

A native preacher, besides being better able to endure all this fatigue, is often at first more welcome at a heathen village and more successful in holding intercourse with them. They will generally, when he begins to visit them, rush off to the bush. But this does not dishearten him, he remembers how he once did the same himself. Sabbath after Sabbath he goes among them, until at length some appear a little more friendly and offer him a little food. Gradually their prejudice wears away, and they begin to listen to his message. Some of their more abominable customs are given up, and they begin to observe the Sabbath.

During all this time the missionary occasionally accompanies the teacher, to sound them whether or not they are any more willing to have him settle among them. At length to his unspeakable delight they answer that they wish him to remain.

It is my intention, if spared to return to my station, to select a number of young men, and endeavour to train them for becoming more efficient teachers. Those we have employed hitherto, although successful in breaking up the ground and bringing on a village to a certain stage, have not been of much service in the work of building up.

Now in order to give them a better training to qualify them for the work, we would require the tangible support of some of the friends of the mission. These young men would require to give up their plantations and live on the mission premises. The expense of supporting them would be about twenty five dollars each a year. But to lessen it a little they could be employed in keeping the mission premises in repair, assist in the schools and intenerate with me when required.

Perhaps there are some interested enough in the work to lend us a helping hand in this matter. By doing so they would render invaluable aid in assisting to establish the Redeemer's Kingdom on the island of Efiata.

J. W. MACKENZIE.

Miscellaneous.

Presbytery of Victoria & Richmond.

The Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond met according to appointment in the church at Strath Lorne, Tuesday, Aug. 30th. There was a full attendance of ministers and two ruling elders. The business which first occupied the attention of the Presbytery was Mr. Campbell's trials which consisted of a popular sermon, a lecture, exercise and additions, (in Greek) reading in Hebrew and Greek, Examination in Church History and Theology. The Presbytery having taken a conjunct view of the trials, unanimously agreed to sustain them. The edict of ordination and induction having been served in due form and there being no objection to the life or doctrine of Mr. Campbell, the Rev. D. McDougall preached an appropriate sermon from Ephesians iii-8. The Rev. Wm. Grant narrated the principal steps taken towards filling this vacancy and then called on Mr. Campbell, the minister elect, to answer the questions appointed to be put to ministers before ordination. The answers by Mr. Campbell were satisfactory. The congregation also gave a renewed assent to their call by rising to a standing posture.

The Rev. Murdoch Stewart M. A., offered the ordination prayer, surrounded by his brethren, during which Mr. Campbell, kneeling, was, by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, set apart to the office of the holy ministry and committed for guidance and success therein to the grace of God. He received the right hand of fellowship, and was inducted in the usual way to the pastoral charge of the congregation and to all the rights and privileges thereto pertaining. The other members of Presbytery also gave to him the right hand of fellowship. The Rev. Mr. Grant exhorted the minister, and Rev. Mr. McKenzie the congregation, as to their respective duties. The people on retiring gave their minister a cordial welcome, and he was formally introduced to the Session by the Rev. Mr. Grant, who had acted till now, since his appointment nearly three years ago as interim moderator of said Session.

Mr. Thomas Stewart, student, being present, and having presented to the court certificates of attendance at Dalhousie College during the past four sessions with a view to enter the Theological Hall next winter; the Presbytery being well acquainted with Mr. Stewart, as a member