

has not been before. Prayer was the order of the day. We had five prayer-meetings, besides little prayer meetings which would be instituted when two or three came together, and had a special case perhaps to present at a throne of mercy. Sankey's hymns did good service, and together with some others were highly appreciated.

As to the results, it is too soon to speak; the great day alone will declare. But present indications are most favorable. Drunkards have been reformed; gamblers have abandoned the gaming table; swearers have given up their profanity, as one young man expressed it, he had discovered that his horses would haul just as well without swearing as with it. Family worship has been instituted in many families where it was not before. The livery stable is locked up, and no more horses are hired out on Sabbath. The attendance on public worship has increased; the Bible Class has increased in numbers manifold. Prayer-meetings are still kept up in one part of the congregation or another every night. The morning prayer-meeting at 9 o'clock has become a standing institution, and is much enjoyed.

I have thus jotted down a few things very hurriedly. I have not time to revise. You think anything I have written will be suitable for your paper, print it; if not, put it into the waste basket.

I may just add that in the union prayer-meeting here, New Glasgow, there were eight who rose for the prayers of God's people in their behalf, and about twenty anxious ones remained to the enquiry meeting. *New Glasgow, Feb. 18, 1875.*

### Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John met on Tuesday, the 2d February, and remained in session during two days. There was a large attendance of members, though some were prevented being present on account of the snow blockade on the Intercolonial Railroad. In addition to the ordinary business, Rev. James Howie, who has been laboring in Kincardine, was received as a minister of this Church; the case of Mr. Harvey referred by Synod to this Presbytery was fully considered and further action dropped for the present. A cordial call was presented from St. George in favor of John Wallace, Probationer; Mr. Wallace, being present, accepted the call, and trials having been assigned him some time previous in view of his acceptance, he intimated that he was prepared for his examination. The Presbytery then proceeded to hear his trials, and after a very thorough examination expressed themselves very well satisfied with the way in

which he acquitted himself. Mr. Wallace gives promise of making a very effective preacher, and we congratulate our St. George friends on securing his services. It was unanimously agreed to nominate Rev. P. G. McGregor to be Moderator of the Synod which is appointed to meet in Montreal in June.

The recommendation of Synod on Sabbath Schools was taken up and after considerable discussion it was resolved to set apart an evening at the next ordinary meeting for a conference of Presbytery on Sabbath School work, and a committee was appointed to make arrangements for holding the Conference.

*J. C. BURGESS, Clerk.*

### Presbytery of P. E. Island.

The Presbytery of P. E. Island met in Zion Church on 11th inst., and was constituted with prayer by Rev. Robert Laird, Moderator *pro tem.*

The attendance of members of Presbytery at this meeting was small, owing to the state of the roads. The discussion, therefore, on the resolution laid on the table on the 30th ult., in reference to the duty of the State with regard to religious instructions in common school, was postponed until the next regular meeting, which was appointed to be held in Zion Church, on Wednesday, 10th March.

In the meantime, Messrs. Murray, McKay and McLeod, were appointed a committee to watch over the interests of the School Question, and were authorized, if circumstances require, to call a Conference of the two Presbyteries, and to take such further action as they may deem necessary for the preservation of our present Free and Undenominational School System.

Revs. Neil McKay, Isaac Murray, John Murray, and J. M. McLeod, were appointed a committee on the state of religion within the bounds of the Presbytery, and were instructed to report at the next general meeting.

The following supply was appointed for our vacant congregations, viz: Rev. Mr. Gunn at Bonshaw, 28th Feb., at 6½ p. m., and Rev. Mr. McKay at Tryon on the same day, and at the same hour; Rev. Mr. Sutherland at Murray Harbor, on 7th March, South Side in the morning, and North Side in the afternoon; and Rev. Allan McLean at East St. Peter's on the same day, South Side in the morning, and North Side in the afternoon. In each of these congregations, the brethren appointed to preach are requested to hold business meetings on the Monday following their appointments.

Rev. John Murray was appointed Mode-