

ber—to be then transferred to the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island for the winter. Mr. W. Frame, to the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island for November, and two Sabbaths of December.

Messrs. D. McMillan and J. Morton are left in the Presbytery of Halifax, both being under trials for ordination. Mr. Allan McLean also to remain in the mean time, in the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

The Home Mission operations of our Synod have reached a degree of expansion which necessitates considerable expenditure. The work, though arduous, is urgently required, and offers high promise of success. Those must be fed who in remote settlements hunger for the bread of life. And the glad tidings of redemption must be carried to those who are perishing for lack of knowledge. Can we permit this blessed and glorious enterprise to be arrested, and brought to a stand? Yet such must be the issue, to a large extent, if the treasury be not duly replenished, from time to time, by the liberal contributions of our people, all over the Church.

A. M'K.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

### DISTRESSING INTELLIGENCE FROM ERROMANGA—MARTYRDOM OF MR. AND MRS. GORDON.

We presume that all our readers have already heard of the sad tidings, which during the past month have reached us from our Mission in the South Seas. We give below all the particulars that have come to hand. It will be seen that Mr. McFarlane's letter very slightly differs as to some of the particulars of the sad event from the other letter, but from his having received them at second hand from a vessel, while the writer of the other letter was on the spot, the latter is likely to be the most correct. From Mr. Geddie's letter it will appear that another cause, beside Mr. Gordon's boldness in denouncing the judgments of God, has been assigned for the deed; and our opinion is that in all probability both will be found to have had an influence. The Church will await anxiously Mr. Geddie's report of the state of things on Erromanga.

#### MURDER OF A MISSIONARY AND HIS WIFE AT ERROMANGA.

*To the Editor of the Sydney Morning Herald:—*

Sir,—Would you kindly permit me, through your columns, to communicate the very distressing intelligence received by me to-day, of the barbarous double murder, by the natives of Erromanga, of the Rev. G. N. and Mrs. Gordon of the Nova Scotian Mission.

The letters accompanying this will afford full information concerning this most painful event.

One of the letters is from the Rev. L. McFarlane, of Lifu, an agent of the London Missionary Society. The other is from a gentleman, whose name I withhold at his own request, but whose testimony may be fully relied upon.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM CUTHBERTSON.

19 Stanley Street, July 22.

ERROMANGA, 7th June 1861.

*Rev. Wm. Cuthbertson,—Rev. Sir,—*It is with feelings of deep melancholy that I now have to communicate to you the distressing intelligence of the massacre by the natives here of our worthy missionary and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon.