

us, watching us with evident wonder; but when I produced a bottle of goat's milk, his curiosity got the better of him, and, calling to the others, they all came round to see it, one of them who had been at Queensland saying, in a tone of superior knowledge, that it was *milik*. The chief would not be persuaded to touch it, but turning up his nose, thought, no doubt, that our appetites were very depraved. Before leaving we sung a hymn. Mr. Milne read a few Gospel texts and spoke a little to the natives, and Masogoa prayed. It was mid-afternoon when we got away, and so rough that we had to lay over to Faté under a double-reefed sail, but by the time we got under shelter of land the wind had calmed down. We were then in smooth water and hoisted all sail, but it was almost dark by the time we got to the entrance of Havanah Harbour. At length we reached the sandy point, glad to get ashore and find the McDonalds all well. I had not seen them for four months. Next afternoon we returned to Nguna. These sea-voyages were rather miserable, owing to a bad leak in the boat, making it necessary to bale her constantly, besides everything being soaked with salt water. I am sure you will rejoice to hear of this new opening and footing we have obtained at the other end of Nguna. We have now six stations, mission property, two of which are large enough for, and ought to have, a missionary, but which have not even native teachers. Although slowly, the work is progressing, and we are finding gradually another step gained up the hill."

## News of the Church.

### Presbytery of Halifax.

THE Presbytery of Halifax met in St. Matthew's Church, on Tuesday, July 13. A unanimous and enthusiastic call from Milford and Gays River, addressed to Mr. Ephraim Scott, was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to him. A petition from Richmond, asking to be set apart as a separate congregation, was allowed to lay on the table in the meantime, and the members of Presbytery in the city were appointed a committee to consider the whole question of supply for the suburbs, and also the question of a Sabbath afternoon service to be held in one of the city Churches. In response to a petition from the Musquodoboit congregation, the Upper Settlement was set apart as a distinct charge, the division to take place on the 1st of October. Rev. Thomas Tallach was received as a

minister of this Church from the Presbytery of Glasgow in connection with the Church of Scotland. The following appointments of supply among others were made:—

*For Annapolis and Bridgetown:* Mr. Ephraim Scott for the month of August and Mr. Neish for the 3rd and 4th Sabbath of September.

*For Cornwallis North:* Mr. Neish for the 4th and 5th of August, and Mr. Cormack for the 1st and 2nd of September.

*For Cornwallis West:* Mr. Bayne for the 1st and 2nd Sabbaths of August; Mr. Neish for the 1st and 2nd of September and Mr. Cormack for the 3rd and 4th of September.

*For Milford and Gays River:* Mr. McGregor for the 2nd of August, Mr. Bayne for the 3rd and 4th of August, and Mr. Galbraith for the 1st of September.

*For Kempt and Wallace:* Mr. Neish for the first three Sabbaths of August; and Mr. Galbraith for the last three Sabbaths of September.

*For Little River, &c.:* Mr. Cormack for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sabbaths of August and Mr. Bayne for the 5th of August, and 1st of September.

*For Kennetcook and Gore:* Mr. Gunn for 1st Sabbath of August; Mr. Cormack for the 5th Sabbath of August, and Mr. Bayne for the last three Sabbaths of September.

*For Richmond and N. W. Arm:* Mr. Cormack, for the 1st of August; and Mr. Galbraith for the last three Sabbaths of August.

*For Bedford:* Mr. Black for the month of August.

*For Newport:* Mr. McMillan for 1st Sabbath of August, Mr. Simpson for 2nd, Mr. Falconer for 3rd; Mr. Logan for 4th, and Mr. Grant for the 5th.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be held (D. V.) in St. Matthew's Church on Tuesday, August 31st, at 11 A. M.

### Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou, met in Jesus Church, New Glasgow, on the 20th of August and was constituted by the Rev. D. Blair, Moderator *pro tem.*, with whom present, the Revs. John Stewart, George Patterson, D. D., James Thompson, James Lees, John Mackinnon, Alexander Blair, Thomas Cumming, and E. A. McMillan, ministers; and Messrs. John Miller, James Logan, James Arthur, John Thos. Anderson, and James Cumming, ruling elders. The missions were sustained from the session of Salem Church, Green Hill, and the united congregations of New Glasgow, appointing Messrs. John Thomas Arthur, Daniel McDonald as their representatives in the higher Church Courts.