

by the interest taken and offers of the Presbytery. "Allow me (he says) to devote the money you shall send to the support of native teachers principally in Erromanga, if you like, but with the liberty of trying some new field within the N. Hebrides. I am quite prepared to work a given district with the money, and report to you annually as to the true state of the cause at that district." And then he states as to native agency: "I have now 20 Erromangear teachers settled on that island, and, though they are not all in every respect suitable, yet many of them have had fair teaching for their special work. I believe a great change has taken place in Erromanga since we became missionaries 6 years ago, and I believe that change has, under God, been mainly brought about by my own teachers. Several of them have been trained by the late Mr. Gordon and many by myself, and I have settled them wherever I could get an opening, and visited them a great number of times, and the Lord has crowned our labours with more success than I could have hoped for. I do not hold extreme views about the usefulness or uselessness of native agency, but I do feel we must have such an agency, but remember only where there is a European Missionary to superintend the whole work." Then he exclaims "Surely Pictou will send us a Missionary soon, she has given many men to the home field, and a few to the Foreign Field, but she can do far more for the perishing heathen than she is doing. You began to prosper as a church after you obeyed the command, 'go ye into all the world' &c., and will ye now abandon because of one failure, and that no fault of yours or your Missionary? I am transcribing a translation of the Acts of the Apostles in Erromanga, to be printed in Sydney before we return to the Islands in April. If I can manage a little time before we leave, I shall (D. V.) write a short letter for your record, and shall be happy to do so again whenever I can get an opportunity of forwarding letters from Erromanga." In thus saying before the readers of the RECORD the latest communication from the Mission Field, I am offering a favour upon which I trust Missions are the chief end of the Christian Church, and the only duty of the

now the way is opened up for our having an investment in the Mission *not for ourselves.* Both Messrs. Campbell and Robertson have expressed themselves willing to further the objects of the Presbytery to the utmost extent in their power, and readers may judge by the above letter that it is not in words but in deed; wherefore let me invite the attention and liberality of the church. Let ministers state what they would have done in detail, not that the course is open, and let our members support a Heathen Mission as every church must that wants to be recognized and to prosper, and is it too much to ask that the ladies of our congregations, country and town, should prepare to send boxes as of vore to the Mission, and thus give tangible proof of their interest in the perishing heathen for whom Christ died?

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P. S.—Any suggestion in reference to the above will be welcomed.

PRESBYTERIAL OF PICTOU.

The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on Wednesday, 27th Feb. There was a large attendance, most of the members being present. The rev. A. J. McKichan, Moderator, occupied the chair.

After the reading of the minutes, a letter was read from the Civil Committee, intimating and enclosing the usual grant. The clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the same.

A letter was also read from Rev. J. Hutchison, Montreal, and it was agreed that Mr. Hutchison be asked to come and labour among us, chiefly at Salt-springs, for a few weeks.

Mr. Duncan McKenzie, Gaelic-speaking student, was appointed to labor at Earltown and the falls, immediately on the close of the College Session, in April.

Mr. McCunn was appointed to take charge of West Branch, River John, as before.