

ASSOCIATE SECESSION SYNOD.

This Synod has been sitting here since Tuesday. The Rev. Mr. M'Indoe of Kirkaldy, Moderator. The business on the first two days was not of general interest. On Wednesday evening, the Rev. Mr. Mackray of Stirling, introduced a motion regarding a diet of prayer in behalf of the Church of Scotland. The Rev. Gentleman said that they were about to discuss the question of re-union with the National Church. On that question, at least in regard to some of its details, there might be amongst them a diversity of opinion; but on the subject which he was desirous at present to submit to their notice, he sincerely trusted there would be none. Our godly fathers of the first Secession loved the Church of Scotland—loved her on many grounds—and, even when excluded from her communion, prayed for her, and lived and died in the hope of her revival. It was not their privilege to behold the event they so earnestly desired; but we have seen, during the last fifteen or twenty years, a blessed change come over the Church of our fathers—a change so great as to have induced this Synod to enter in a negotiation with her in regard to union. Now, we all know the interesting and solemn circumstances in which her Supreme Court is this week to assemble. Of much moment it unquestionably is, that in that Court there should be men of wisdom, and judgment, and energy of mind, and that all their wisdom, and judgment, and energy, should be put forth on her behalf. But their is a consideration of far greater moment to the Church at the present time, and that is the power of prayer. Many a prayer has been in former ages presented on her behalf: in days of peace her pious children have prayed for her from the mountains and moors where they wandered—from the scenes of their lonely banishment, and even from the hallowed spots where many of them sealed with their blood their testimony for her covenanted cause; and I have no doubt but these many prayers will yet be answered in mercy by the faithful God with whom they are. At the present crisis it is interesting and cheering to know, that there are throughout the land many of the pious children of the Church engaged in prayer on her behalf; and it would, in my opinion, exhibit before the country a most seemly and holy spectacle, if her long separated children of the Secession were to unite in the same exercise for her sake. It is our duty as Seceders with her in her present emergency—and it would be putting forth the most powerful effort for her prosperity, which it is our privilege, under the blessing of God, to employ. He begged, therefore, to move, "that a portion of to-morrow's sederunt be spent in prayer on behalf of the Church of Scotland, and of our desire that the countenance and blessing of God may rest on the ensuing deliberations of our supreme Court." The motion was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Gordon of Falkirk, and, after being eloquently supported by the Rev. Mr. Anderson of Helensburgh, was unanimously agreed to.

The first hour of yesterday's sederunt (between ten and eleven a. m.) was accordingly spent in prayer for the Church of Scotland.—*Scottish Guardian.*

SCHOOL BOOK ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Committee, held in Edinburgh on the 27th ult. the sealed opinion of the judges formerly appointed to decide on the comparative merits of the MSS. of a first book on Arithmetic were opened, and the first or highest prize was found to be awarded to the MSS. produced by Mr. Elias Johnson, master of the Burgh School of South Queensferry; the second to Mr. George Morrison, Argyll Place, Glasgow; and the third to Mr. William Knox, parochial school-master of St. Ninians, the judges spoke in very high terms of the works of several of the competitors, whose names are still unknown to the Committee, as the cards of the successful candidates only were opened. At the same meeting, judges were appointed to decide on the comparative merits of the MSS. of a first book on geography—the number of MSS. lodged being six. Steps were also taken for bringing out the other numbers of the series with as much speed, as is consistent with securing the highest possible degree of excellence in the works.

WESLEYAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

After a postponement of one month from the usual time of the Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Ministers in this District, including Nova-Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton, was opened by the Chairman, the Rev. R. Knight, on Tuesday last, July 2. The usual questions occupied the attention of the Preachers, with the examination of one candidate for the work, occupied the few first days of the session, including the inquiry into character and qualifications, the spiritual state of the several Societies, and the reports from the several Sabbath Schools throughout the Districts. The number of members

in society, in the aggregate, amounts to 2,842, being an increase of 28 upon the past year. The number of scholars in the Sabbath Schools 1269,—an increase of 310.—*Wesleyan.*

ANNUAL DISTRICT MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Annual Auxiliary Wesleyan Missionary Society, for the Nova-Scotia District, was held in the New Chapel, on Thursday evening. A large and respectable congregation was present. The Rev. R. Alder, one of the General Secretaries, was called to the chair and presided with great ability.—*Ibid.*

On Friday last the Annual Examination of the Seminary under the superintendance of the Rev. A. ROMANS, A.M. was held; after which, Prizes were delivered to the following distinguished Scholars:—
 In Latin—1st class, J. Bazalgette, G. Thomson. 2d class, S. Noble, H. Jennings; S. Head, R. Liddle, equal. 1st junior class, Uniacke Chipman, H. Piers, S. C. West; J. Sawyer, M. Tobin, R. Witham, equal. 2d do. J. Cook, C. Thomson, D. Clarke, J. McKenzie.
 Roman Antiquities—S. Noble, G. Thomson, H. Jennings.
 Mathematics—W. B. Hosterman.
 Geography—J. C. Cragg, U. Chipman, S. Noble, W. Maddean. 2d class, D. McQueen, Geo. Thomson, G. Widden.
 Writing—S. C. West, W. B. Hosterman, L. Moreau, W. Sawyer, J. Bazalgette.
 Arithmetic—Senior class, W. J. Wills, S. C. West, T. McKie, J. F. Albro. Junior class, A. Kieth, W. Hendley.
 English Grammar—W. B. Hosterman, Louis Moreau, G. Witham. 2d class, W. Bauld, J. F. Albro, David Grant, C. Smith. Junior class, W. Foster, J. Richardson, J. Bigby, Daniel Grant, R. Leishman, T. Frazier, W. Tryder, S. McLeod.
 Spelling class—J. Crosskill, R. Grant, A. McKenzie, J. Campbell, R. McK. Noble, J. Malcolm.
 General Merit—J. Noble, R. Forman, J. E. Pryor, W. Merrick, G. Parker.

The Honbles. Messrs. Stewart and Wilkins, delegates from the Legislative Council of this Province, arrived in England on the 9th of June.—*Times.*

MADAGASCAR.—A report having reached town on Wednesday, that her Majesty's ship Madagascar was on shore at Point Jack, near Tracadie, the steamer Medea was immediately dispatched by the Admiral to her assistance.—The Medea returned on Sunday last, having towed the Madagascar through Canso, she is therefore hourly expected. The Madagascar had been on shore, but got off without any injury.—*Jour.*

AMERICAN FISHERMEN.—The four American fishing vessels seized and brought into this port, for a violation of the treaty, have been tried, and two, the Battelle, and Hyder Alley, condemned and ordered to be sold; the other two have been liberated.—*Id.*

ANOTHER PATRIOT CONVICTED.—G. W. Case, tried at Rochester on a charge similar to that against Mackenzie, has been found guilty and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, and \$20 fine.—*N. Y. Herald.*

INDEPENDANCE DAY was celebrated in the usual way throughout the United States, attended, we regret to state, with a great number of casualties, by which many lives were lost.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—We are sorry to have heard of the death of the Rev. Mr. Harper, Catholic Missionary to the Indians on the upper waters of the St. Maurice. The canoe in which he was proceeding up a rapid, turned round to the stream and upset, when the Reverend and much regretted gentleman was drowned.—*Quebec Mercury, July 6.*

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—On Sunday last, as two daughters of Mr. Duncan Campbell, West Branch, River John, were amusing themselves by floating on small rafts of boards, on a lake behind their father's house, one of them, while in the act of leaping from one raft to the other, slipped into the water, carrying her sister along with her in her fall. The only witness of this accident was a little girl, their sister, who ran for assistance to the next house, but it was too late: by the time it arrived they were both beyond the reach of aid! The young women were respectively 19 and 21 years of age.—*Pictou Observer.*

H. M. S. Edinburgh, sails for England the first fair wind.

The Mail for England, by H. M. Packet Mutine, will be closed on Thursday next, at 12 o'clock.

PSSENGERS.—In the Grand Turk for Bermuda, Captain Walmsley, Messrs Smith and M'Coll. In the Velocity for Boston, Mr. Boyce, RN. Mr and Mrs Wood, and Mr McGrigor. In the Lady Ogle for Bermuda, Mr Codrington, RN. and Captain Dill. In the Virginia for New York, Capt. Chadwick, and Messrs Gardner and Black.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Mr. JOHN McDONALD, from this office is now travelling through the Counties of Halifax, Hants, Kings, Colchester, Cumberland and Pictou, to attend to the pecuniary affairs, and promote the Circulation of

the GUARDIAN. He is empowered to collect the subscriptions still remaining unpaid for the past year, and he will be most happy to afford the fullest information on all points, to intending subscribers, and to introduce our Religious periodical into those districts where it has not hitherto attracted much attention, nor obtained extensive encouragement and support.

MARRIED.

On Saturday evening last, at St. Paul's Church, by the Venerable Archdeacon Willis, Mr. P. L. ZAIKOWSKY, to ANNE, daughter of the late George Greaves, Esq. MD.
 On Sunday the 22d ult, by the Rev. J. Marshall, Mr. JOHN F. SMITH, to Miss EMELINE SMITH, both of this place.
 At Arichat, Cape Breton, WILLIAM B. CHANDLER Esq. of Saint George's, to Mrs. MARIA CHANDLER, widow of the late Thomas Chandler, Esq. of the former place.
 At Galt, Upper Canada, on the 23th June, by the Rev. Mr. Strang, Mr. GILBERT ELLIOTT, of the firm of Stewart & Elliott, Halifax, to Miss MARY, second daughter of Mr. Thomas McKenzie, formerly of Dartmouth, N. S.
 At Sholden on the 23th May, JAMES SYMINGTON SHORTT, Esq. Lieutenant 4th, or King's Own, son of the late Lieut. Col. Shortt, of H. M. 41st Regt. to Mary daughter of Vice Admiral Sir Thomas Harvet, K. C. B. of Sholden Lodge Kent.

DIED.

Monday morning, JAMES FRASER, aged 70 years, a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland.
 On Thursday last, CHARLES, infant son of Stephen Binney, Esq.
 At Crimmond, NB. on the 23th of April last, the Rev. WILLIAM BOYD, Minister of that parish, in the 30th year of his age, and 43d year of his ministry, in connection with the Church of Scotland.
 At Annapolis Royal, on the 30th ult. Mrs. MARY CUTLER, relict of the late Ebenezer Cutler, Esq. aged 77 years.
 At Digby, N. S. on Wednesday the 26th ult. the Rev. ROGER VEITS, (for upwards of 20 years Rector of that parish,) in the 55 year of his age, deeply lamented by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.
 At Shelburne on the 23th ultimo, Mrs. MARGARET RAE, wife of Mr James Rae, aged 37 years—after a long and painful sickness, leaving a disconsolate husband and five helpless children to lament her loss.
 At Earlston, Scotland, JAMES HUME, Esq. aged 92 years. He was born in Georgia, U. S. and in his early life appointed Attorney General for that Province. At the breaking out of the war of independence, he adhered to the British interest, and on the success of the Americans, was compelled to flee to England, sacrificing his property; he was soon after appointed Lord Chief Justice of Florida, where he continued till 1783, when it was ceded to Spain; his services were rewarded by a Government pension of five hundred pounds per annum, which he enjoyed till his death.

MARINE NEWS.

PORT OF HALIFAX.
 ARRIVED.
 Thursday—Brigt Scott, Scotch, St. Vincent, 16 days—rum, to J. U. Ross; St Patrick, Bryan, St. John's, NF, 9 days.
 Friday—Schr Vernon, Canningham, Kingston 27 days—rum to J. Strachan; Amethyst, Driscoll, Boston, 5 days—flour, to G. P. Lawson and H. Fay; True Brothers, Slocomb, Port Medway.
 Saturday—Schr Carleton Packet, Landry, Dalhousie, 17 days—salt, herrings, shingles, &c. to J. & M. Tobin—Gentleman, Sydney, coal; King William, Arichat—herring; Paragon, Anderson, Hamburg 43 days—flour, bread, &c. to Fairbanks & Allison, J. & M. Tobin and others; Defiance, Currie, Miramichi, 9 days—lumber and shingles, to W. M. Allan.
 Sunday—Schr Lively, Margaret's Bay—mackerel; Am. schr Choctaw, Norton, Philadelphia, 10 days—flour and coarse meal, to R. Noble; H. M. Steamer Medea, Capt. Nott, Canso 1 day; brig Bermudiana, Newbold, Falmouth, Jam. 22 days—rum, to S. Binney; schr. Adeona, Patten, Porto Rico, 21, and Bermuda, 6 days—sugar and molasses, to Frith, Smith & Co.
 Monday—Schr Two Friends, Indian Harbour—mackerel; Eliza, Kennedy, Bridgport—coal; New Messenger, Siteman, Pictou.
 Tuesday—Brigt Hypolite, Morrison, Demerara, 20 days, rum, to C. West & Son, S. Binney, and J. & M. Tobin.
 Wednesday—Schr. Isabella, Martin, Miramichi, 14 days—dry fish, lumber, and shingles, to J. & M. Tobin.

CLEARED.

Wednesday—Thomas Lowden, Allan, St. John, NB.—potatoes &c. by T. McGee; Meridian, Crowell, Bermuda—assorted cargo, by W. J. Starr; Am. brig Joshua Sears, Ryder, Pictou—ballast; Cyrus Howard, St. John, NB.—part of inward cargo.
 Thursday—schr. Campbell, Querpel, Gaspe—assorted cargo, by Creighton & Grassie; Gracious, Hawson, Labrador—do, by T. Connor; schr. Temperance, McPhee, Miramichi—do, by A. Fraser; Dispatch, Clam, St. John, N. F.—assorted cargo, by M. B. Almon; Olivia Brickell, Hopkins, St. Petersburg—assorted cargo, by S. Binney.
 Saturday—Brigt Lady Sarah Maitland, Grant, B. W. Indies—do, by J. Fairbanks; Watchman, Whitney, do—do by Frith, Smith & Co.
 Monday—Brigt Mabel, Nicholson, Quebec; Planet, Crocket, Gibraltar, rum, tobacco, &c. by Creighton & Grassie; schr. Miemae, Le'Gresly, Gaspe, rum, molasses, &c. by Creighton & Grassie.

MEMORANDA.

The brig, Sarah, Williams, hence, for Demerara, was totally lost on the Nether Bar of Demerara, about 11th ult. crew saved. The Bermudiana from Falmouth, Jam. reports, brig William IV, Mortimer, sailed 3 days previous; barque Tory's Wife, sailed for Spanish Main previous to 25th June; brig, President, Crum, sailed 2 days previous, for Trinidad de Cuba; schr. Welcome Return, had sailed for do.
 Liverpool, G. B. May 24.—Sailed Ship Joseph Porter, New York, June 12, arrived, Packet ship Halifax, M'Clear, Halifax, 29 days. 13th, advertised, brig Victoria, Smart, Halifax, to sail in a few days.
 London, June 11.—Advertised, Ship Ann McKenzie, Stokes, Halifax; ship Alonzo, do.
 Cork, June 2.—Sailed, Marquis of Huntley, Motley, for Halifax.

MARKETS.

At Demerara, June 26.—Dry fish 2 1-4st. lumber \$31 a \$32, flour \$9 a \$10, shingles 3s.