

Addressed: "Rev. Robert McCunn, River John, Pictou Co." Letters on business as before, to the Secretary, Mr. Wm. Jack, Pictou. If the *Record* is to be made interesting to our people, articles and items of intelligence must be forwarded by ministers and others from time to time, and these should be in hand not later than the 20th of each month. If earlier, the publishing of the *Record* punctually, at the proper time, will be much facilitated.

On account of the arrangements of the printing Office, the *first Saturday* of each month is the most suitable time for publishing, which will, therefore, be the publishing day after the present month, and not the 1st as heretofore advertised on the cover.



NOTES OF THE MONTH.

AN error in the Notes of last month has been already corrected in the *Colonial Standard*. There it was stated that the U. P. Synod in Scotland had decided in favor of organs in their churches in England, while the decision was the reverse.

The most important event to be noticed is the inauguration of the new Dominion, the 1st of July. It is now the duty of christian people to pray in public and private for its prosperity. Everything will depend upon the character of those to whom its interests are committed in charge. The most startling event of this summer is the execution of the young, chivalrous and accomplished Maximilian, by an Indian called Juarez, whom United States sympathy and aid have made successful. The whole affair is truly horrible, and prints a stain in the history of all more or less implicated. The Dominion cabinet has been formed and consists of prominent politicians, who will, no doubt, endeavour to assist the people in accommodating themselves to the new constitution.

In Europe the Emperor of Austria has taken the oath and been crowned King of Hungary—truly a great event. The life of the Emperor of Russia, greatly endangered by an assassin in Paris, has been mercifully spared. The visit of this mighty autocrat to Paris cannot have been very agreeable—while the police had to be constantly on the alert for his safety. Autocracy though a pleasant sort of thing to contemplate from a distance, has its ills of its own. The Princess of Wales improves slowly. The Reform Bill is now before, though Parliament still squabbles about its redistribution. The attacks of some leading papers upon the House of Lords are unavailing. That House, having a character of its own, should be tranquil and quiet. We do not want in Britain two houses of Commons.

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has been characterised by amiable

debates. On the "innovations" decision it refused any change. The matter remains with Presbyteries. Dr. Lee's case was delayed by his sudden illness. Dr. Pirie having given in the report of a commission of last year upon patronage, which recommended a change in the law, moved in favor of a change, when his motion was lost by *only two*. Herein is to be found an indication of a wonderful change of sentiment in the church. The report of the commission is very interesting. The Colonial Committee in reporting, express their unwillingness to give any portion of their funds for a Hall in the Lower Provinces, but are willing to give bursaries to students studying Theology in Queen's College, Canada. We have therefore to make the important announcement that the project of establishing a Hall in Halifax, has for the present been crushed. In the weary Cumbroe case, the presentation has been sustained.

A very fine church in connection with St. Paul's congregation, has been founded in Montreal. It is to cost \$60,000. Our Synod has had a very pleasant meeting in Charlottetown—greatly cheered by the presence of the respected delegation from Canada, Principal Snodgrass, Mr. McLennan, Moderator, and Mr. Brynner, Elder, and also greatly enhanced by the considerate kindness of Mr. Duncan and his lady and the generous hospitality of the people of Charlottetown. The presence of Dr. Henderson during the whole, and of Messrs. Ogg and Caie during the most part of the session was of great importance to the discussion upon all subjects but especially upon the union with the New Brunswick Synod. Among many matters worthy of note, which will be seen in the published minutes, last Synod was remarkable for its amicable deliberations—its large attendance of ministers and elders, its resolve to unite with the Synod of New Brunswick at Pictou next summer and its encouraging conferences with leading men of the congregations of the late Rev. Donald McDonald. We hear that the Bazaar in Pictou in aid of the erection of St. Andrew's Church, has been a great success and that the funds realized amount to somewhere about £500. The display was highly creditable to the ladies, whose graces must have made the spending of money a pleasanter exercise than is usual. Our people will be sorry to hear that Mr. Gordon has resigned the treasurership of the Synod's Funds. He has laid our church under many obligations by his liberality and labours in her service. At the Synod, Senator Holmes announced that he had been fifty years an elder. May our staunch old friend be long spared.

Dr. Pirie stated in the General Assembly that, making an estimate for those congregations, which had made no returns, the missionary and benevolent contributions of the Church of Scotland during the past year were above £200,000 str.