

The Presbytery of P. E. Island met in the Queen Square Church, Charlottetown, on the 31st ult. The Presbytery met principally to consider the demission of the Rev. W. Ross, but as a committee appointed at a previous meeting, was not represented in person, or by written report, it was deemed advisable that the case should not be finally decided at this meeting. The commissioners present were heard as to the amount of salary which they could guarantee. They sought a supplement of £15 for one year for the congregation; which application the Presbytery promised to recommend to Synod in the event of Mr. Ross's remaining, and the congregation engaging to raise £135. At the request of Mr. Ross, the next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at West River, on the last Wednesday of April, when it is expected that the case will be finally decided. The Presbytery was for some time engaged in considering the proposed Rules and Forms of Procedure, which are still further to be discussed at a future meeting.

SUMMARY OF RELIGIOUS NEWS.

The greatest semi-religious case of the century has been that of Miss Saurin, an Irish nun, who brought a suit against her "Mother Superior." The inner life of Convents was exposed to a blaze of light in which the so-called "higher life" of nuns appeared to poor advantage. The trial continued for twenty-one days. Miss Saurin obtained a verdict against the Convent authorities, and damages to the extent of £500. The poor nun had often been half-starved—made to lick the floor—to wear a duster on her head—to eat mouldy bread, and in general subjected to a long course of petty persecution, indicative of envy, jealousy, malice, petty spite, and all the usual accompaniments of bitter quarrels. The practical lesson of the trial is, Beware of Nunneries, Convents, and everything about them!—Our readers are familiar with the perversion of the Marquis of Bute, one of the richest men in Great Britain. A nobleman occupying a high position in Prussia, has recently gone over to Rome, by the way of high Lutheranism, which is just as bad as Puseyism.

The House of Commons has supported, with ever increasing majorities, Mr. Gladstone's measures for the disestablishment of the Irish Church. Only seven members from Scotland have voted against him.—The Irish Roman Catholics are pressing eagerly for Separate Schools, just as the priests are doing here.—The Presbyteries of the Free Church of Scotland have been

discussing highly important principles—the freedom and independence of the church, and the Kingship of Christ. Some of the Presbyteries of the establishment have been passing resolutions against lay patronage. Most of them have passed resolutions against the Disestablishment of the Irish Church. The United Presbyterians, the Reformed, and the Free, are, with few exceptions, in favour of Mr. Gladstone's policy.—A pamphlet has been published and widely circulated in Scotland, showing the entire success of the Free Church in affording to all her ministers a compensation more liberal than has ever been reached before by voluntary gifts. It proves clearly that churches can be maintained on the most satisfactory basis, and can carry on the work even in remote country districts, by the liberality of their own members.—The old and new School Assemblies in the United States are to meet in New York on the 20th May. Many urge immediate union, but it is not likely that such a step can be effected without another reference to the Presbyteries.—Our brethren of the "United Presbyterian Church of America" are complaining of the depletion of their mission treasury. The mission in Egypt is \$10,000 in debt. In the last "statement" we are delighted to read that, "in all our missions there are many indications for good. The sun of brighter promise never shone upon us—if we are only ready to follow as He for whose guidance and blessing we have often prayed for leads."

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

The Treasurer acknowledges receipt of the following sums during the month past:

HOME MISSIONS.

Sydney Mines, per Rev M. Wilson.	£58 00
Salem Ch. Society, Green Hill, for religious purposes, per Rev G. Patterson	20 00
Prince Street Ch., Pictou	28 57
Late Seminary Sewing Circle, Truro	6 00
" " Miss. Box	3 32½
West River Cong., per Rev G. Roddick	18 00
Calvin Ch., St. John, per Rev. Samuel Houston	21 57
Miss Ellen Fisher, Middle Stewiecke	1 00
Sheet Har., per Rev E. A. McCurdy	23 41
Brookfield Section of Rev Mr McGilvray's Congregation	25 00
Bedford, per Peter Smith	23 50
Golden Grove and Saltsprings, per Rev S. Fraser	14 00
Leitch's Creek, C. B., per Rev. Dr. McLeod	11 35
West St. Peter's, payment of probations	25 79
East St. Peter's	10 00