

may richly endow you with that divine wisdom, by which alone you shall be enabled to govern aright this people over whom he has called you to rule and that He may preserve you unto His Heavenly Kingdom and glory.

In name and by appointment of the Presbytery of Pictou this the 13th day of November, 1878.

PETER GALFRATH, *Moderator.*

ROBERT MCCUNN, *Pres. Clerk.*

REPLY.

To the Ministers, Elders and Representatives of the Presbyterian Church in the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Established Church of Scotland.

Reverend Sirs,—

Receive my thanks for the loyal manner in which you welcome my arrival here as the representative of Her Majesty and for the kindly and warm expressions of good will with which you have greeted the Princess.

I may assure you that she will regard the interests of each class of the people of this country with the same sympathy with which she has endeavored to promote the welfare of all in the old country.

In pointing out the wants and interests of the community we must often look to the ministers of religion and your support and aid we shall always know to appreciate and value.

LORNE.

Halifax, Nov. 12, 1876.

Correspondence.

MISSIONS.

LETTER FROM MR. ROBERTSON, ETC.

I have this day (29th Nov) in obedience to the injunction of Presbytery last Wednesday, desired Mr. Hislop, our Treasurer, to transmit the one half of the amount for Foreign Missions to Mr. Robertson Erromanga, and the other half to Rev. Frazer Campbell, British India, in all \$230, to be used by them for the christi-nization of the heathen and accounted for in our RECORD. On

deliberation the Presbytery resolved to continue their support to these missions; and I shall now produce Mr. Robertson's letter or such parts of it, and of the minutes of the missions conference as may serve to interest your readers. Writes Mr. R. "The prospects for the spread of the Gospel on this Island were never so bright since we came to it as they are this year. Some chiefs of their own accord are resolved to give up heathenism this year. We purpose dispensing the Sacrament at Cook's Bay the 3rd Sabbath of this month, after which to make a journey right round the island accompanied by a large number of the christian natives. Our object is to get better acquainted with the heathen and they with us. The journey, in the slow way we do things out here, will take us about two months or until the beginning of November. I am very anxious to get another missionary for this Island. The state of the work is at that point that one is needed more than a few years ago to carry forward the work. The natives can begin the work and they do very well up to a given point, and then unless a mission-steps in the preparation work is in some measure lost. An earnest pushing missionary with a wife, would do much good on this island."

Rev. Dr. Steele, Sydney, paid me £27 sterling when we were in Sydney last summer, the gift of the Pictou Presbytery to aid me in carrying forward the mission work on this island. Now let me tell you what I have done with £17 of that sum. I have applied it to pay the balance of a new mission boat for Erromanga. I felt I would not err in so applying it, and I felt sure that the Kirk Presbytery would like to have a share in a mission boat for Erromanga. As to the minutes of the Missionary Synod held at Anciteum, June 5, 1878, we can only find room for a few extracts :