

district was burned, Poor Manuman has now been chased from village to village, with his remaining people, half over Tanna, and every day some are murdered, and villages are burned. Women and children, young and old, are murdered and cooked as they fall into the hands of the enemy, and some are sent as presents to friendly chiefs.

My boat is left at Port Resolution. All my personal property, and nearly all my mission property, to the value of about £600 has been stolen and destroyed. This does not include mission houses. And alas! our worship is suspended for the present. Some may regret that we had not left sooner and prevented such loss, and others may think we ought not to have left. To all such we can only say we remained at our post as long as possible, and thought it to be our duty to do so, and we entreat them to judge sparingly; and rather to give us and our work on Tanna a continued and deepened interest in their prayers. Do not lose heart. Satan's apparent triumph may be only of short duration. True, to some Tanna may appear to be now what it was twenty years ago; but I believe that there is an amount of religious knowledge communicated and believed even now on Tanna, that all the powers of darkness will not be able to withdraw; and even now on Aneiteum, Mr. Matheson has twelve of his Tanes living with him, and daily under his instructions. Let us then examine and learn from the past, diligently improve the present, and hope for victory at no distant day. "T. y. will be done."

Review of the Past Month.

Our Synod completed its business on the first of the present month—having sat for five days. The number of clergymen present was not so large as on former occasions—there being only one instead of four from the Presbyterian of Halifax, and the Rev. Mr. McLean of Belfast having been necessarily absent in consequence of severe family affliction. An additional member was added to the roll—the Rev. Mr. Gunn of Broad Cove, Cape Breton, formerly in connection with the Free Church. The vénéralable form of the late Dr. McGillivray was sadly missed at this meeting, and it will be long, we fear, before the blank can be adequately filled up. In addition to the usual routine business of the Synod, several subjects of an important and interesting nature were brought under discussion. The condition of the various schemes was brought under review, and certain resolutions passed concerning them. As the whole details will appear, we trust, in the next number of the *Record*, we will not anticipate them in this place. We will only mention that the new Foreign Mission Scheme wears a very encouraging aspect. £250 have been already subscribed, to be continued annually; and it will

be observed in another place that the late Mrs. McLean, the deceased wife of the Rev. Mr. McLean of Belfast, P. E. I., has left a legacy to this mission, of £60. May the pious example which this lamented lady has left behind her, not be without due fruit.

On Monday evening the 30th ult., a public meeting of the members and adherents of our Church was held in St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, at which the claims of the Home and Foreign Missions, as well as the Young Men's Scheme, were advocated with great force and earnestness.

It is to be hoped that in the course of the present year, some additional assistance may be rendered us in the form of missionary services. Our destitution is very great indeed. River John is anxiously pleading for regular ministerial services, and is willing to pay for them. Barney's River and McLellan's Mountain are vacant. There is not only room, but very urgent necessity, for another missionary for Prince Edward Island. Pugwash is without a minister, and the case of Cape Breton is still more pressing. The truth is, at the present moment we could give ample employment to five or six additional missionaries—and were they on the ground and animated with the true missionary spirit, we are convinced that much would be done by our own people towards their support.

The cause of education was brought before the Synod by Dr. Forrester, the Superintendent of Education, and the lamentable condition of this great instrument of civil and religious progress in this Province justifies all the earnestness and anxiety which thoughtful and patriotic men have manifested in its behalf.

It seems there is some prospect of another attempt being made to revive Dalhousie College, by converting it into a Provincial University. The Government are willing to endow three chairs. Our Presbyterian brethren talk of endowing two, and the Church of Scotland is expected to endow one. The object is certainly a laudable and desirable one, but as yet has made too little progress to justify us in expressing any opinion as to its feasibility or probable success.

Our brethren of the sister church, we deeply regret to learn, have again suffered severely in one of their Foreign Mission stations. Both the Rev. Mr. Paton of the Reformed Church, and the Rev. Mr. Matheson, have been obliged to leave Tanna under circumstances of great danger, their lives having been repeatedly attempted and the mission property almost entirely destroyed. The story is a very sad and trying one, and Mr. Paton's journal, an extract from which will be found in another column is most painfully interesting.

We have inserted as much of the proceedings of the General Assembly as we could find room for in the present number. Our readers will be glad to find that the Colonial