

Maritime.

The district of Nelson is to be disjoined from Newenstone, N. B., and united with Douglastown, to form with it one pastoral charge.

Rev. John McCarter has tabled his demission of the congregation of Redbank, Miramichi.

The Catechists appointed by the Presbytery of Miramichi to labor in its mission fields during the summer are Mr. J. F. Smith, Kent Co.; Mr. J. S. McIlraith, Escomine, Quebec; Mr. McKenzie, Kouchibouguac; Mr. Wallace, Flatlands; Mr. Rattee, New Brandon; Mr. Robertson, previously appointed to Tabusintac and one to be obtained for Caraqueet.

Miramichi Presbytery has applied to Assembly to receive Rev. Isaac Baird as a minister of our church.

Rev. W. C. Calder has been inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Woodstock, N. B., and Rev. J. Ross into the charge of South Richmond.

Rev. J. L. George has accepted the call from Sherbrooke, Guysboro' Co., to Dartmouth. Induction, April 12th.

The Presbytery of Pictou is to have a public conference on Temperance, Sabbath Schools, and the State of Religion, in James Church, New Glasgow, on the afternoon and evening of the first Tuesday of May.

Rev. J. A. McKeen has demitted his charge at Bermuda. He has been there eight years and has done good work.

Halifax Presbytery will have seven catechists this summer to labor in the following fields: - North-West Arm, Shubenacadie, St. Croix, Mt. Uniacke, Digby and Bay View, Kempt and Walton and Eastern Shore.

Mr. Archibald has resigned the charge of Kentville congregation.

Rev. Wm. Graham of Edinburgh, has accepted a call to St. John's, Nfld.

The Presbytery of Halifax held a public conference on the State of Religion in Park St. Church on the 15th of March.

United States.

The outlay in New York for the maintenance of charitable and reformatory in-

stitutions for the year 1886 was *five million millions*—nine millions of which would have been wholly unnecessary but for strong drink.

Rev. L. W. Munhall has been holding revival services in Dr. Talmage's Tabernacle. During the six weeks he conducted the meetings 574 new members were received into the church. This church has now 4,000 members. There is one feature however that is not commendable. This immense congregation does, for its size, comparatively little for missions either at Home or Abroad.

The number of ordained Protestant missionaries of all societies now in Mexico is nearly 100. The population they are to evangelize is 10,500,000. It is barely fifteen years since missionary efforts could be freely prosecuted in Mexico, but the spread of the truth has been very rapid. The advance of the Presbyterian mission has been marked. The number of ordained missionaries is eight; ordained natives, twenty-seven; licentiates, nineteen; female missionary teachers, six; Bible women, three. Total native force, seventy-nine.—*Pres. Journal*.

Britain.

Principal Rainy will oppose the movement in the Free Church for the revision of the "Confession of Faith."

It is proposed to divide the Presbytery of London, England, in two Presbyteries, North and South London to be divided by the Thames river. Each Presbytery would contain about forty congregations.

Canon Willerforce calculates that the 160,000 public-houses in Britain have made 16,000 women, widows during the past year.

The appeal of the English Presbyterian Synod to remove the debt of \$15,000 off its Foreign Mission Fund has been successful, as it is all removed, and there is a balance of \$1,250 in the treasury.

Foreign.

Encouraging news has been received by the American Baptists from their mission on the Congo. The conversion of a man and his wife a year ago was the beginning of a revival, which has now affected large numbers. The people brought their idols to be burned, asking the question, "What