

not a chain shall clank throughout the land. The ship of state is still in danger; let Christ be taken on board, and the storm of war shall soon be weathered."

**WEEK OF PRAYER, 1865.**—The British Evangelical Alliance have again issued their Circular and programme for the first week of the New Year.

The following topics among others are suggested as suitable for exhortation and intercession on the successive days of meeting:—

Sunday, Jan. 1.—Sermons on the agency of the Holy Spirit in the present dispensation.

Monday, Jan. 2.—Thanksgiving for blessings upon individuals, nations and churches, together with confession of sins.

Tuesday, Jan. 3.—Pastors, teachers, evangelists, and missionaries.

Wednesday, Jan. 4.—The children of Christian parents, congregations, schools.

Thursday, Jan. 5.—Sunday-schools and all actively engaged in Christian work.

Friday, Jan. 6.—The abolition of slavery and cessation of war.

Saturday, Jan. 7.—The Christian Church, for increased holiness, activity, and harmony among its several sections.

Sunday, Jan. 8.—Sermons: The visible unity of the Church—"That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." John xvii. 21.

**BEAUTIFUL SWISS CUSTOM.**—The horn of the Alps is employed in the mountainous districts of Switzerland, not solely to sound the cow-call, but for another purpose, solemn and religious. As soon as the sun has disappeared in the valleys, and its last rays are just glimmering on the snowy summit of the mountain, then the herdsmen who dwell on the loftiest, takes his horn and trampers forth, "Praise God! the Lord!" All the herds in the neighborhood, on hearing this, come out of their huts, take their horns, and repeat the words. This often continues a quarter of an hour, whilst on all sides the mountains echo the name of God. A profound and solemn silence follows; every individual offers secret prayer, on bended knees, and with uncovered head. By this time it is quite dark. "Good night," trumpets forth the herd on the loftiest summits. "Good night" is repeated on all the mountains from the horns of the herds and the cliffs of the rocks. Then each one lays himself down to rest.

ON the 15th Nov. there was to have been published in Milan the first number of a Protestant fortnightly periodical, under the title of *Raccogliore Evangelico*—the *Evangelical Gleaner*. Its editor is the English minister

in that city, the Rev. Mr. Piget, whose sermons in Italian are attended by vast crowds.

## THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

### Meeting of Halifax Presbytery.

THE Presbytery of Halifax held its ordinary meeting on the 2nd day of November last. Having been constituted with prayer by the Moderator, there were present—Rev. G. M. Grant, Moderator; Messrs. Boyd, Stewart, and Philip, ministers; and Messrs. James Thompson and A. K. Doull, representative elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and sustained as correct.

The Clerk reported that, as instructed at last meeting, he had written to the Kirk-session at St. John's, Newfoundland, and to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, and had also furnished Mr. Stewart with the requisite certificates. He also laid on the table a communication from Mr. McRae, minister of the Newfoundland charge, enclosing extract of his Kirk-session acknowledging the Presbytery's readiness in providing supply for their congregation during the absence of their pastor, and also expressing appreciation of Mr. Stewart's services among them. Mr. McRae also informed the Presbytery that due attention would be given to the matter of collecting for their Home Mission Fund. The Clerk further laid on the table a letter from the Colonial Committee, granting the supplement craved by the Presbytery.

Mr. Stewart reported that he had been fully employed in his labors at Musquodoboit since last meeting, and laid on the table a receipt for his half year's salary, ending August last, amounting to \$160. From further statements made by Mr. Stewart regarding his field of labor, it is regarded by the Presbytery as very encouraging.

Mr. Philip also reported that, as usual, he had been fully engaged in his field of labor at Truro, and laid on the table a receipt for £20 currency, being his second quarter's salary of the second year. He also made application to the Presbytery for the appointment of an Eldership in that field; upon which, it was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the Moderator and Mr. James Thompson be the Presbytery's assessors to act with Mr. Philip in this matter according to the laws and rules of the Church.

The Clerk was instructed to furnish Mr. Philip with the necessary certificate for drawing his proportion of salary from the Colonial Committee for the half year ending 25th of the present month.

It was reported that, as arranged at last meeting, the Synod's Address to the Lieut. Governor had been presented to His Excellency.