

boy; Mr. Paton's family a girl; Mr. Neilson's family a boy.

I close my present communication here as I hope to have an opportunity of addressing you soon again.

Mrs. M. joins me in kind regards, &c.

Ever yours, very sincerely,

DONALD MORRISON.

Rev. P. G. MCGREGOR,

Halifax, N. S.

Letter by Mr. Hugh Robertson.

LITTLE RIVER, MUSQUODOBOIT, }
October 18th, 1869. }

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—During nearly five years residence on Aneiteum, I frequently had a strong desire to send a note to the *Record*, expressing my thorough belief in the Aneiteumese generally, as devout christians. I also felt at times filled with a desire to bear testimony to the zeal, faith, courage, and stability of all the missionaries of the New Hebrides. And after my visit to the heathen island, I almost resolved to refer the supporters of that mission to the amazing contrast which flashed across my mind, between the natives of the heathen islands and the christian natives of Aneiteum. I have hitherto, however, kept back, feeling my unfitness to write with any degree of acceptance to the readers of the *Record*; but as I am now more immediately connected with the Mission, than I was whilst even sojourning on the Isles of the Hebrides, perhaps a few facts and ideas from me may prove interesting to the friends of the mission. In each number of your *Record*, I will promise very short sketches of native life in the South Seas it agreeable. I say short, because there is always important church matters for each number of the *Record* and because brief sketches seem best.

In this letter I will only speak of events at home since my return. I cannot pass on however, without tendering my sincere and most hearty thanks to the members of your Synod, for the disinterested and generous kindness manifested to me during meeting of Synod in Pictou. In July I met with, and received my appointment from the Synod of the Church of Scotland, and since that time I have been visiting clergymen both of the Kirk and the Presbyterian body, and holding missionary meetings with the people. In P. E. Island, I addressed twelve meetings, one of which was with Rev. Mr. Cameron's people in Bonshaw. In Nova Scotia we have had sixteen excellent meetings with Presbyterian Church people, and eight with congregations of the Church of Scotland, besides a few excellent meetings with persons belonging to various congregations and de-

nominations, and none seemed more interested, or to maintain better order than the Catholics.

If we judge from attention, perfect quiet and order, then every one of our meetings has been a success. I am not going to speak here of the unbroken and real kindness and genuine friendship which I met with on all hands, for who that knows any thing about our country would expect any thing else, but hospitality and perfect consideration? Nova Scotians are proverbial for their hospitality. Go even to Australia and British officers will tell you with delight of the kindness and attention they always receive in Nova Scotia. Several officers once said to me that, they would be glad if they should receive orders to put down their anchors in Halifax harbour for seven years.

Wherever I have been, in New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, or Nova Scotia since I commenced visiting a few congregations in the month of July, one most pleasing fact is plain to be seen, and that is that all are without a doubt anxious to send the gospel to the heathen. They seem really in earnest about it, and only want men to go out for them and they will support them and pray for them.

Truly the christian world is becoming alive to the claims of the heathen.

Ever yours sincerely,

H. F. ROBERTSON.

Rev. P. G. MCGREGOR,

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News of the Church.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met at Brown's Creek on the 15th Sept. The first business before the Court was the consideration of the financial condition of the congregation of that place. The amount given to Mr. Muir is entirely inadequate as a suitable maintenance. In endeavoring to increase the stipend, the Presbytery decided not to disturb the existing arrangements of the congregation, but recommended that in addition to present efforts, a special monthly collection be taken up in the church, intimation to be given on the previous Sabbath. A call from the congregation of St. James' church, Dartmouth, in favor of Rev. A. Falconer, was laid upon the table. It was accompanied by papers setting forth reasons for translation by the Dartmouth congregation, and appointing Rev. Professor McKnight, and Charles Robson, Esq., as Commissioners from the Halifax Presbytery, to prosecute the call. The call was