by which they may be made happy while they live in this world and go to heaven when they die. You have also read or heard what was the state of our land in former times—how it was inhabited by wild, fierce, savage men, just like those to whom missionaries go now. And you know what it is that has made your homes the happiest in the world.—Missionaries from other lands came and told our forefathers about Jesus Christ, and by and by good men translated the Bible into our native tongue, and the Bible, like the sun, scattered the darkness and filled our land with light. And this is why you were not born heathens, and do not worship stocks and stones. Now it is the object of missions to do for the many lands that are still in heathen darkness, what the Bible and missionaries have done for your land, that they too may be, “as favoured Britain, blest.” More than a century ago, Scotland began to pay the debt it owed to heathen nations, by sending a man of God, whose memory all Christians reverence and love, David Brainerd, to the American Indians.—England followed about fifty years later, and then America and other countries. The result is, that many hundreds of faithful men and women have gone forth to heathen lands, and God has gone with them, and has largely blessed their labours. Many, many thousands of heathens have, by their instrumentality, been saved, and are now around the “throne of God on high,” and a work has begun, and is every year spreading with greater rapidity, which will go on till there remain not one heathen man, woman, or child on the face of the globe. Is it not delightful to think of such a consummation as this? And to help it on—oh, how pleasant is this! It would be very ungenerous in us, dear children, were we to suppose that you need to be urged to do what you can to help on this great and good work. It is most likely you have been exclaiming, while reading this, “O that I could do something for the poor heathens?” or it may be you have been saying within yourselves, “O that I could be a missionary.” Well, perhaps it may not be possible for you to become missionaries, though why should not some of you aspire to that; but *you can all do something* for the cause, and if you will listen, we will tell you what that something is. Missionary work like all other great works, has many departments of labour. *Some thing has to be done at home*