

than I have since I decided for this Mission. May the Lord make me useful in His own good cause, and instrumental, in His own hands, in saving many souls, from among the Heathen. I feel that I have the prayers of God's people and this encourages my heart and comforts me exceedingly, &c." This is the spirit in which our dear Brother speaks, and in the hope which he cherishes, God forbid that he should be disappointed.

Surely he will not be forgotten in any secret closet, where one, even of the feeblest of the disciples of Christ is accustomed to bend the knee—and should not too the christian parent, when surrounding the family altar, add to his petitions this special one, that God would watch over our beloved Missionary and richly bless him, with every needful gift and grace and make him a blessing to many thousands. He is the first from our Church in Nova Scotia, whose heart was effectually moved with compassion for the poor outcasts. By him we hope to send our first message of love to our perishing brethren—with liberal contributions for his support, let the earnest prayers of the Church be unceasing. This Mission is Christ's own express command, and all our hopes of success must entirely rest on the same promise, which He has given. He directs, He wishes his people to plead that promise. The result is not doubtful. The prayer for the success of Mission work is the expression of a soul, longing for the accomplishment of the very object most dear to Him. The Saviour's heart is set on this. To deliver our frail, dying race from death and bring them back to life, to God and to happiness, was the joy set before Him when He endured the cross and dispised the shame. This same Jesus, who wept tears of sorrow over the perishing inhabitants of Jerusalem, is unchanged in His love and in His desire to save immortal souls. Our prayers for this object, we are therefore assured will be heard and answered. "This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He heareth us."

It is according to His rule to send the glad tidings of His love to every creature. Before He ascended to His throne He gave this command and left it as His last solemn charge to His followers—and while only one here and there can personally go to the Heathen and labour there, the prayers of all must go with him. "Ye that make mention of the Lord keep not silence, and give Him no rest, till He establish and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

To every earnest praying friend of Missions, the certainty is given, and given in language, which cannot be misunderstood by our risen Lord's own words, that his desire will be granted and that every effort will receive a full reward. There is no fanaticism in the firm belief of this. It is the sober and sound conclusion to which every man must

be constrained, who would not be found in the class of unbelievers. Yes, there is a certainty and a glorious reward! connected with the work of Christ. "Fellow-workers with God!" What a position is this! It is offered to poor frail and erring men. "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever." Let our church, let all our people unite in their prayer for this—a gracious Saviour will hear and he will go before as the breaker up of the way—He will make his face to shine upon us, and while our feeble efforts are put forth to water the waste places, He will shower the blessings of his grace on our own dwellings and revive His gracious work in our midst.

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Meeting of Pictou Presbytery.

A *pro re nata* meeting of the Pictou Presbytery was held in St. Luke's Church, Salt Springs, on Tuesday the 24th inst., to consider the call from St. James's congregation, Newcastle, to the Rev. W. McMillan Salt Springs. In consequence of the great inconvenience in travelling, owing to a recent heavy snowfall, the attendance of the brethren was small. Not so, however, with the Salt Springs congregation. Although the attendance was small when intimation of the meeting was given, yet the meeting was a large and an earnest one. They met, being summoned in defence of their own interests. They are strongly, and we believe unanimously opposed to the translation of their minister to another sphere of labour.

In the absence of the delegates from Newcastle, final action in regard to the call was deferred until the next quarterly meeting of Presbytery to be held in Pictou, on Wednesday, 2nd December.

We are glad to learn that the greatest harmony exists between the members of the congregation, and the pastor and congregation of Salt Springs, and it was sufficiently evident from the unanimity and earnestness of the congregational meeting on the 24th, that they do not intend to relinquish their hold of their pastor, or give up their prior claims without a stern struggle. May the Allwise guide them to what is right and best and strengthen them both, pastor and people, "To trust in God and do the right."—COM.

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A DEPUTATION of the ladies of St. John's congregation, Albion Mines, lately waited on their pastor the Rev. W. M. Philip, and presented him with a rich and elegant easy chair, as a slight token of the universal respect and esteem in which he is held. They presented Mrs. Philip at same time with a valuable assortment of blankets, which were woven by Mrs. John Murray, and form a beautiful specimen of native manufacture.