

movement. All the churches give similar testimony. Never since the Reformation has Scotland had such an ingathering into the Master's Kingdom. Many portions of our own Dominion, notably Prince Edward Island, have shared in a similar blessing. Oh! that the Lord would visit all the tribes of Israel! "Wilt thou not revive us again?"

THE OLD CATHOLIC CONGRESS.—The congress of the Old Catholics was to have been opened on the 6th inst., at Freiburg-in-Breisgau. Members of other Christian Churches were, as on former occasions, invited, and English, American, and Russian sympathizers were expected. The congress will endeavor to obtain, as in Prussia, a law similar to that already passed in Baden, giving them a share in property belonging to the Roman Catholic Church. It will also be proposed that priests should be chosen by their flocks, and that Church property should be managed by a committee elected by the communities, subject, in all cases, to the approval of the Government. The regulations lately adopted by the Old Catholics in Switzerland will likewise be discussed.

THE GREEK CHURCH.—The *Russian Gazette* of Moscow learns that some important modifications are contemplated in the inner organization of the Russian Church. At present, candidates for holy orders are required to marry before they are made deacons, and should they subsequently become widowers they forfeit their eligibility for the office of bishop, unless they previously take monastic vows and enter a religious order. This condition deters a good many eminent divines from accepting episcopal promotion. It is now proposed to leave it with the bishops to require marriage as a pre-requisite to the making of deacons or the ordaining of priests or not, at their own discretion, and also to admit unmarried or widowed priests to the episcopal office provided they have passed their 40th year.

FREQUENT anonymous gifts of £1000 to national and metropolitan charities have appeared in the English papers. The *Central News* believes the donor "who does good by stealth and blushes to find

it fame" to be no less a personage than Queen Victoria, who will have given away upwards of £100,000 in this manner.

Reply of the Governor-General to the Synod's Address of 1873.

Halifax, Aug. 5th, 1873.

SIR,—I am directed by the Governor-General to enclose to you His Excellency's reply to the Address of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obed't servant,
H. C. FLETCHER,
Governor's Secy.

The Rev. P. Keay, St. Andrew's, New Brunswick.

To the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces :

GENTLEMEN,—It has been my good fortune, on previous occasions, to have had the honor of receiving deputations from the Presbyterian Church in this country.

From all these deputations I have heard, with deep satisfaction, expressions of loyalty to the Crown, and of contentment with the political constitution under which they live.

Owing to the fortunate circumstances of my life, I have passed many years in the midst of a Presbyterian population, and I can only repeat what I have said on other occasions, that I have had frequent opportunities of observing the beneficial influence which the Presbyterian Church exercised on its congregations, and of remarking to how great an extent industry, christian charity and other virtues which adorn high civilization flourish under the effect of its teaching. I feel certain that similar good influences will be found to exist in the Churches of Halifax and of Nova Scotia generally.

I thank you, as Her Majesty's Representative, for your loyal expressions of attachment to the Crown, in which I feel that all sections of religious denominations will cordially concur, although I may, without any prejudice to other