

convincing and converting sinners? When we think of our closet exercises, of the nature of these exercises, and of the time we spend in them, do we not see the reason why we have only a little strength?

#### INDUCTION OF REV. W. GREGG.

On the evening Wednesday, 8th ult., the Presbytery of Toronto inducted the Rev. W. Gregg as Pastor of Cooke's Church, Toronto. The Rev. R. F. Burns preached, Rev. Thomas Lowry presided at the induction and addressed the Pastor, and the Rev. John McTavish addressed the congregation.

The congregation was large and attentive and listened with earnest attention to all the services.

We heartily congratulate this congregation, tried so severely as they have been during their brief but eventful history, on the settlement of a minister so fully qualified in every respect for the work of the ministry in a city like Toronto, and we trust the bond of connexion between Pastor and People may be permanent and happy.

We may observe that the congregation at Belleville presented a very gratifying address to Mr. Gregg on the occasion of his leaving, and accompanied it with a purse containing seventy five pounds.

#### SYNOD OF FREE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

This Synod lately held its annual ordinary meeting. The business appears to have been more than usually interesting.

A Deputation appeared from the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and addressed the Synod, chiefly on the desirableness of union between the two Churches. Several members of the Synod spoke, and generally expressed themselves as friendly to union. The cordial thanks of the Synod were voted to the deputation.

The subject of a Foreign Mission engaged much of the attention of the Synod. India was proposed as the field of Missionary operations, in connexion with the Free Church, and the New Hebrides were also proposed, but it was ultimately unanimously agreed that some portion of the Turkish Empire be selected as the seat of the Mission, which is to be carried on in connection with the Free Church, and that the young Greek now studying at Edinburgh should be chosen as their Missionary, should he be approved of by the sub-Committee of the Foreign Mission Committee at Edinburgh.

A full report was given regarding the College and Academy. It appeared that during the year £1039 had been collected for the Protectorial Endowment Fund, the entire sum invested being nearly £5,600. The sum of £55 had been distributed in bursaries among the Students from Cape Breton. Five Students had attended the Theological classes, and twenty-five had attended Professor Lyall's classes.

The subjects of the Home Mission, Popery,

Temperance, and several other important subjects were under the consideration of the Synod.

#### INDIA.

We call attention to an interesting letter from Mr. Stevenson, which appears in another column.

The recent intelligence from India is of a peculiarly distressing nature. Serious revolts had taken place among the native regiments, and at Delhi the European inhabitants had been almost entirely cut off, and a native Prince proclaimed Emperor. Letters having reference to this serious disturbance have appeared from Dr. Duff and Dr. Wilson. May God shield his servants, and, in his Providence, may peace be soon re-established.

#### SYNOD OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

This Court met at Synod on the 11th June. There were present thirty-one Ministers and twenty Elders. The Rev. G. Patterson was elected Moderator.

A Committee from the Synod of the Free Church in Nova Scotia appeared and addressed the Synod. A resolution was adopted welcoming the appearance of the delegates, and expressive of a desire for cordial union between the two bodies.

#### SYNOD OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

This Synod met at St. John, on 17th June. There were sixteen ordained Ministers present, and eight Missionaries and Elders. The Rev. Mr. Law was unanimously elected Moderator.

A report was given with reference to the erection of the Educational Institution, Woodstock, and a Committee was appointed to receive conveyance of the property in trust for the Synod.

A Committee was appointed to prepare a draft of a Widows' Fund scheme. A Committee was also appointed on the subject of union with the Free Church of Nova Scotia.

The subjects of Sabbath Observance, Manses, a code of discipline, &c., engaged the attention of the Synod.

#### CHURCH OF ENGLAND—ELECTION OF BISHOP FOR DIOCESE OF LONDON.

For several months past a good deal of excitement has been felt among members of the Episcopal Church with reference to the selection of a Bishop for the new Diocese of London. The election has now taken place, and, although only indirectly interested in the result, we cannot refrain from expressing our satisfaction at the result. The Bishop elect, the Rev. Dr. Cronyn, of London, has been long known as a minister who takes a hearty interest in the Bible Society, and other institutions of a kindred nature. We trust he may be enabled to pursue the same faithful, and uncompromising career in the influential sphere which he will now fill.

**AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.**—Our readers will remember the action adopted by the late annual meeting of the Society, consequent upon the report of the Committee of Investigation. It was understood that the result would be that a Tract on the subject of Slavery would be issued by the Society. No such Tract has, as yet, appeared, and recently a document has been issued by the Secretaries, addressed especially to the Society's Colporteurs, Superintendents, Agents, &c., throughout the Southern and South Western States, apparently with the view of preventing any apprehension as to the adoption of any anti-Slavery course. This looks too much like courtting the favour of the South, and farther, it appears, very like tampering with the solemnly adopted Resolution of the Society.

**EXPLANATION.**—We have received several communications, expressing surprise at the Orange Festivities of the 13th July being celebrated in George Street Church, and asking explanation. The explanation is simple:—the Church has been sold to an Orange Lodge, and the second Presbyterian congregation have merely the temporary use of it as they formerly had of St. Lawrence Hall. Of course in these circumstances, they cannot be held responsible for the various meetings for which it may be used.

**EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.**—There was lately held, in the palace of the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth, a meeting of individuals of various denominations, to consult regarding the approaching Berlin Evangelical Alliance. At the close of the meeting, prayer was, at the request of the Archbishop, offered up by a Wesleyan Minister. It is pleasing to see the progress of Christian Union.

**REV. THOS. ALEXANDER.**—We have already noticed the return of Mr. Alexander to this country. Since his arrival he has been preaching in Ramsay, Belleville, Kingston, and spent one Sabbath at Coldsprings, which formed part of his charge before leaving Canada. Mr. Alexander has received a hearty welcome from many old friends.

**DEGREES CONFERRED.**—We observe with pleasure that the Rev. John Bonar of Edinburgh, Convener of the Colonial Committee, has received the degree of D. D. from Rutgers College, U. S., and that the same degree has been conferred by the University of New York on the Rev. John Jennings of Toronto.

**NEW MARRIAGE LAW.**—We shall publish in our next number the New Marriage Law which has recently been passed by the Provincial Legislature. Ministers of the Gospel, will, of course, receive copies of the Act otherwise.

**THE RECORD.**—Unavoidable causes have occasioned some delay in the publication of this and the last number of the Record. It is hoped that there will be no delay in future.