

which Islands now sustain any other modified relation to the Board. There are twenty-nine clergymen residing at those islands, who either sustain this modified relation, or have formerly been missionaries of the Board. Only two clergymen and two laymen, connected with education, derive their entire support from its treasury, and only nine of the clergymen depend upon it in part. As yet there are but four native pastors of churches, and as many formerly licensed native preachers. Not fewer than thirty-five or forty native preachers have been li-

censed informally. The past year has been distinguished neither by prosperity nor adversity. For a time there has been unusual religious interest at Honolulu. One thousand one hundred and sixty-nine hopeful converts were received into the twenty-one churches during the year, and those churches now contain 21,943 members in regular standing. The schools of all grades, supported almost wholly by the Hawaiian Government at an expense exceeding \$40,000, embrace nearly 12,000 pupils."

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## News of the Church.

**PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.**—The Presbytery of Pictou met at Antigonish on the 9th Eeby. The greater part of the time of their sitting was occupied in the consideration of matters affecting the state of the congregation. A petition was presented from the congregation of West Branch praying the Presbytery to appoint one of their number to moderate in a call to one to be their pastor. Mr John Grant appeared as Commissioner, who stated that the congregation were unanimous in their application, and that they authorized him to promise the sum of £130 per annum to their pastor payable quarterly in advance. The Presbytery agreed to grant the prayer of the petition, and appointed the Rev David Roy to moderate in said call on Tuesday 2nd March at 11 o'clock. It was agreed to meet in conference with the Free Church Presbytery of Pictou, at such time and place as that Presbytery may agree upon, should that Presbytery agree to the proposal, it being understood that a similar motion would be introduced in that Presbytery which was to meet on the following day. A committee was appointed to make arrangements with the brethren of the other Presbytery, for the conference should it be agreed on, and also for holding a public meeting at the same time. The Committee on the Charlotte Town church reported their proceedings, and they were continued with power to prosecute their efforts as they may see cause. Supply of preaching until the next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to the congregations of West River, Central Church, West River, West Branch and New Annan. Meetings of the different

sections of the New Annan congregation were appointed to be held, and they are directed to report their proceedings in the payment of arrears due to the late Rev. Robert Blackwood, and also their wishes as to arrangements of future supply of preaching in the different sections of the congregation, at next meeting of Presbytery which will be held at New Annan on Tuesday, 9th March. Mr George Roddick under call to the congregation of West River was appointed to give in his trials for ordination at the same meeting.

**CALL.**—We understand that the congregation of Economy and Five Islands, have given a unanimous and cordial call to Mr James A. Murray to be their pastor.

**PRESENTATION.**—The Ladies of Middle Stewiacke presented their pastor, the Rev. ALEXANDER CAMERON, with a superior set of Buffalo Robes, as a New-Year's gift.

A correspondent writing of Shnbena-die, says that a Presbyterian congregation there which a few years ago hesitated at paying a salary of £130 to its minister, paid £165 for the year 1857, and gave the minister a waggon valued at about £20. In addition to this, an amount about equal to the salary was contributed for other church purposes. For the present year the ministers salary is to be increased to £200. This looks like prosperity.—*Sun.*

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### Notices, Acknowledgments, &c

Monies received by the Treasurer from 20th January to 20th February, 1858:—