

usefulness till the most distant recesses of the wilderness resound with the glad tidings of peace. It will be a bright day for Presbyterianism, when brethren will sheath the sword of mutual strife, sign a covenant of grace, and turn their united forces against the common foe of poor, fallen man.

On Saturday after the union the members of Synod to the number of about 300 went on an excursion on the River, and combining the useful with the pleasant, visited the Mission School at Point aux Trembles. They more than filled the school rooms, and witnessed a brief and very satisfactory examination of the pupils—young French Roman Catholics gathered from every part of Lower Canada to be instructed in Bible truth. One of the best river steamers was hired for the excursion by citizens of Montreal.

On Sabbath the services in Montreal were very largely attended; but particular attention was attracted to a service for children in Cote Street Church at 3 o'clock p. m. Rev. Messrs. Inglis and Ormiston of Hamilton addressed the children. The church was densely filled.

On Monday the Synod received delegates from the Presbyterian Church of England and from the Old School Presbyterian Church in the United States. The next meeting is to be held at Toronto on the first week of June 1862.

[\*Our contemporary has here entirely misrepresented the matter at issue. Dr. Cook's motion was not in favor of Union with the other bodies, but simply to prepare such a basis of Union as our Church in Canada would be likely to entertain, and to have it submitted to next Synod. Such coarse and insulting terms as "fossilized Scotchmen" are not well calculated to draw more closely the bonds of a Union which shall have for its substratum, harmony of feeling, as well as mere outward profession.]-ED. REC.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR THE YOUNG MEN'S SCHEME.

At the last meeting of the Presbytery in Pictou, it was appointed that on the Monday of the Sacrament at each place at which it was dispensed, the people should be convened and invited to subscribe in aid of the funds of this scheme; and the Synod trusting that the amount so raised will prove amply sufficient, has set apart no special day for a church-door collection, as it has done in the case of all the other schemes. It is to be hoped therefore, that every congregation within the bounds of the Synod will hold a meeting either on the occasion referred to by the Pictou Presbytery or on some other day, and make a special effort on behalf of an under-

taking which has been so well inaugurated and continued. The return of those who were first sent, calls for something like a thanksgiving subscription this year. We trust that no congregations—no station—not even the vacant ones, will be behind in this matter. If the Monday of the Sacrament be an unsuitable day, let the minister and session call the people together at a time that they think more convenient. This is being done at Salt Springs; for the meeting having been held on the day appointed at Gairloch, the other section of the congregation wished a special meeting of their own; and Mr. Grant agreed to preach to them on an after day. The meeting there has been held, we believe; but we have not yet learned the result. At other places, large subscriptions have been made; and only one thing now remains to be done,—payment of them as speedily as possible. Pictou congregation nobly headed the others this time, setting an example of promptitude and liberality which, as far as we have heard from, is being followed by all the other congregations. Its subscription amounts to £40. A meeting was held on the same day at New Glasgow, at which good addresses were delivered by Messrs. Pollok, Macgregor and others, and collectors were appointed who expect to raise £20. Perhaps it would have been better to have struck when the iron was hot by taking the subscriptions of all who were at the meeting. At Gairloch a considerable number of the people remained, almost every man of whom came forward with eagerness to offer his contribution. Fully £20 were subscribed, and this sum they expect to increase by some pounds; should Salt Springs do as well, this congregation may perhaps excel every other one. At Gairloch the list was headed by their minister putting down his name for £2 10s., and this was the cause of the readiness manifested by the people to come forward with their offerings. Meetings have been held at both the East and the West Branches of the East River, for this is a congregation that is never behind hand, at which £25 or £26 were subscribed. Through some misunderstanding, no meeting was held on the appointed day of the Roger's Hill and Cape John people, but Mr. Sinclair intends to give them another opportunity of contributing. We have not heard if anything was done at Wallace, Pugwash, Earlton, or Maclellan's Mountain; but as the Sacrament has been administered at all these places, it is probable that the instructions of the Presbytery have been implemented. So much for Pictou Presbytery. In Halifax, Mr. Grant, accompanied by Dr. Avery, waited upon several of our friends connected with both our congregations there. He received nearly £60, of which £16 is in the form of yearly subscriptions; but as his time was limited, Dr. Avery, and Messrs. Jas. Thompson, James Bremner, and A. K. Doull, were appointed a