

to cultivate a spirit of harmony and brotherly feeling, in the hope that the Providence of God may yet open the way for a cordial union of parties there."

It is matter for sincere congratulation that these cases from Prince Edward Island were so harmoniously disposed of. That each case was judged on its own merits is apparent from the fact that the same parties were alternately at the bar as defendants and as complainants, and that, after a full discussion the decisions were unanimous. The discussions on all hands were conducted in the best spirit: and during the three long sittings which were devoted to them, scarcely a word was uttered which required modification or explanation. We trust that these facts will exercise their due influence on the parties concerned, and that before next meeting of Synod all the difficulties in Charlottetown will disappear. A suggestion offered by Professor Ross should not be lost upon them: Let them hold religious meetings—union prayer meetings alternately in each Church once a fortnight or more frequently—and then it will not be difficult to consummate their union.

MONDAY, JULY 1.—MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met according to adjournment, at 9 o'clock. After devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes, the Rev. W. Murray, in the absence of Rev. W. McCulloch, reported from the Committee to prepare an address on Education to the Churches. The Address had been issued in the April number of the *Record*, and was in members' hands. The Report was approved of.

The Synod then took up the reference of the Presbytery of Pictou relative to Division. It was proposed to erect a "Presbytery of Tatamagouche" to consist of the following congregations and stations now in connexion with the Presbytery of Pictou: River John, Tatamagouche, New Annan, Wallace, Goose River and Wallace River. Earlton would have been added, only that the minister resides at Roger's Hill. This division was agreed upon after considerable discussion.

The Synod took up the Report of the Foreign Mission Board which was read by Rev. J. Bayne, the Secretary. It furnished a succinct account of the origin and progress of the Mission to the South Seas. The Board was formed in 1844. Mr. Geddie offered his services in 1845; it was about three years after this that he landed on Aneiteum and commenced his labors. The state of the island on Mr. Geddie's arrival was described, and then its present condition, which is delightful to contemplate. There are 194 members in full communion with the church. Seven deacons and seven elders have been chosen out and appointed, and perform their appropriate work with zeal and discretion. Mr. Inglis, who has laboured most harmoniously with Mr. Geddie, arrived on the field somewhat later, and his church numbers 131 members. He has 14 deacons and elders. These two congregations had last year given no less than £150 sterling worth of arrow-root for the cause of Missions, and it is Mr. Geddie's opinion that they will continue to contribute.

Mr. Gordon was but two years on Erromanga at the date of his last report. Much fruit could not therefore be expected, still there were signs of good, as encouraging as those which marked the Aneiteum Mission at the same stage of its history.

Mr. Matheson had laboured little more than a year in Tana, owing to his serious and protracted illness. There is much promise of success in connexion with his labors.

Mr. Johnston had not had much experience of the work when last heard from. He is settled on the same island with Mr. Matheson. The Report referred to the dangers that surrounded some of our Missionaries, arising chiefly from the machinations of European traders.

Rev. John Stewart gave a sketch of the rise and progress of the Turkish Mission, and of the funds in hand. Two questions were proposed by the Board. 1. Shall the New Hebrides Mission be increased? 2. Shall the Greek Mission be abandoned?

The Board had before them the resignation of Rev. Petros Constantini les—owing to ill health and other discouraging circumstances. Mr. Constantini les stated in his resignation, that even if his health should allow, he could not return