

of the Church in the New Hebrides mission." They also agreed to recommend to Sabbath-schools the continued support of the missionary ship *Dayspring*, and the support of native teachers, it being ascertained that one native teacher can be maintained on the New Hebrides at an annual expense of £5.

Your committee need scarcely represent to this General Assembly that a very deep interest had already been awakened among our people in behalf of this mission by means of the visits and addresses of Presbyterian missionaries connected with the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scotland and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America. Liberal contributions had been made towards the mission, and the children of many of our Sabbath-schools had collected for the building of the missionary vessel *Dayspring*, and were in a manner pledged to contribute to its support. An auxiliary to that mission had also been in existence; but after the union of the Presbyterian Churches it was dissolved, in the hope that the United Church would more effectually do the work the auxiliary had contemplated. Your committee were therefore prepared to take part in this mission as soon as they could find a suitable missionary and had made arrangements for his support.

In concluding this branch of their report, your committee would recommend the employment of a missionary by the General Assembly of this Church, to labour on one of the islands of the New Hebrides, and they would suggest that an attempt should be made to secure the services of the Rev. James D. Gordon, now labouring as one of the missionaries of the Church in Nova Scotia, on the island of Erromanga. Your committee are persuaded that if the Church had a missionary of its own, much interest would be taken in this christian enterprise, and that there would be no lack of support on the part of our people.

Your committee would also recommend the support of the mission vessel *Dayspring* to the liberality of the Sabbath scholars belonging to the Church, in the full assurance that they will cordially continue what they have so auspiciously begun in this interesting and beneficent enterprise.

The great King and Head of the Church has smiled upon the New Hebrides mission, and has now opened doors for the entrance of His blessed gospel, which is the only means of elevating a people so degraded to the light and privilege of civilization and religion."

The preceding extract has a double source of interest for our church, the one arising from the fact of another Christian church

preparing to be fellow-laborers with us on our chosen field on the other side of the globe,—and the other, arising from the fact that an application is thus really made for another of our missionaries. What answer the Board and Synod may make to this proposal, we cannot anticipate; but we would be deaf indeed if we did not hear a loud call from the Head of the church for laborers to gather in his harvest.

Thirdly. The proceedings of our *Canadian Brethren* on this subject, at their last meeting, held in Hamilton, are still more interesting, and, in our great need of laborers, seem worthy of study and of imitation. The facts of the case are, that that Synod, after long waiting for offers from ministers and probationers, at length appointed a committee to select one of their own number, with the following result:—

"The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed last night, on the third clause of the Deliverance on the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee, with a view of ascertaining whether a member of this Church could be secured as a Missionary for the South Sea Islands.

Mr. McLaren, the Convener, reported verbally, that the Committee had held three meetings,—that they had had no difficulty in finding a suitable minister of this Church to go as a missionary to the South Seas,—that were two or three required instead of one, they could readily have been procured, and that the Committee had now very great pleasure in bringing before the Synod the name of Mr. Neil McKinnon, of Wardville, with whom they had held conference, on the subject, and whom they confidently recommended the Synod to appoint as missionary to the South Sea Islands.

It was moved by Mr. R. F. Burns, and seconded,—That the Synod receive the Report,—approve of the Deliverance contained therein, and, in accordance therewith, resolve, as they hereby do, to call to missionary labour in the New Hebrides, Mr. Niel McKinnon of Wardville.

The Moderator, in calling for a vote on this motion, suggested that the unanimity and cordiality with which the call of the Synod was addressed to Mr. McKinnon, would be best shown if the assent of the members were given by standing up,—whereupon every member of the Synod arose to his feet.

The call of the Synod was announced to Mr. McKinnon in warm terms, by the Moderator. Mr. McKinnon replied,—saying that though he would not attempt to