

United States.

The contributions to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the year amounted to \$106,934, exceeding the contributions of the previous year by \$31,650. Of the total amount \$12,156 were contributed by the Philadelphia branch.

It is a remarkable fact that the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has just closed its financial year with a balance of between nine and ten thousand dollars in its treasury. The legacies were \$111,365, receipts from the Woman's Board \$170,304, and the total \$580,255. This is a noble record.

An excellent work is being done among the very lowest of our population in New York, by Michael Dunn, an ex-convict, who has spent thirty-five years in jail. He was trained by his parents as a professional thief. He was converted in 1879, chiefly through the kindness and instruction of the Prison Association, and is now engaged in keeping a "House of Industry" for discharged convicts, whom he shelters and provides with employment, some of it on the premises. The first floor of his house is used as a reading-room and a place for religious meetings. It is at 37 Bleeker street.—*Episcopal Recorder*.

It is now two months since Messrs. Moody and Sankey left the Pacific coast, yet the gospel meetings and the noon-day prayer-meetings have kept up with unabated interest; the former every night except Saturday, and the latter every day except Sabbath.

Presbytery of Truro.

Met at Truro on Tuesday the 2nd inst., present 15 ministers and 3 elders. Rev. Wm. Donald of Pictou and Rev. Dr. Pollok were present as corresponding members.

Rev. James McLean was elected Moderator of Presbytery for the current year.

Dr. Pollok on behalf of the College Board asked that Presbytery appoint one of its number to co-operate with a member of the College Board in collecting the subscriptions and completing the work of endowment within the bounds of the Presbytery. In compliance with the request Rev. E. Grant was appointed.

The call from West River congregation to Rev. A. McLeod of Parrsboro was taken up, commissioners from West

River and Parrsboro were heard, after which Mr. McLeod intimated his acceptance of the call. Presbytery gave its assent to his decision. His connection with his present charge to cease at the end of the present month. Rev. John A. Logan was appointed interim moderator of Session, the Rev. E. Ross to preach in Parrsboro and declare the congregation vacant.

Rev's J. C. Meek and E. Smith were appointed a committee for the purpose of securing compliance with the resolution of Synod instructing congregations to contribute to all the Schemes of the Church.

On motion of Dr. McCulloch, seconded by Rev. A. F. Thompson the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That this Presbytery express their deep and unfeigned regret at the recent violation of the Lord's day by His Excellency the Governor General, and earnestly desire that His Excellency would have regard to the conscientious convictions of those over whom Providence has placed him in authority, and where his example is calculated to affect the already extensive desecration of the Lord's day.

It was agreed that a copy of this resolution be sent to His Excellency.

Well done, Truro Presbytery.

Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met at Kempt, Hants Co., on the 26th of July, for the induction of Rev. Thomas Murray into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Kempt and Walton, which has been vacant since the death of their late pastor Rev. John McLean, and for other business.

Rev. M. G. Henry of Shubenacadie preached from the parable of the sower. Rev. E. McNab of Newport addressed the minister, and Rev. A. Gunn of Windsor the people, after which the newly inducted pastor received a cordial welcome from the congregation and his first quarter's stipend was paid him in advance.

St. John's church, Halifax, has applied for moderation in a call, and Rev. F. M. Morrison of Dartmouth is to preach and moderate. A call on the 13th of September at 7.30 P. M.

Amnapolis is not to be separated and formed into a new congregation but in conjunction with Bridgetown is to remain as heretofore one charge.

Presbyterial visitations are to be held at Upper Musquodoboit on Tuesday evening, September 6th at 7 o'clock. And at Sheet Harbour on Wednesday evening at the same hour.