

gations. After much deliberation it was decided to let the North congregation stand alone, and to unite the South and West. This seemed agreeable to all parties. The South and West congregations are to meet on Thursday next, to take the necessary steps in the business. Moderation in a call was granted to the North congregation.—Rev. E. Annand to preside, on the 29th inst.

Professor McKnight tendered the de-mission of his charge of St. James Church, Dartmouth. Rev. John Forrest was appointed to intimate this to the congregation on the forenoon of the last Sabbath in July.

Rev. E. Annand was elected Moderator of the Presbytery for the present Synodical year. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Dartmouth on the 2nd Wednesday of August at 11 o'clock.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SYNOD.—This Synod met at Pictou about the end of July. A Union was consummated between the New Brunswick Synod and that of Nova Scotia. The most interesting feature of the meeting was the offer of Rev. Mr. Goodwill, of Rogers Hill, to go to the South Seas as a Missionary. Mr. Goodwill's offer was cordially accepted; and it is expected that in a few months he will occupy a part of the New Hebrides as a fellow-worker with Dr. Geddie, Mr. Inglis, and the rest of the noble band of labourers in that interesting field. Our Church will greatly rejoice at having the co-operation of the brethren of the Church of Scotland.—It is to be hoped, that Mr. Goodwill will be able to visit at least some of our congregations, previous to his departure.

REV. WILLIAM C. BURNS, the eminent Chinese Missionary, died at Newchwang, North China, on the 4th of April, in the 33rd year of his age. He was one of the most devoted evangelists of this century. In order to facilitate his work among the Chinese he adopted the native costume and lived on native food. He translated *Pilgrims Progress* into Chinese. Mr. Burns attained to eminence as a preacher in Scotland. He spent some time in evangelistic work in Canada. He made a gift of many valuable Books to the Library of the Presbyterian College in Halifax.

PROGRESS.—There were three Presbyteries represented by colored ministers in the last General Assembly of the Old School. The Assembly erected a Synod in which there is no white member. The Presbyterian churches, we are happy to see, are putting forth strenuous efforts to raise the freedmen to the position of "freemen whom the truth makes free."

Live for God.

Live, live for God,
And toil a world to save;
Live, live for God,
Nor heed the coming grave!

The time, the place, the way,
He knows them all;
Do well thy work to-day,
And wait His call.

MONEY.—Men work for it, beg for it, steal for it, starve for it, and die for it; and all the while, from the cradle to the grave, nature and God are thundering in our ears the solemn question, "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and lose his own soul?" The madness for money is the strongest and lowest of the passions; it is the insatiate Moloch of the human heart, before whose remorseless altar all the finer attributes of human nature are sacrificed. It makes merchandize of all that is sacred in the human affections, and even traffics in the awful solemnities of the eternal.

FEELING WHAT YOU GIVE.—The Rev. Daniel Baker, in his report of a missionary tour in Texas, very pithily remarks:—"Methinks, one reading this report says, 'Well, I will give five dollars to the cause of Domestic Missions- I can give this amount, and not feel it.' Your Saviour felt what he did for you. A remark of this kind, once heard from the pulpit, thrilled through my whole soul, and made me do more than empty my purse. I borrowed from a friend. The idea of feeling what I gave, was delightful."

CRITICISING PREACHERS.—I never suffered myself to criticise them, but acted on the uniform principle of endeavouring to obtain from what I heard all the edification they afforded. This is a principle I would warmly recommend to my young friends of the present day, for nothing can be more mischievous than for learners to turn teachers, and young hearers critics. I am persuaded it is often the means of drying up the waters of life in the soul; and sure I am that an exact method of weighing words and balancing doctrines which we hear, is a miserable exchange for tenderness of spirit and the dew of heaven.—J. J. Gurney.

One day a gentleman said to the late Gerard Hallock, "You have two things to be thankful for, which jointly bless but few men—a large purse and a large heart in the disbursement of it." To which Mr. Hallock answered: "From my boyhood I have observed that every man grew covetous in proportion as he grew rich, if he did not keep giving. I am making money and must give it."