

inhabited by savage men, who are constantly practising deeds of abomination, and cruelty which it would chill your blood to hear. They worship gods of wood and stone, in which they suppose the spirits of dead men and other wicked spirits dwell, and though they are greatly afraid of these spirits, yet that does not prevent them from working all manner of wickedness. They lie, and steal, and quarrel, and fight; they murder one another, and even eat one another. And then they are so cruel to the sick and aged, and women and children. The sick are often allowed to die for want, or buried alive, instead of being laid in a nice snug bed, as you are when you are ill, and tenderly cared for and nursed by dear mothers and sisters. Women are often most cruelly treated, and not unfrequently murdered, and so are little children. Some poor creatures get so weary of their wretched lives that they go and drown or strangle themselves, or perhaps throw themselves from a cocoa-nut tree or a high rock. And even the strong, and those who oppress others, have no peace themselves, but are in constant fear of being murdered, or injured by evil spirits. They always go armed, and sleep with their clubs and spears under their pillows; so you see what a pitiable state is that in which the poor heathens are, and you see they are all alike miserable. There is no one can help his neighbour if he were so disposed. Now, dear children, we look to you and appeal to you, to put it into our power to carry to these wretched perishing men the Gospel of Christ, which alone can remove their miseries. We know *it* can do that, because it has already done it for Aneiteum, and many other lands which, a few years ago, was just as these islands are now. Up! then, dear children, and put your hands to this good work. You cannot begin too soon, nor can you engage in a nobler cause."

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The Presbytery of Montreal met at Montreal on the 29th January. There was a good attendance of ministers. The following are the chief items of business. The Rev. A. Henderson, M. A., of St. Andrew's, was appointed Moderator.

A petition was presented from the congregation of English River, praying to be disconnected from Durham under the pastorate of their present minister, Rev. A. Young, and promising to provide a stipend of \$600, with the manse.

Mr. McKell, Mr. Clenaghan, and Rev. Mr. Young, were heard in explanation, and it was finally agreed to cite the two congregations to appear for their interests in this matter at a special meeting of the Presbytery, to be held at Durham, on the 4th March next.

Mr. Cameron reported that missionary meetings of a very edifying kind had been held in the Western District of the Presbytery. Amount collected \$9 60.

Mr. Watson reported that missionary meetings had been held of an interesting kind in Chateauguay District. Amount collected \$22 52. Special contributions from Athelstone and Huntingdon—French Canadian Mission, \$6 00, Presbyterian Home Missions, \$6 34.

From Lachute, Eastern and Montreal Districts, there are no reports.

Appointments for Alexandria—Mr. McQueen, 1st Sabbath of February, Mr. Cameron, 3rd Sabbath, Mr. Gordon, 1st Sabbath of March, Mr. Greenfield, 3rd Sabbath. It was also agreed to provide supply for this station during the summer.

A conference was held on the state of religion. Dr. Taylor, Mr. Kemp, and Mr. McVicar, gave interesting and gratifying accounts of the work of revival in Montreal during the past two months, testifying to the manifest presence of the Spirit of God in the churches of the city, and to the wide extent and satisfactory character of the work of grace which had been accomplished as the result of Mr. Hammond's labours in Montreal. Mr. Gordon of Indian Land, Mr. Currie of Vankleek hill, and Mr. Paterson of St. Andrew's, also stated that there were gratifying evidences of the beginning of a work of grace in their districts. The Presbytery engaged in praise and prayer.