

## Items.

LATEST FROM THE NEW HEBRIDES.—  
Extract from the last letter of Rev. Dr. Steel to the secretary of the Eastern Committee:—

“Sydney, Feb. 20, 1881.

I have heard the new missionary, Mr. Holt lately settled at Api, is to return. His house was burned and since then he has been prostrated with fever. How many changes take place in a short time in the mission field.

The Rev. Thomas Neilson has been exposing the labor traffic in the Melbourne press. It is not easy to clear the seas of infamous conduct, though it is easy to send men-of-war to punish the natives for outrages.

ROBERT STEEL.”

LETTERS from Rev. H. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson of Eromanga, and from Rev. Jos. Annand of Aneityum will appear in our next.

THE Synod of the Maritime Provinces meets in New Glasgow, at seven o'clock, on the evening of the last day of May. Opening sermon by Rev. J. B. Logan, M. A., retiring Moderator.

### Presbytery of St. John.

Rev. W. R. Paradis, who has been laboring as missionary principally among the French at Grand Falls, has resigned his charge and will leave his field on the first of May. On the 10th inst. he received eleven new members into the membership of his church, eight of whom were Danes. Mr. J. Morin has been appointed by the Board of French Evangelization to take his place.

Rev. E. Roberts' demission of his charge at Harvey has been accepted by the Presbytery of St. John, and his pulpit will be declared vacant early in May.

Rev. P. Melville in view of accepting a

call to the congregation of St. Columbia Church, West Banch, E. River, Pictou, has demitted his charge of Stanley and Nashwaak.

Mr. Andrew Love who has been studying in Glasgow, Scotland, is expected to arrive in St. Stephen about the first of May, and it is understood that he will be immediately called by the congregation of St. Stephen.

### Presbytery of Wallace.

It has within its bounds 11 congregations: four of these at present vacant. Presbytery meets regularly on the first Tuesday of February, May, August, and November. At the last regular meeting the following appointments were made in the interest of the schemes of the Church:—Foreign Missions, Rev. H. B. McKay; Home Missions and French Evangelization, Rev. F. W. Archibald; Supplementing Fund, Rev. T. Sedgewick; College, Rev. A. Gray; Aged and Infirm Ministers and Assembly Fund, Rev. Samuel Boyd.

Messers Glass and Boyd, *ministers*, and Messers Drummond and Mitchell, *elders*, were elected commissioners to the General Assembly.

By a majority of *one* the Presbytery declared its preference for the Supplementing Fund in the present circumstances of the Church, instead of a sustentation scheme.

Presbytery meets at Tatamagouche on the 3rd of May, at 11 a. m. A conference on the state of religion will be held in the evening.

Rev. Thos. Murray has been supplying the congregation at Port Elgin and Shemogue during the winter. His appointment ends with the present month.

Mr. E. Gillies remains at Earlton until 1st of May.

New Churches:—A new church was opened at Shemogue a little over a year ago. St. Stephen's congregation, Amherst, (which was organized August 30th, 1875, and of which the Rev. F. W. Archibald,