

A very interesting Missionary Meeting was held, and eloquent addresses were delivered. The sum raised for the Foreign Mission during the year, was £856; for the Home Mission, £238. The Free Church Synod, which had met at New Glasgow, now paid a visit to the other Synod, at Pictou, when a very cordial conference respecting Union was held. After devotional exercises, a number of members of both bodies entered into a most friendly conversation, and there seemed to be a unanimous desire for Union, which, it was resolved, should be consummated at Pictou, on the 4th of October next. Arrangements were made for celebrating the Tri-Centenary of the Reformation, and various other matters of detail were disposed of.

It will be observed that the parties in Nova Scotia proposing to unite, have different designations, and, we believe, somewhat different ecclesiastical relations, from those in Canada. In Canada we have not the "Free Church," and in Nova Scotia there is not the "United Presbyterian Church."

#### SYNOD TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

We have received the accounts for last year; but, as the article is of considerable length, we are reluctantly obliged, in the present crowded state of our pages, to postpone it till next month.

#### NORWICHVILLE AND WINDHAM.

The U. P. Congregation of these places, in the Presbytery of Brant, have called Mr. William Donald, Probationer, to be their pastor.

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## Gleanings.

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#### THE BIBLE IN ITALY.

At a meeting held in George Street Hall, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 3rd July,—Sheriff Cleghorn in the chair—the Rev. J. R. Macdougall from Florence, made an interesting statement as to the steps which had been taken to spread the Bible in Italy. He began by noticing the great change which had taken place in Italy,—last year, people were imprisoned and exiled for reading the Bible, and now they enjoyed comparative freedom. The demand for the Bible, and for evangelical treatises in Florence, and over the whole country, was so great, that two depôts had been opened in that city, and neither the one nor the other had been interfered with by the Government, and privately there had been every encouragement given for the establishment of such things. They had also established two schools, one for boys and another for girls, and this was a most important branch of their work, as all who knew the Italians considered that they would have much more success with the rising than with the adult generation. They employed a number of colporteurs, and they had several gratifying instances of the blessings which had attended the circulation of the Bible. The colporteurs met with no opposition from the people, but only from persons dressed in a little brief authority, such as the prefects and the delegates. He alluded with regret to the divisions which existed in the Protestant Church at Florence, which had done a great deal to retard its progress, and mentioned that a church on a Presbyterian basis, with elders, deacons, and evangelists, had been established. The statement was listened to with great interest by a numerous audience.

[The above is taken from the *Witness*. We understand a resolution has been formed in one of our congregations in Canada, to raise a fund for sending Bibles to Sicily, as one of the best means of aiding Garibaldi, and at the same time effecting something unspeakably better. We should be glad that the scheme were generally adopted. A small sum would go a considerable way.]