

hopeless? Nay, rather let the victim, let all rather learn to begin wisely and to work truly; learn that there is One mighty to save to the uttermost; One mighty to subdue every lust; One to whom all things are possible; One who tenders His all-sufficient aid. Let us go unitedly, sincerely, perseveringly, and seek His aid, and the victim shall become victor. In order to this let us learn in every case to look to Him without whom we can do nothing. Honor Him in everything and He shall aid us in everything. We must feel that in order to make much progress against the abounding lust that chains multitudes, we must invoke and secure the aid of Him who is able to subdue all things unto Himself. Ere lust can be generally crucified, we must have faith in God in general exercise. Ere lust can universally be crucified, we must have faith universally exercised in the omnipotence of God.

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ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER,—the united observance of which by the different denominations at Barney's River, was noticed in our last,—was similarly observed by almost all our town and village congregations. In some instances, these united Prayer-meetings are continued monthly with the happiest results.

THE REV. GEO. M. GRANT'S LECTURE on the "Reformers of the 19th century" has been somewhat severely handled by the *Wesleyan* and the *Witness*. Their strictures would be taken in good part, and might do good, if written in a candid spirit; but they are altogether extreme. The truth is, the lecture is an exceedingly able one, and, without endorsing all its sentiments, the *Wesleyan* and *Witness* would show a better spirit by honestly pointing out its defects, and abstaining from petty sneers and ill-natured personal abuse.

THE circulation of the *Record* is progressing satisfactorily, though somewhat slowly. Several sections have forwarded large lists, and, in some cases, paid in full for '67. Of the rest, some are increasing their circulation, while others are keeping about the point formerly reached. Let lists be sent to the Secretary from every section before this month expires.

THE Charlottetown people are already beginning to indicate their interest in the approaching meeting of Synod in June next. We know of one case in which an invitation for the Synod week has reached a minister on this side of the water.

THE Episcopalians of Halifax are engaged in more profitable work than the development of ritualism. They have started a re-

ligious paper under the title of the *Church Monitor*, and they have recently founded a most excellent institution, "An Almshouse of Industry for Girls."

THE Manse of Earltown has recently been enlarged, a wing having been added containing two commodious rooms. This addition was urgently needed; and the readiness with which the minister's wish in this matter was complied with, reflects credit on the congregations under his charge.

THE Manse at Albion Mines has recently been completed, and is now occupied by the minister and his family. It is said to be one of the finest Manses in connection with our Church in Nova Scotia.

The Lay Association is in many districts very inadequately carried on. Perhaps not more than four or five congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou have kept their machinery well oiled. The others will please take the hint, and procure some oil immediately. Of this oil, as of many others, the minister is expected to have on hand a constant supply.

THE subject of Temperance is engaging a large share of attention, both in Halifax and throughout the Province. The case of "John Vine Hall," referred to on another page, is full of encouragement to temperance men. An extract from an excellent address on "True Progress," by Rev. Alex. McKay, will also be read with interest.

A small party of ministers in the other Presbyterian Church has been engaged in attacking the British and Foreign Bible Society, on the ground that this Society circulates, on the Continent of Europe, Popish versions of the Scriptures. The allegation has been ably met by Mr. Russell, Agent of the Society. The opposition of these ministers has been described as resulting from an extreme and erroneous view, and their conduct pointed out to be on the side of Popery, inasmuch as they are retarding Bible circulation.

THE ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, have presented their pastor, the Rev. M. Grant, with a handsome gown, cassock bands, &c. His pew has also been nicely cushioned and completely furnished.

ON the evening of Friday the 8th Feb., most brilliant display of *Aurora Borealis* was witnessed. It will be remembered that on the day following, an unusually heavy rain-storm commenced. Does any one know if the two things had any connection?

It is stated that the Rev. D. McDonald, the venerable preacher of P. E. Island, is