

that the RECORD may continue in circulation. These few lines are not intended for publication, but for the perusal or information of the committee. I remain Rev. and Dear Sir yours respectfully.

P. S.—Mr. Sprott in his report of P. E. I. represented a difference of opinion about Unionists, expressed by the *leading men* from the *East* and the *leading man* from the *West* etc.

The statement of the leading man from the West is the established resolution not only of the majority but of 999 of a thousand of our people. Mr. Sprott himself by his report seemed to have a bias for the Union party, the which throughout is a *half and between*.

A Congregational meeting was held in the East lately and among other matters to enquire into the truth of such a statement. No one owned making such a statement. Such a leaning was strongly ignored by telling speeches in Gaelic and English by some of our ablest Elders. Mr. Goodwill who was present was directed to correspond with the Col. Committee about said report. Should any of our leading men be so minded their influence would be of short duration amongst us.

## RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

A new Presbyterian church 50x36 feet has just been opened at Pembina, Dakota, at a cost of \$1,250, all of which is paid.

A Methodist Ecumenical Council, at which the 20,000,000 Methodists of various orders in all parts of the world will be represented, is to be called for some time in 1881, the place to be hereafter decided.

The Protestants in Roumelia have received permission from the Government to build two chapels, one in Philippolis and one in Yamboul. The chapels are

nearly completed. Permission to build them was obtained very readily, and their completion will mark a new era in the growth of missionary work in the two cities.

In the Arcot Mission of the Reformed (Dutch) Church the missionaries extended the hand of welcome last year to over 5,000 persons who have abandoned the worship of idols and professed themselves Christians. On one Sunday Rev. Jared Scudder baptized 307 and on the next 227 persons, convert 1 from Hindooism.

W. R. Stocking, of Wisconsin, a Persian missionary, furnishes a letter from that country stating that there was great distress among the Christians there from the failure of the crops. He urges that donations be sent to the American missionary, A. N. Andrews, at Mosul, and to Rev. Benjamin Larobie, at Oroomiah, to save hundreds from starving.

The committee who are promoting a monument to John Knox met in Edinburgh recently, the Rev. Dr. Chrystal Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, in the chair, and afterwards visited the studio of Mr. D. W. Stevenson, A. R. S. A., in Castle terrace, where they inspected a model design, of which they approved, and commissioned Mr. Stevenson to execute the work. If funds admit, figures of Patrick Hamilton, George Wishart, George Buchanan, and Andrew Melville are to be placed at the four corners of the pedestal. The place selected for the monument is in the square to the west of St. Giles's church, facing High street. It is estimated that the monument will not exceed £2,000, and over £500 have already been subscribed.