

but had entered through "the golden gate of the Pacific" into that heaven of gamblers—California, and returning, probably by way of Salt Lake, had imbibed somewhat of the spirit (singular) of the latter day saints. Borrowing the colouring of the future from the past, his paradise far transcended Mahomet's.

But enough, or, some may think, too much, of such nonsense. I returned better fitted for undertaking many "a day's work in Truro," being strengthened, I trust, by my visit to Wallace, where I found my friend Mr. Anderson with even more stations than I have. Besides occasional ones, I found that he supplies eight regularly, viz.: Pugwash, River Philip, Pugwash River, and Victoria—which could properly form one charge. Then, Wallace, Fox Harbour, Stake Road, and Gooseshore, which might with propriety form another. The combined charge, I learned, on enquiry, extends about 30 miles along the shore, and in some places 12 miles back. Although the pastor's labours are diffused over so wide a field—a great source of weakness in itself—yet, from the fact that some fifty communicants were added to the roll during the year, '69-70, it may be safely concluded that they are not in vain. In the eight stations above mentioned there are but three churches owned by us, but there is a fourth in which our people have a right in common with other Protestant denominations. One feature in connection with the congregation of Wallace particularly pleased, though it did not surprise me, for it is a feature possessed in common with many other congregations of our church. I refer to the amount of work done by the ladies. I would like to describe the beautiful manse, erected chiefly by their efforts, and the many other improvements in and about the church which they, lead on by the wife of Senator the Hon. Alexander MacFarlane, have effected or assisted in; but want of space forbids. In the meantime, I conclude by wishing every success to the *Record* in its improved form, and remain yours, &c., W.

## News of our Church.

Rev. Mr. Dund.

This gentleman did not arrive by the "City of Cork," as was expected. He will in all probability be by the steamer due here about the 10th inst., and will proceed at once to the Albion Mines and Westville, where he is to labour till

the next meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou. We hope to be able to chronicle soon the arrival of one or two other Missionaries, as the Convener of the Home Mission Board is now in correspondence with several. In the meantime, the least that our vacancies ought to do is to support vigorously their Presbytery Home Mission, and to have their local collections for services made in advance, that we may keep the promises made to the Colonial Committee, and do our duty for the future,—as we ought to do.

### Co-operation.

According to appointment, a second Conference was held between the Presbytery of Tatamagouche and a Committee of the Presbytery of Pictou, at Tatamagouche, on the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 17th. The utmost friendliness was manifested, and a Minute adopted, expressing the gratification that both parties had received from the Conference. The minute will be laid before the Presbytery of Pictou at its meeting in March.

### St. Andrew's Church Benevolent Society, Halifax.

The 41st Annual Report of this Society is before us, and shows a favorable result of last year's work. The subscriptions to its funds have increased considerably; and while more work has been done, and more money spent in purchasing provisions and fuel for the poor of the congregation, there is a larger balance on hand than at the close of the preceding year. The subjoined extract will give an idea of the Committee's plan: "The additional outlay was met by the sale of garments by poor women, to whom a commission was granted on such garments as they could sell at a cheaper rate to their poor friends. In this way the Committee believe that they are doing a double work—they afford to some poor yet honest person the opportunity of realizing a small sum daily, and they are, on the other hand, providing substantial garments at a low price for such poor persons as may feel inclined. The Committee appoint one or more of their number to visit those whom they benefit in any way, to make personal