

our love of outward show and glitter and pomp. True nobility may be in a hut or a cave; and meanness and degeneration may lodge in palaces. Christ though rich for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich. "We cannot by faith view the incarnate Son of God lying in a manger without feeling a check given to our vanity and ambition, our coveting and envying; our souls must in some degree grow more weaned from the world: we cannot with this object before our eyes "seek great things" for ourselves or our children; or disdain the poor believer; we cannot flatter the rich or honorable, or refuse respect to those who are the most apt representatives of our poor and suffering Redeemer."—*Scott*.

3. We read that Shepherds were watching their flocks in the fields at night when Christ was born. This shows that that event did *not* take place at *Christmas* as many vainly imagine.

4. The shepherds tell the wonderful things they saw and heard: in this we should follow their example.

5. From the appearance, the announcement, and the song of the angels we learn that angels take a deep interest in our salvation.

6. In verse 19 we read that Mary "pondered" these things in her heart. Should not we, teachers and scholars together, do likewise! This was the greatest event in the world's history. If Christ had not been born it were well for all of us if we had never been born.

DOCTRINE TO BE PROVED.

That the gospel is glad tidings. Luke ii. 10, iv. 19; Rom. x. 15.

News of the Church.

NOTICE.—We cannot supply any more *Records* for *January* or *February*. Several of the last orders which we received could not be filled so far as these Nos. are concerned. We can still meet increased orders for *March* and the succeeding months. The portrait furnished with the *January* No. will be given in the *March* No. in the case of fresh orders.

We have received a letter from Rev. Mr. GEDDIE dated the 1st *March*. He and his family were then in *Liverpool*, expecting to sail in an hour or two for *Australia*, in the ship *Fearnought*. The vessel is large and commodious, and the missionaries looked forward to a comfortable and rapid

voyage. Three young missionaries from *Scotland* accompany Mr. Geddie. Our brethren of the *Reformed Presbyterian Church, Scotland*, gave Mr. Geddie a most cordial reception. He addressed large meetings at *Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Liverpool*. Friends at *Glasgow* presented him with an elegant gold watch. The fortnight which Mr. Geddie spent in *Britain* was an extremely busy, but withal a very pleasant one.

The young men in connection with *Poplar Grove and Chalmers' Churches* have formed themselves into *Associations* for mutual improvement, and for purposes of beneficence. They hold regular meetings at which instructive essays are read and important subjects are discussed. A special object in view is to extend a brother's hand to any young man from any of our country congregations who may come to this city. We would suggest therefore to our ministers in all parts of the church to furnish young men leaving their congregations to reside in *Halifax*, with letters of introduction to one or other of our ministers or elders. This would secure friends here who might be of the greatest service to a stranger. Young men and young women too, are often lost to the church through their not coming to the city furnished with introductions to the ministers or any other friends.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met in *Queen Square Church, Charlottetown*, on *Tuesday* the 6th inst. There were present the Revs. A. Campbell, Moderator *pro tem.*, R. S. Patterson, Jas. Allen, I. Murray, H. Crawford, G. Sutherland, Clerk, A. Fraser, A. Cameron, R. Laird, W. Ross, H. McMillan, A. McLean, W. R. Frame, A. Falconer, and D. W. Cameron; and Messrs. James Henderson, C. Dingwell, D. Laird, and G. Walker, Elders—fifteen Ministers and four Elders.

A commission in favor of Mr. William Hunter, Elder, from *Dundas*, was read and sustained, and Mr. Hunter's name was ordered to be added to the roll.

A report of Missionary labours at *Tryon*, by Mr. J. Bernard, was read and received.

A very encouraging report of the financial condition of the *Bedeque Congregation* was given by the Rev. Mr. Frame. The stipend of last year had been paid in full; and there was every prospect that the venerable pastor of that congregation would hereafter receive the full stipend of £150. The report was received, and the diligence of the committee highly commended.

The Rev. H. McMillan, on account of