

one missionary should occupy both stations."

"Hereafter the meetings of the Missions are to be called the New Hebrides Mission Synod, and the headquarters of the *Day-spring* to be Sydney instead of Melbourne. The moderator was Rev. Mr. Watt, of Kwamera, Mr. Matheson's old station on Tana, where he is getting on very well, and the Clerk, Rev. J. Inglis, a fine old gentleman, who is very methodical in every thing he does." Here follows an account of a visit to the Volcano, for which we have no room.

MR. AND MRS. ANNAND

arrived safely in Liverpool on Nov. 15th, after a ten days' voyage, somewhat boisterous, but perhaps no more so than is common at that season. When last heard of they were spending a week in Edinburgh, after enjoying what our correspondent calls a "gay time" among Mrs. Annand's friends, who embrace not a few celebrities in the north of England. We have not yet heard of the date of their departure from Britain for Australia, but there was no mail steamer from Liverpool for some time and the probability was that they would sail from London on the 21st December.

THE LATE REV. JOHN CAMPBELL.

Our October number contained an announcement of the death of the Rev. John Campbell. We have few men among us, who have been as long in the active ministry of the church, fewer who have had as much of toil and sacrifice in the high places of the Home Mission field, and in our opinion fewer still of such marked individuality of character, so that we feel ourselves not only warranted, but called by duty to give a more extended notice than usual of his life and labours.

EARLY TRAINING.

Mr. Campbell was born at Scotch Hill, about four miles from Pictou, on the 16th December, 1809. His parents were pious emigrants from the island of Eig, one of the small islands lying off the Western

Coast of Scotland. They were persons of little education, his father being unable to read, neither of them familiar with English, Gaelic being their mother tongue. They, however, feared God; his father being an elder in the congregation of West River, then under the pastoral charge of the late Rev. Duncan Ross. It is mentioned that, so well had he the Scriptures stored in his memory, though himself unable to read, that when his sons had acquired that art, though imperfectly, and read the scriptures at family worship, he was able to correct them when they made mistakes. He however died, when his son was yet young, leaving a considerable family in humble circumstances. His mother, however, survived to hear him preach the gospel, and particularly rejoiced to hear it from him in the loved strains of her own mountain tongue.

It will thus be seen that his youth was surrounded with few outward advantages, so that he owed his progress in life under God mainly to his own exertions. The family being in but moderate circumstances, and soon left without their natural head, part of his early years was spent in severe toil, thus hardening his bodily frame, which in after life showed an immense power of endurance. But early his mind was directed to secure an education, and for some time he daily walked from his home four miles to attend the Grammar School at Pictou, and back at night, having as companions in his daily journey, Dr. Gordon, now of Edinburgh, and Charles Robson, now of Halifax, both of whom then resided on the West River road, some distance from town.

COLLEGIATE COURSE.

From the Grammar School he passed to his collegiate course in the Pictou Academy. Here, besides those just mentioned, he had, as fellow-students, several, who have since distinguished themselves in various spheres, such as Dr. Ross, Principal of Dalhousie College, Governor Archibald of Manitoba, Chief Justice Ritchie of New Brunswick, and Dr. Geddie of Aneiteum.

In his course, both at Grammar School and College, he manifested those character-