

our Church has turned her attention, and what is the burden of the story wafted to us from time to time? Is it not, give us more men, for the fields are white to the harvest? Look again at Africa, where dwell millions of benighted ones steeped in ignorance and vice. Heretofore little had been done to evangelize this land, but now the whole coast is opened up to Christian effort. Yes it has long been a problem how to pierce the interior of the country with the gospel. Many lives have been sacrificed in connection with the efforts put forth for this purpose, and yet, despite all difficulties, the way has been opened up for carrying it into the centre of this great country. Glance, again, at South America, where there are thousands of wandering tribes of Indians, and where but little has as yet been done to occupy the ground, and yet, says a missionary who has of late returned from this country, "The people of South America are just as accessible to the sound of Divine Truth as any other part of the habitable globe." Come again to Europe, and, in all its different States, the Word of God has free course. Italy, at one time barred against it, now receives it. The missionary is pushing his way into Turkey. Bibles are distributed in Russia. China, Japan and India are now opened up, and but few countries are now wholly shut out from the evangelizing labours of the Church of Christ. Truly the work is progressing and extending to the uttermost parts of the earth. And should we not be deeply interested in this great work, the evangelization of the world, and show our interest by our prayers and contributions?—prayer to the God of Heaven to thrust the labourers into the field, and that our contributions may support them. Earnest prayerful effort is our business; efforts and means must be used in carrying forward this great work. Let us then lift our eyes and behold the fields, and may our eyes move our hearts, and our hearts move us to unloose our purse strings; and may that period soon come round when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the channels of the sea.

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## Presbytery Minutes.

### Presbytery of Halifax.

RICHMOND, 9TH OCT., 1871.

Which time and place the Presbytery of Halifax met, *pro re nata*, on citation from the Moderator. Sederunt: Revs. George M. Grant and W. T. Wilkins, ministers; and Messrs. W. G. Pender and M. Lindsay, elders. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. G. M. Grant, ex Moderator, took the chair, and constituted the Presbytery with prayer. The Moderator's conduct in calling the meeting was approved.

Rev. Hugh McMillan, acting missionary at Richmond and North West Arm, being present, was invited to sit and deliberate as a member of court. Mr. McMillan, by request, explained that he had been instructed by the Moderator of Presbytery to moderate in a call at Richmond and North West Arm. He had done so; and the call, numerous and cordially signed by 117 members and adherents, came out in favour of Mr. J. F. Campbell, preacher of the Gospel; which call was now laid on the table. Mr. John Hosterman of North West Arm, and Mr. Creighton of Richmond, were heard in its support. The call being read, together with the subscription lists appended, was, on motion of Mr. Wilkins, sustained as a regular gospel call; and it was agreed to place it at once in the hands of Mr. Campbell.

With the understanding, distinctly expressed by Mr. Campbell, that two months of each year should be at his own disposal to visit and supply more destitute places, such as Cape Breton, now without a minister in connection with the Church of Scotland in all its bounds, Mr. Campbell signified his acceptance of the call; and, after some conversation with leading members of the congregation present, it was agreed that Mr. Campbell's provisional absence for the proportion of time specified be left for mutual arrangement between himself and the congregation.

Mr. Wilkins moved that the Presbytery meet for the ordination of Mr. Campbell on Thursday, 26th Oct. and that an Edict to that effect be served on the congregation by Rev. Hugh