

to the real business of the Church. The subject of Theological Education was fairly dealt with, and a series of regulations adopted which will, we feel assured, ultimately work well, both for the church at large and for those who are candidates for the ministry. The system adopted will tend to bring students more fully under the supervision of the Church, and to stimulate them, through scholarships and otherwise, to avail themselves of the advantages afforded in University College, in McGill College, and other kindred institutions.

The subject of Home Missions has again been fully discussed, and a scheme adopted, which, we trust, will give unity and impetus to the work of Home Missions. The scheme has been well matured. It may not be perfect. Even in the most skillfully constructed machine there may be at first, some degree of friction, which may require attention. But if the Presbyteries of the Church work together, and a fair trial is given to the Home Mission scheme, we doubt not it will work well. For the working of this we need energy, patience, and perseverance. With these we may hope to see, with God's blessing, our borders extending, and our Church acquiring solidity and power from year to year.

The subject of Foreign Missions was more than once before the Synod during its late meeting. It was brought up not merely by the Report given by our Committee, but by the visit of the Rev. J. Geddie of the Presbyterian Mission to the New Hebrides. Mr. Geddie's admirable address to the Synod no doubt gave a fresh impetus to the cause of missions amongst us, and led the Synod to agree to send, as soon as possible, a labourer to join the noble band, who are in the distant islands of the Pacific seeking to plant the good seed of the Kingdom. It was also agreed to send Mr. Nisbet to labour among the Cree Indians near Fort Pitt. Thus we are seeking to lengthen our cords on the right hand and on the left. If we have the right missionary spirit, God will make it plain in what direction that spirit should lead, and what field He would have us occupy.

Two matters of great importance to the Church were left in obedience for the year,—the College in Montreal, and the organization of a General Assembly. The path of the Church will no doubt be made plain with reference to these matters, and we doubt not, that course will be adopted, which will best tend to promote the real interests of the Church.

While we look on the late Synod with feelings of satisfaction and thankfulness, let us enter on a new ecclesiastical year with an earnest desire for the revival of God's work in the midst of us. This is the true remedy for all our evils and complaints. Let us look, and plead and labour for such a revival. He, who has blessed other portions of His vineyard, may bless us, even us also, and grant such an outpouring of the Spirit as may cause the wilderness and the solitary place to be glad, and the desert to rejoice and blossom as the rose.

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## Missionary Intelligence.

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### LETTER FROM REV. R. JAMIESON—REVIEW OF YEAR.

REV. R. F. BURNS—

*Dear Brother:* In the good providence of God we have arrived at the close of another year's labours, in this "City of the Wood." A constant supply of all the means of grace has been provided for, and presented to all who chose to wait on our ministry. With gratitude to our heavenly Father, we have to record that very many have gladly availed themselves of these precious privileges. In the ordinance of the supper the friends and followers of Jesus have had frequent opportunities of holding fellowship with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. The good seed of the word, has been sown in weakness, yet with unwavering confidence in the purposes and promises of Jehovah; and the great salvation has been earnestly pressed upon the attention of young and old, in the Sabbath school, the Bible class, the prayer meet-