

ray supplying his pulpit, and to declare the church vacant; and Rev. Mr. Murray was appointed to supply it on the fourth Sabbath of November and the second one of December. The petition of the New London section, praying to be united to Summerfield was then considered, together with the desire of Summerfield to be so united, when the Presbytery agreed unanimously to grant the prayer of the petition, and to organize New London and Summerfield into a separate congregation, to be hereafter known as the New London and Summerfield congregation. In closing this part of the day's proceedings, the Presbytery was highly gratified at the success which has attended Rev. Mr. Murray's comparatively brief pastorate of the united congregation, resulting as his indefatigable labors have done in the organization of a new and self-sustaining congregation. The zealous and successful efforts put forth by the different sections of the congregations, were regarded as highly commendable and well worthy the imitation of other congregations within the bounds of Presbytery, either to the increase of their pastors' salaries which are in many cases entirely too small, or to the division of extensive congregations and the organization of new ones. It is therefore to be hoped that the example set by Rev. Mr. Murray's congregation, will not be lost on other congregations under the inspection of Presbytery.

The Presbytery taking into its solemn consideration that since its last meeting, information has been received of the violent and melancholy death of Rev. G. N. Gordon, one of the Foreign Missionaries of the Church, a native of this Island, and brought up in connection with a congregation under the care of the Presbytery, agreed unanimously that on the third Sabbath of November, ministers direct the attention of their people to this afflictive dispensation of Providence, seek to humble themselves under the "mighty hand of God," and fervently pray that he would speedily raise up others to occupy the waste places in the missionary field. Presbytery also agreed to express its deep sympathy with the parents and other relatives of the deceased and murdered missionary, and appointed Revs. R. S. Patterson, and R. Laird, a Committee to prepare and forward to them a letter of condolence on this mournful occasion.

Taking into consideration the abundant goodness of God in the plentiful harvest which has been gathered, and other temporal favors which have crowned the various seasons of the year, the Presbytery agreed to recommend to the congregations under its care, the observance of Thursday, the 12th December next, as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for his unmerited goodness, should the Government of the Colony not appoint a day previous to that time.

Rev. Mr. Murray gave notice of a motion at the next meeting, respecting the two items in the statistical returns from the Island congregations, specially remarked on by the Committee on Statistics in their Report presented to Synod at its last meeting.—*Protestant.*

WHAT ONE CONVERT CAN DO.

About five years ago, a Chinese convert came to Hong Kong from Bok-lo, a town about a hundred miles in the interior, in the Quang-tong province. He had been converted through the labors of a colporteur, and sought the missionaries for advice and instruction. He was baptized and instructed, and shortly returned to his native town. The next year he came again, bringing with him a new convert, who had been brought to Christ by his teaching; the next year, and the next, he came again, each time with two converts. Early in 1860, he came a fifth time, bringing

nine converts for baptism; and in the spring of that year, a missionary visited the place, and baptized 44 more. At the commencement of the present year, the aged christian came again with 16 more; and on a subsequent visit, the missionaries, Messrs. Chalmers and Legge, found a people prepared for the Lord. A great number offered themselves for admission, and a chapel and mission-house were to be purchased and fitted up at once, the Chinese in Hong Kong furnishing the means. Such a movement is unprecedented in China, and we may well hope it is but the precursor of still more glorious progress for the truth.