

Young Men's Scheme.

To carry on the public affairs of the Church in a regular, systematic manner, and infuse vigour into our Church Courts and congregations, it is necessary that some influential member should be appointed to act as convener, to direct and superintend the proceedings of our respective Committees and sessions.

We have often felt the want of such a public accredited agent, since the commencement of our Journal, and we feel it deeply at the present moment. At the last meeting of the Council of Nova Scotia, the different Presbyteries were enjoined to make collections in aid of the Young Men's Scheme, in all the congregations and preaching stations within their respective bounds any time before the last day of November. Now the time for making these collections has expired, without any public notice of such collections having been given by any person considering himself bound to give the appropriate information and express the sympathies and liberality of the people in favour of this Scheme.

We hope it is not too late for the Presbytery of Pictou to make the necessary arrangements, to supply the desired information so as to secure a public collection for this object some time before the ensuing meeting of the Synod.

Death of Peter Crerar, Esq., Pictou.

At Pictou on Wednesday the 5th November, Peter Crerar, Esq. a native of Breadalban, Perthshire, Scotland, first Deputy Mayor and Registrar of Deeds for the City of Pictou, aged 71. But few men are missed from our midst whose loss will be generally or so extensively regretted. He left a widow and seven sons to mourn his loss. His catholic spirit, his clear judgment and his honest disposition made him one of the most respected members of the community, as was well evinced by one of the largest funeral processions ever witnessed in this place. He was connected with the Church of Scotland from his youth, and long to her standards through all her difficulties, and was chairman of St. Andrew's church for many years previous to his death, in which capacity he gave entire satisfaction. Among his last expressions were these words, "I have unwavering confidence in Christ Jesus my Saviour."

Young Men's Christian Association.

The second lecture for this season, in connection with this Association was delivered last evening last by the Rev. Robert A. McLeod. The Hall was crowded to excess and the lecturer was listened to with marked interest. The lecture was a very able one on the "Sphere and Influence of Woman in a Society." The lecturer first showed that woman was not her sphere. She was made for the tented field, the legislative bench, the bar nor the jury box. It was her proper sphere that to which she has always been condemned in heathen times to be the subject slave of man. The harem, and the nunnery, are all alien to her interests as well as to the

interests of the human race. The factory too is utterly unsuitable to the peculiar powers and faculties and weaknesses of woman. What then is the proper sphere of woman? Home! Home with all its fond endearments, its joys, and sorrows, and cares. The home influence is the most potent in the world. The lecturer then showed the influence of woman—as an infant, as a young girl, as a daughter, as an elder sister, as a wife, as a mother, and finally a member of the Church. This meagre sketch will not convey any idea to the reader of the powerful and copious stream of eloquence poured forth by Mr. Sedgewick for the space of two hours and a half. The peroration was singularly beautiful. We hope that Mr S. will take some means of giving to the world this lecture, and the one he delivered in the same place last year. The next lecture is to be delivered by the Rev. Charles Churchill on "Life and Times of the Patriarch Job."—*Presbyterian Witness*

Ordination of a Foreign Missionary.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Prince Street Church, Pictou, for the ordination of Mr John Wm Matheson, preacher of the gospel, as a missionary to the South Seas. The services of the day were commenced by the Rev James Watson, who preached from Rom. i. 15, "So as much as in me is I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Home also." The Rev George Patterson then narrated the steps, and put to Mr Matheson the questions of the formula, when the Rev George Walker in solemn and impressive supplication led the devotions of the presbytery as Mr Matheson was by prayer and by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly set apart as a missionary to the heathen. The Rev James Bayne then delivered suitable exhortations to the young missionary, and the Rev A.P. Miller addressed the congregation, and the services were concluded with prayer, praise, and the apostolic benediction.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE

Important Decision in the Church of England.

Our readers will find, in another column, a statement of the steps that have been taken in the case of Archdeacon Denison, since we adverted last month to the subject. They will see that the Archbishop of Canterbury has given effect to the finding formerly arrived at; and as the archdeacon has declined to withdraw the heretical doctrine which he was found to hold, has visited him with the sentence of deprivation. Though the archbishop's decision has been appealed against, it must, unless reversed, and till reversed, be held as settling the law of the Church of England. It is a most important step, and may form an era in the history of the English Church. At any time, it would have been a very important decision; but amid the Romanising tendencies which a portion of the English Church has lately been displaying, its importance can hardly be over-rated. If the decision should be affirmed,—if it should be found, on appeal, that clergymen holding the amount of Romish doctrine which Archdeacon Denison holds, are liable to deprivation, we may expect that a heavy blow and great discouragement will be inflicted on the well-devised scheme for statuting the Church of England with a Popish taint.—*News of the Churches.*

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THE BISHOP OF MANCHESTER AND DR. CUMMINGS.—A great tumult has been raised among the Manchester Puseyites on account of the Bishop of Manchester having used these words at a meeting in that town last week:—"There was one person present whom they ought to hail with more than ordinary interest and satisfaction—a presbyter of the Established Church of Scotland. I care not what may be the import attached to the words I utter now. I hail him as a brother in all sincerity and truth." These remarks, conceived and expressed in the spirit of the Church of England, have upset and disquieted the tractarian hymns. They must nevertheless refresh the spirits of all who, sick of sectarian rivalry hail with delight every effort to realise the brotherhood of true Christian ministers. It is only just to add that the Bishop's catholic remarks, were reciprocated by Dr. Cumming in the same spirit, amid the applause of nearly 6,000 people in the magnificent Free Trade Hall.

Lectures on the Harmony of Science and Revelation. By the Rev. M. Harvey, Minister of the Free Church, St. John's, Newfoundland.

These Lectures eleven in number were addressed by the author to his congregation, and to the public on weekday evenings, during the winter season with a view to establish the harmony between science and revelation; between the works and the word of God. This is certainly a very praiseworthy undertaking fitted to throw light on a variety of kindred subjects, and to silence the objections of scoffers and infidels. We cannot now pretend in our limited space, to give anything like an outline of the arguments employed by the writer in the course of these Lectures. But we can confidently recommend those, who wish to obtain much valuable information on subjects which occupy the eager attention of the learned world at the present moment, to procure and study the work for themselves, as it can be purchased in a neat form and at a moderate price, at Barnes' Printing Office in this city.

As our accounts for the present year must be closed by the end of the month, we have to request our agents, if possible, to collect and transmit all outstanding subscriptions before that time. Our payments are always in advance, to enable us to publish our journal on the very lowest terms. We hope that no time will be lost in forwarding subscriptions for the ensuing year.

Synod Fund

Aug. 1.	By Balance per Account rendered,	£3 2 3
Nov. 13.	Cash from Gairloch, per Mr McLeod,	2 5 10
	Do. from W Branch, 11, per do.	1 17 7

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Halifax, 3d Dec. 1850.

Treasurer

Home Mission Fund

Balance in hand 1st December	£63 5 1
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