

responsibilities of Aneiteum in relation to the surrounding islands at the present time. Seldom have we had a more interesting Sabbath.

A very affecting incident occurred on the Sabbath day. The natives of Cook's Bay on the east side of Erromanga have long been desirous to have teachers. A few months ago Mr. Copeland visited Nina in the "John Knox" and met there a large canoe containing a chief and several people from Erromanga who had gone to that island hoping to get one of our teachers there to return with them. Finding that neither of them could leave they pleaded that one of the crew of the "John Knox" should accompany them. The chief took a young man in his arms to whom he had taken a fancy, and seemed inclined to take him by force. Some time ago three chiefs and a number of people from the same place sent a man in search of teachers. He first went to Dillon's Bay, but the Missionary there had none to give him. We next went to Tana, but the teachers could not be spared from that island. He came to this island about two weeks ago, and applied for teachers, saying that they would give the choicest of their land to them, and endeavour to make them comfortable. He was present on the Sabbath day and heard me give an account of "John Knox's voyage, and mention the names of the teachers who were to go to Tana, when he was told that none was announced for Erromanga, he burst into tears, and was so overcome, that one of our elders spent the remainder of the day with him endeavouring to console him. When we see such instances of intense desire for the Word of God, we are warranted in numbering Erromanga among the isles that are waiting for his law.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed here next Sabbath. My esteemed brother Mr. Copeland will be with me on the occasion. The ordinance of baptism has this day been dispensed to fifteen adults and a number of children. May our little church grow in grace as well as in numbers.

The "John Knox" will visit Erromanga in a few days. She goes to take supplies for Mr. Gordon which have been landed on this island, and also to bring supplies which have been left on that island for some of the missionaries.

The latest number of the "Christian Instructor" and "Missionary Register" which has reached me is of date January, 1859.

## OUR CHURCH NEWS.

THE Presbytery of Princeton, Prince Edward Island, licensed Mr. D. S. Gordon to preach the Gospel, on the 5th June last. Mr. Gordon finished his studies with high credit to himself in the New College, Edinburgh.

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.—This Presbytery met at Windsor on Wednesday, the 5th of June, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The following members were present, viz.: Rev J. B. Murdoch, Moderator *pro tempore*, Rev. Messrs. Duff, McGregor, W. Murray, McLeod, Steele and McKay, Ministers, and Mr. F. W. George, Ruling Elder. Rev. Mr. Steele reported that he had preached at Annapolis and Bridgetown agreeably to appointment of Presbytery, and declared that congregation vacant. Mr. Steele then gave in a report of missionary labor performed during the last month in the County of Annapolis; and an urgent application having been forwarded by the Elders and people for a continuance of his services, the Presbytery unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Steele to supply the congregation until the meeting of Synod.

It was agreed to overture the Synod on the subject of laying on of hands in case of the ordination of Elders and Deacons, as well as of Ministers.

Rev. A. W. McKay reported that he had supplied the Rev. Dr. Smith's congregation on the first two Sabbaths of February according to appointment, and also that he had preached in Annapolis and Bridgetown on the 14th and 21st of April. Mr. McKay also tendered his demission of the pastoral charge at Western Cornwallis, when, after deliberation, it was agreed to hold a meeting of Pres-