

afraza Road. However, Mr. McMillan, who accompanied us thus far, went on to Arthur, and was to spend the Sabbath there, and at a village on the Mantland River, called Mount Forrest Between Arthur, Egmont, and Normanby, there would be employment for two missionary labourers.

Having returned to Durham in the evening, we started next morning for Artemisia. In the course of this day, we preached three times, once about five miles from Durham, a second time at Priceville, in the township of Artemisia, and a third time in the evening, on the Toronto Road, in the same township. At the last place especially, the congregation was large and encouraging. We had some difficulty in reaching the place, under the guidance of Mr. Cairns, having had, for some little distance, to walk, and drive the horses through the mud holes; but the encouraging aspect of things when we reached, was quite cheering. In this neighborhood there are a considerable number of excellent friends, who are most anxious to have the ordinances of the gospel. Hitherto there has been some little want of unity of sentiment of operation, but we are persuaded that, were they once favored with an active laborer, every thing of this kind would disappear, and that they would all rally round him. Here, as in all other places which we visited, we sought to encourage the people, to unto their energies and their prayers, with the view of their being, ere long, provided with the more regular and full dispensation of the means of grace. From Artemisia, following the Toronto Road westward, we went to Holland, where we preached on Friday. This road, like the Garafraxa and the Durham roads, was settled on the plan of fifty acre grants to actual settlers. Many of the settlers, however, have now acquired much more by purchase. A large population fills the country on both sides of the road, and we were informed, that within no great distance, there might be about 100 Presbyterian families. At Holland I was met by Mr. Clark, catechist, and Mr. James Robertson, from St. Vincent. The latter was my guide for two or three days, and I have not often had a more intelligent or better informed guide. Mr. Clark was on his way to Durham, to take Mr. McMillan's place, as he was to be in Arthur and Egmont. After a long journey through a bush road, we reached, on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Marshall's, on the confines of Euphrasia and St. Vincent. On the Sabbath, we preached on the 9th line of St. Vincent, and afterwards at Grier's Corners, the congregations at both places being full and most attentive. Mr. Clark in this station, and Mr. McMillan at Durham, are sustaining the work admirably, and are justly held in high estimation.

Having made arrangements to preach at Collingwood Harbour, in the Township of Nottawasaga, on Monday evening, we started at an early hour on Monday morning, with the view of reaching McLaren's Point, at which the steamer from Owen Sound to Collingwood generally touches about nine o'clock. We reached the Point in due time, but to our disappointment

found that there would be no boat down that day. It being impossible to reach Collingwood by land in time to keep our appointment, we had no alternative but remain with our kind friends at the Point, Mr. and Mrs. McLaren and their family, with whom, although they belong to another communion, we had pleasing Christian intercourse. We were in hopes that, in the course of the day, a steamer would appear on its way to Owen Sound, by which we could come down on the following morning; but in this too we were disappointed. Many a look did we cast over the waters of the Georgian Bay, but no steamer appeared, except one of the large steamers from Chicago to Collingwood, which passed down at the distance of some miles. The Point where we thus lay, as it were weatherbound, marked in the maps *Cape Rich*, had, in regard to scenery, much to please and gratify the eye. To the south we could see distinctly the range of hills by which St. Vincent is encompassed like an amphitheatre, terminated eastward by the Blue Mountains of Collingwood. To the north-east we could describe the *Christian Islands*, and to the west and northwest the headlands beyond Owen Sound, while the pure waters of the Georgian Bay were stretched out like a mirror in front. In other circumstances we should have been delighted to linger for a day or two in such a quiet spot. But beautiful as the scenery was, and invigorating as were the breezes, we could not remain very patiently. Accordingly on Tuesday morning, having been provided with a horse by our kind host, we started for Meaford, a village about ten miles distant from the Point. Here we found a sailing boat just about to start for Collingwood with a load of flour. In company with several others, some of whom had been waiting longer than ourselves, we took a passage by this boat, and after a sail of little more than three hours, reached Collingwood, just as the afternoon train was ready to start. So little time had we to lose, that we believe some of our fellow passengers were not able to transfer themselves to the cars. We were more successful in our attempts to reach the cars, and were thus enabled to arrive in the city the same afternoon, somewhat fatigued, for in the course of ten days we had preached fourteen times, and, not counting the miles we had travelled by stage, &c., had travelled about 80 miles on horseback, over not very smooth roads,—but still thankful for continued health, and for the mercies which accompanied us on our journey and greeted us on our return.

Had time and space permitted, we should have made some remarks on the question which is forcing itself upon our consideration, "what are we to do with our Home Mission Field?" These however, we must reserve till next month.

THE MINUTES OF SYNOD.—We have sent parcels of the minutes to all the ministers of the church. We have still some on hand. Parties wishing them, may apply by letter for copies, and they shall be sent by mail. Mr. McLellan, Hamilton, and Mr. Clark, London, have a few copies.

#### THE PRIESTS AND OUR COMMON SCHOOLS.

We have received a copy of a correspondence between Dr. Ryerson and other persons, on the subject of Separate Schools, printed by order of the Assembly. From this pamphlet, it is evident that our admirable educational system is menaced with great danger, owing to the incessant and insidious attacks made upon it by the Roman Catholic Priests. We have only to turn to pages 34-35, to find out the daring attempts that are in the course of being made, to destroy the entire system of education, and make it subservient to the promotion of Romanism.—There is to be seen a most ominous document, in the shape of a Bill, concocted by the Priests, Bishops, of Bytown, Kingston, and Toronto, and declared to be the only measure that will satisfy the "conscientious convictions of the Catholics of this province"—While pretending merely to satisfy these convictions, it would have bound the country neck and heel, to promote Romanism. Our property, our laws, our municipal institutions, would have been placed at the disposal of every petty priest. And this was the measure which our government was on the eve of passing at its last session. How much need then, have the friends of Education to rally around the standard of our school system, that the unrighteous attempts of the Jesuit Episcopal Triumvirate may be defeated. We have strong grounds for being vigilant, for we have to combat the wiles and defeat the insidious designs of Jesuitism.

We observe that in a portion of the correspondence, there is on the part of a certain Priest Kirwan, rural dean at London, a contemptuous allusion to the *Free Church Society at Toronto*, and an uncharitable attack upon the Rev. R. McPherson, of Stratford.

REV. DR. MURRAY.—The Rev. Dr. Murray, perhaps better known to some of our readers as "Kirwan," lately visited Toronto and Hamilton. In Toronto, besides preaching twice on Sabbath to crowded audiences, he delivered two Lectures on Popery; one in St. Lawrence Hall, on "the Genius and Tendency of Romanism," and the other in the Wesleyan Church, Richmond Street, on "Popery as found in Rome." Dr. Murray's visit will, we trust, give a strong impetus to the operations of the Toronto Protestant Alliance, and to the cause of Protestantism generally.

In consequence of the Editor's absence during a considerable portion of the month, a few communications may not have been attended to so promptly as might have been desirable. Correspondents will however excuse this.

The Editor purposes being at Cobourg on the 15th current, and at Otonabee on the 17th or 18th. Subscribers who may be in arrears for the *Record*, at the former place, may pay their subscriptions to Mr. Milne, Cobourg, and at Otonabee, to Mr. James Fyfe, Mr. D. Drummond, T. Short, Esq., or Rev. F. Andrews.