

## ANEITEUM.

The same magazine gives an extract of a letter from Rev. Mr. GEDDIE to Dr. TURNER dated May 4., in which he says :

“ You would hear of the burning of our new church. It was the work of an incendiary. The deed was done when the poor natives were dying on every hand, and when almost every chief on the island was weak. A man has been apprehended for the crime, of whose guilt there can be little doubt. He is now in irons and chains, and awaits his trial. As soon as the public health is restored, there will be a meeting of the whole island to investigate the matter. It was not intended to take the man until he could be tried ; but the natives thought that he intended to destroy himself. His name is Nahiiaing, and he is among the last of the Gospel opposers on Aneiteum. The loss of our church has been a great trial ; but I believe that good will come out of it. Many of the natives seem to think it a judgment on them, because they did not sufficiently value their privileges.”

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## OUR CHURCH NEWS.

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**FRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.**—This court met in Poplar Grove Church on Wednesday the 4th ult. Present Rev. Messrs. Sedgewick, McGregor, Cameron, McLeod, Murray, McKnight, Stuart, and Messrs. Reynolds, James, Taylor, George and Farquhar, Elders. Messrs. Steele, Constantinides and Crawford, Missionaries, being present were invited to correspond.

Mr. Steele gave a very interesting account of his labours in Tangier. Mr. D. McMillan reported regarding his labours in Lower Laflave and New Dublin giving pleasing evidence of progress there. Petitions for moderation of calls were presented from the congregations of Bridgewater and Lower Laflave—the former in favour of Mr. Morton, and the latter in favour of Mr. McMillan. Mr. Duff was appointed to moderate in these calls, A. James Esq., Elder, to be associated with him on these occasions.

Rev. William Murray was appointed to preach at Annapolis and Bridgetown on the 22nd September, and “ ascertain the present wish of both sections of the congregation regarding the settlement of a pastor.” A reference from the Kirk session of Musquodoboit was read and laid on the table till next meeting of Presbytery. The following appointments were then made—Mr. D. McKinnon to supply Annapolis for the month of September and Sheet Harbor and Mosser River for October ; Rev. Mr. Steele to supply Western Cornwallis on the 8th 15th and 22nd September, and Rawdon on the last Sabbath of September. Rev. N. McKay to supply Tangier, on the 8th, 15th and 29th, and Mosser River on the 22nd September ; and Western Cornwallis on the 6th, 13th and 20th October. Professor McKnight to supply Tangier on the 6th and 13th October, Dartmouth to be then supplied by Mr. Steele. The Synod's remit anent ordination of Elders to be taken up at next meeting Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet on the 23rd October, in Poplar Grove Church

**PRESBYTERY OF TATAMAGOUCHE.**—The Presbytery of Tatamagouche met there on the 3rd day of September. All the members, with one exception, were present. The Rev. G. Patterson, of Green Hill, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Rev. H. McKay reported that, according to the appointment of Presbytery, he had preached at Goose River and held a congregational meeting on the following day, which was largely attended and at which arrangements were made for a supply of preaching. He also expressed himself as highly gratified with the spirit manifested by the people in their present trying circumstances. The report was received and Mr. McKay's diligence approved. The Rev. John Munro was appointed Moderator of Session.

The Rev. James Watson reported that by appointment of Presbytery he had