

which were shipped on board the Barque Sydney for Melbourne N. S. W., were insured to the value of £400 Cy. No communication has yet been received from the consignee, to intimate their safe arrival; but as the vessel made the voyage in safety, and reached the port of destination in December last, there appears to be no ground of apprehension as to the safe delivery of the entire cargo. It is quite possible that the large, varied and valuable assortment of clothing and other supplies may not yet have reached Aneiteam, as that island is seldom visited by vessels from December to May, when the hurricane season renders navigation quite unsafe.

Oversight of Mr. Gordon.—The Board, according to instructions, have continued their oversight of Mr. George N. Gordon, as candidate for the Foreign Mission Field. At the meeting already named, conference was held with Mr. Gordon, and directions given as to his future studies. The Pby. of Halifax were considered the proper parties to determine his status as a student, and it was ordered that the Clerk of said Pby. be duly notified of the Board's desire, that this duty be performed at as early an opportunity as might be found convenient, and that due notice of the decision be given to the Board. Under date Dec'r 24, 1854, your Board were notified that Mr. G. had been adjudged worthy of being tested in the usual manner, as to his preparation for licensure, and agreed to express their sincere pleasure at the satisfactory progress which he was then represented as having made. The Pby. farther proceeded to complete the course of Trials, and at their meeting on May 16th, 1855, these were fully delivered, and Mr. Gordon duly licensed to preach the everlasting gospel.

Of this very gratifying result, your Board were officially informed by the following certificate:—"These do certify that Mr. G. N. Gordon, having passed his trials for license, was duly licensed by the Presbytery of Halifax, to preach the everlasting gospel." On receipt of this, it was agreed

that Mr. Gordon be accepted as a missionary, under the direction of the Board, and that due diligence be used to forward his preparation for the New Hebrides mission. It was further agreed that the Halifax Presbytery be requested to transfer Mr. G. to the Pictou Presbytery, with a view to ordination; and in the mean time he was directed to visit the several congregations in the P. E. Island Presbytery, and to be present at the present meeting of Synod. Under the distinct recognition which the Synod gave to the appropriation for Mr. G.'s support, which was made during the previous year, your Board did not hesitate to continue the same course of considerate liberality, and immediately on their acceptance of his services, as their missionary to the New Hebrides, the first quarter's salary, £25 stg., was advanced.

Efforts to obtain additional Missionaries.—The only remaining point of Synodical instruction was attended to, quite as speedily and zealously as the two preceding by your Board, but they are deeply concerned to add, by no means so successfully.

Under the authority given to them, to accept the services of two additional laborers, their secretary was directed to advertise for two additional missionaries, that is, two ordained missionaries, in addition to Messrs Geldie and Gordon.

In the Missionary Register the advertisement was accordingly inserted, but not one minister or probationer from our own church, or the sister church in Canada, or the parent church in Scotland, ventured to respond to this urgent and frequent call.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

Funds to the amount of £273 9 4d. stg. were remitted to the Lon. Miss. Soc. last October for the various purposes of missionary expenditure, which were considered necessary, either for the regular or contingent expenses, or for giving effect to the express wishes of the donors of special contributions. Deducting this amount from the balance in Treasurer's hand, July 4th, as audited by the Synod's Com., we find