

what more savage cruelty could the stone-armed pursuants of Harris and Williams have displayed? And yet, those papists call themselves Christians. What a burlesque on the name! I do hope and pray, however, that He, who can out of evil educe good, and make "the wrath of man to praise him," may over-rule the event for effecting the best results. Surely, there will, hereafter, in particular, be less political truckling, on the part of the Protestants in Nova Scotia, with those whose policy it ever is to deprive them of those blood-bought rights of freedom of thought, of conscience and speech, for which the great spirits of all ages have so earnestly raised their voices, and for which our martyred forefathers suffered so much and so nobly. Let the Protestants, not only of the village of Antigonish, but of the whole country, consult expediency less and duty more, do "what is right though the heavens should fall." Let them now, if ever, offer an uncompromising resistance to the arrogance and intrigues of the devotees of the Pope Pius ix. and his Jesuitical Counsellors, and labour more zealously for the conversion of Papists everywhere to the truth and liberty of the Gospel.

#### CHEERED BY HOME NEWS.

I was glad to learn that the work of the Lord seemed to be prospering within the bounds of our own beloved Zion in the dear land of our nativity. "May peace ever be within her walls, and prosperity within her palaces."

I trust that soon we shall hear of the consummation of the union of all the branches of the Presbyterian family in the Dominion; and, that it may be such a union as shall conduce greatly towards the advancement of our Redeemer's cause, both in British North America and in Foreign Fields of missionary enterprise.

I am happy to be able to say to you that we receive both the *Witness* and the *Record* more regularly now than formerly.

#### MISSION GOODS.

In forwarding us mission goods it would be well if the boxes made up for Messrs. McKenzie, Annand and myself were addressed to us, separately, as it is not convenient for us to divide them out here.

I would take the liberty, moreover, to suggest that such articles as the following be sent to us on Ancityum; (Messrs. McK. & A. will be the best judges themselves as to what will suit them.)—viz., any good washing print, bleached and unbleached calico, shirts of coloured flannel, calico, prints, regatta, or scotch twill: trousers of any light or stout material: frocks or blouses, same as trousers. Leather belts, common cotton pocket handkerchiefs,

needles, pins, thimbles, scissors, thread, cottons, tapes, braids, buttons, spectacles, knives, hatchets, axes, hinges, locks, fish-hooks, strong combs, tools, medicines, linen, or cotton rags, &c.

Your's faithfully,  
JAS. D. MURRAY.

#### Report of Rev. J. W. McKenzie, Erakor Station.

As this is my first regular report it will be necessary for me to give you a short account of our field of labor as we found it on our arrival; for unless you know something of its condition when we began our labors, you cannot extend to us that sympathy to which as your missionaries we are entitled.

#### WORK OF PREDECESSORS.

As you are aware, our field comprises what was formerly the scene of the labors of those devoted servants of God, Morrison and Cosh. They were not permitted to break up any new ground. The villages at which they settled had embraced Christianity before they arrived, and in vain they endeavored to carry the Gospel to the surrounding heathen.

Their labors however were greatly blessed to these two villages, and when we contrast their condition with what it was, or with the present condition of the heathen around us, we can exclaim in the language of one of our old, "What hath God wrought." But, as is most natural to expect, owing to the absence of a missionary we found that they had fallen back somewhat into their old heathen practices.

#### RELAPSE.

We first settled at Epang. There we found heathen of the very worst kind, young men who had lately returned home from New Caledonia and some other places. They had been taken away by "Slavers" when quite young, and had imbibed many of the worst principles of the white man. These young men for the most part attended public worship, but their presence was very injurious to the other natives. They had none of that reverence for God, His house, or His day, observable in others. Then another reason for their falling away at Epang was that most of those who had taken a lively interest in the work had died soon after Mr. Cosh left them. We found two men, however who were striving to keep their light from going out. They conducted public worship every Lord's Day.

#### PREVALENT EVILS.

I will merely glance at some of the more prominent evils with which we had to con-