

owing to Captain McLeod, of the schooner *Donald McLean*, having taken away two of his wives and a number of his people to Port-au-France, New Caledonia, and he is waiting for an opportunity to take vengeance. He intended to come on board the *Dayspring* the day on which he left with a number of his men, as if friendly to us, and then suddenly fall on us and kill all the white people on board. We left, however, at daybreak, and thus providentially escaped. I have heard that the captain of one of these slaving vessels having come to an island where he knew Bishop Pattison had been visiting, dressed himself like a Bishop, went ashore with a Bible in his hand, and sang Psalms in order to allure the natives on board, and that he thus obtained a good number. That is the most diabolical plan I have heard tried. On the 2nd October, Mr. Williams, nephew to the late John Williams, missionary in Polynesia, was killed by natives. A chief Kwamera brought us word that, as Mr. Williams was returning to the house of a Mr. Smith, a trader, with whom he was residing, he was waylaid and shot by an under-chief of the Kasse-Kasse tribe of Tannese. He was then carried away to a village called Jtaumarin, and, according to their custom, tied up by the hands to a Banyan or sacred tree, and next morning was taken down, cut up, cooked, and distributed among the villagers. One of the chiefs refused to accept a piece of an arm, because Mr. Watt, a missionary, was then living on his land."

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## News of the Church.

### An Example.

The congregation of Sheet Harbour long enjoyed an occasional visit from the late Rev. John Sprott, with an additional call at rare intervals of some other missionary. When the father named resigned charge of Musquodoboit congregation he commenced to furnish a monthly supply, which he continued till the settlement of their late pastor, Rev. J. Waddell, some six years ago. By an effort they then undertook to raise \$400, on which, with a supplement of \$160, Mr. Waddell was settled. At the time considerable support was expected from Tangier gold mines, and these expectations not having been realized, it was with great difficulty that the people made good their engagements.

Having succeeded in securing a pastor as Mr. Waddell's successor, in every way fitted for his post, they have determined as the following resolution will show, to become self-sustaining.

SHEET HARBOUR, May 13, 1870.

At a Congregational meeting held this evening, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to:—

*Whereas*, We, as a congregation, have been receiving a supplement of one hundred and twenty dollars per year for a period of six years, and being now in a position to become self sustaining,

*Therefore Resolved*, That the thanks of this congregation be tendered to the Halifax Presbytery for their kindness in the past, and that they be requested no longer to recommend us to receive aid from the Supplementary Fund.

JOHN TUPPER.

When it is considered that Mr. Dickie's induction took place less than a year ago, that the congregation is neither numerous nor concentrated, and that they are building at the present time, three places of public worship, one at Sheet Harbour to replace the old church, and the others at Quoddy and at Mosers River, where there was none previously, it will appear that this is an example which should lead some larger and stronger congregations to adopt the same resolution.

The success of our Supplementary Scheme or its passing into a well wrought Sustentation Fund, will require first, the continued and increasing liberality of the stronger congregations generally, so that all may contribute cheerfully and from principle, as they now do to Home and Foreign Missions; and secondly, that only those who really require aid shall be receivers. The impression is strong and general throughout the body that some congregations are receiving aid, not at all on account of poverty or of small numbers, but simply from, poverty of spirit, want of system and lack of independence. Such cases *must be corrected*. There are two ways in which this may be done. The supplement may be withdrawn but this is painful to all parties. It may be handsomely given up to be expended where it will do real good, and this way, (the Sheet Harbour way) is honourable and pleasant to all concerned.