

its, and a great deal in education and steady employment. But all these put together are hardly sufficient to account for the disparity between the Protestant and Roman Catholic districts in the matter of crime and in the tendency to disorder. If poverty be assigned as the cause of the difference, then the question would arise—Why should there be more poverty among Roman Catholics than Protestants? Such comparisons are not pleasant; but, as they will be made, it would be well if a solution of the problem could be found, without furnishing the agents of the Irish Church Missions with polemical weapons.—*London Times Correspondent.*

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Prince Edward Island.

Meeting of Presbytery.

AT CHARLOTTETOWN,
the 7th Sept., 1864.

On which day the Presbytery of P. E. Island met, and was constituted. Sederunt: Messrs. Duncan, McLean, and McWilliam, ministers; and Messrs. Moore and Ferguson, elders.

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and sustained, the Clerk reported that application had been made to the Pictou Presbytery for one of the missionaries laboring at present within the bounds of that Presbytery. That application, in the meantime, solicited only for the services of a few Sabbaths, that an opportunity might be afforded to Georgetown and Cardigan to show what amount they would be willing to guarantee in order to secure regular services. Should they fail in doing according to their numbers and their ability for this purpose, this Presbytery would not be justified in assuming the responsibility of retaining the services of another missionary. It was then resolved, that, in order to carry these steps into effect, should the application prove successful, Messrs. Duncan and McLean, immediately on the arrival of the missionary, take measures to deal with the above-named sections, and ascertain what they may be prepared to do.

The Presbytery were much gratified to learn that the stations occupied by the Rev. Mr. McWilliams, have paid for his services within £17 6s. 4d. of the whole amount of his salary for the past half year. The sums paid are as follow:—From St. Peter's Road, £39 17s.; and in addition to that, the sum of £15 3s. to the Rev. Mr. Cullen;—in all, £75. From Georgetown, £31 5s., and £4 additional paid to the Rev. Mr. Cullen; Cardigan, £15;—in all £50 5s.

The Presbytery agreed to allow Mr. McWilliams to draw on the Committee for the balance of his half year's salary, being the sum of £17 6s. 4d. sterling.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet again on the first Wednesday of January next. Closed with prayer.

A. McLEAN, *Presbytery Clerk.*

Examination of St Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Brackley Point Road.

On Saturday, the 24th ult., the Sabbath School connected with this Church was examined in presence of the congregation, when the scholars acquitted themselves in a manner reflecting the greatest credit on their teachers. After the examination, a number of prizes were awarded to the most deserving. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. John R. Thompson, Student, Queen's College, who has organized and superintended this school, and, in various other ways, contributed to promote the welfare of the congregation. It is pleasing to see such instances of Christian zeal, and no less pleasing to see such appreciated and rewarded.

Before leaving, for the season, to prosecute his studies, Mr. Thompson was presented, by the scholars and parents, with a purse containing the handsome sum of £5.—*Com.*

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Monthly Summary.

In stirring times, it seems presumptuous to attempt to sum up, in a few paragraphs, the events of a month. Though our imperfect summary must necessarily contain much that is not new, and omit much that is both important and true, still our readers may relish even a bare attempt at recapitulation. The war in the States has, indeed, been kept alive, but prosecuted with apparently less vigour. Sheridan claims successes in the Shenandoah Valley, and Sherman maintains his perilous position in Georgia. An attempt is about to be made to rid the South of his presence, and Beauregard has been appointed to the supreme command. Hood being superseded. The attention of the Northern people is absorbed by the Presidential election, which terminates on the 8th November. The Republicans are likely to meet with that success which unity of purpose almost always secures, while the wavering views of the Democrats seem likely to lead them to defeat.

In England, the Social Science Congress has been sitting, under the presidency of Lord Brougham, who has reached his eighty-seventh year. There has been considerable pressure in the money market, but signs of improvement appear. The distress in the cotton districts has been on the increase.

In Nova Scotia, the close of summer summons us to review God's mercies, in the continuance of peace, rendered more striking by the mournful miseries of a war on the other side of the line—a war which is commuted, by the Richmond correspondent of the *Times*, to have slain 1,000 men every twenty-four hours,—in a bountiful harvest, and a high degree of commercial prosperity. It is to be hoped that a Provincial appointment may afford all in the Province an opportunity of uniting together, in offering thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father, for His mercy. The Confederation scheme is discussed in the papers, and seems to be more enthusiastically canvassed in