

All that I can in these circumstances do, is to press on the attention of my brethren, the duty of bringing the claims of this blessed Scheme before their people on the first Sabbath of October, and sooner than that if possible, that thus they may help the Committee appointed by the Synod. I cannot advocate the idea of asking our people for contributions in money, on that day. The Synod did not intend this—we did not do it ourselves—we, the ministers, only subscribed. It is premature, and the result to the scheme would be injurious. I would also take this opportunity of urging on my brethren who are on the Committee, to lose no time in stirring themselves to finish the work entrusted to them. If they do this, and I hope *they will do their best*, we may be able before the first of October to report that the necessary means are pledged. I brought the matter before my own congregation some time ago, and obtained in good subscriptions, an amount as large as I thought would be required. I could have easily obtained at least double the amount, but I did not wish to take subscriptions but from those in easy circumstances, who would be able conveniently to continue paying the amount subscribed. I told them if we succeeded in establishing the scheme, they would all, old and young, have an opportunity of contributing in the yearly collections. This scheme is of a character that no arguments are required to engage our people heart and hand in its support. They have been longing for it. I have seen the tears flow at the mention of this undertaking. The man whose heart does not cordially respond to the claims of this call, on his Christian liberality, knows the religion of Church only by name. I believe the zeal and willingness of our people will exceed our expectations. As a Church, we have now set our hand to the work, and we dare not draw back. Let us then rouse ourselves to meet this great work, and the obstacles that are in the way, will quickly disappear. He, who calls for our efforts will render them successful. I trust that every member of Synod, whether or not he approved of the movement at first, will now give it his best aid, and thus help the Committee quickly to finish their work. Our people will not be behind. They require only to be led—and fearful is the doom, which we, the ministers, will secure to ourselves if we deny our congregations the opportunity they long for of aiding in the heavenly work, which is intended to save the perishing and to return laden with blessings to every family, whose hands are employed in helping it forward. All other Churches and Christian Communities are engaged in this work, and the blessing of God is accompanying their labors. Shall we any longer lag behind, and see our brethren advance from one victory to another, without a wish to share in their labors of love, and their certain and glorious triumphs. God forbid. A. MACLEAN.

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, }
August 1st, 1861. }

The Presbytery of Halifax, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met this day in St. Matthew's Church according to appointment and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

There were present Rev. Messrs. Scott, Martin, Boyd and Jardine. Ministers. Mr. Wm. Hay as representative elder from St. Andrew's and Mr. A. K. Doull, from St. Matthew's Church.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained. Mr. Martin reported that he had supplied the various mission stations under his care regularly with divine service during the last three months, and that he had not prepared a list of those who intended to become communicants at Sackville and Lawrencetown, and was instructed to do his utmost to furnish the same in writing to the next meeting.

Mr. Stewart reported that he had implemented the injunctions of Presbytery—was re-appointed to preach in Truro and Musquodoboit as formerly, and authorised to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the latter place on the fourth Sabbath of September.

Mr. Stewart reported the various subscriptions, &c., he had received during the last three months. Mr. Martin was not prepared to report, but was instructed to furnish an account of the same to the next meeting.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held here on the first Thursday of November, and the meeting was closed with prayer.

THOMAS JARDINE,
Presbytery Clerk.

REVIEW OF THE PAST MONTH.

The Cardross Case has advanced another stage. After a very full hearing before the judges of the Inner House, the interlocutor of Lord Jerviswood has been unanimously affirmed. Some strange facts came out in the course of the pleading—the leading Counsel for the Free Church having frankly stated that if ten names were drawn from the ballot-box and these should be declared by the Assembly no longer ministers of the body—or if that Court should think fit to depose a minister for being the most gifted and eloquent in their connection, there could be no redress. Surely no popish tyranny could be much worse than this. The case will doubtless be carried to the House of Lords, and the newspapers inform us that Sir Hugh Cairns, the distinguished Irish barrister has already been retained by the Free Church.

The new Scottish Parochial School Bill, with some unimportant modifications, is likely to pass through the Upper House. By this bill, the parish schools will be open to