

require ten years in passing. And for all these heathen there are about as many missionaries as there are of ministers in the Province of Nova Scotia. Then there are the other part of Asia, including the millions in India, our own fellow-subjects. There are the millions in Africa. And there are the millions in the South Seas. May we not say the number is too great to be overtaken. We dare not. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the Church to do the work. Go and teach all nations. Preach the Gospel to every creature. He could have appointed angels. But He has been pleased to confer the honor upon us. A wide door, in Divine Providence, is being opened. An entrance is being presented to the whole heathen world. The Lord is directed to go in and possess the land. But where is the means? The King of Zion has the means, and for this end he is bestowing it upon his followers. The Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia at one time feared she had not the

means of maintaining one missionary, but she found, on making the trial, that she could support one, then that she might undertake two, next she ventured on a third, and now we are sending a fourth. Have we done, or are we doing, all that we can? Far from it. More liberal things are already being devised. There have been proposals in the Pictou congregation to take Mr. Ged as their missionary. And when I see the rich valley of the Stewiacke I see no reason why this congregation might not take Mr. Johnson as your missionary.—You are fully able. God is enriching you. If you would, the noble example would operate powerfully. Many other congregations would soon be supporting each their own missionary. The prospect would then be brightening of the heathen world being evangelized, and the empire of the Redeemer stretching from sea to sea, from the river unto the ends of the earth.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH.

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

On the 9th August last, this court met in Princetown Church, and, after sermon by the Rev. James Waddell, was constituted. The clerical members were present, with the elders from the congregations of Princetown and Bedeque. The Rev. James Waddell was invited to correspond. The Rev. R. S. Patterson, who, at a previous meeting had been appointed to moderate in a call in the congregation of Princetown, reported, that in obedience to the instructions which he had received, he proceeded to Princetown on the 22nd June, and after sermon took the chair as Moderator. One individual only was proposed and seconded,—Mr William Keir. A large majority of the communicants and adherents present signed the call. The conduct of the Rev. R. S. Patterson was approved of. Messrs. Donald Ramsay and James Montgomery, who appeared as commissioners from the congregation to present the call, then delivered their papers, and were heard in support of their

cause. After which, an opportunity was permitted, *ex gratia*, to the congregation which had assembled, to express their views in relation to the proposed settlement and its probable effects on their interests. On the whole, it appears to the Presbytery abundantly evident, that while the call was not unanimous, it was harmonious, and accordingly it was sustained and presented to Mr William Keir.

As the son of their late revered pastor,—as an amiable youth, born and trained among themselves,—as an earnest and faithful preacher of the everlasting gospel,—as the natural prop of his aged and widowed mother, Mr Keir was endeared to a large circle of early acquaintances, and much anxiety was felt on the question, whether they would accept their call and take on sight of the spiritual interests of the congregation. Some of those who knew him best feared that he might not think himself physically able to undertake the charge; and, when the call was put into his hands, there was much evident solicitude about the reception which it would meet.