

favor the smaller Union. Five Islands Session and Congregation—voted unanimously against the larger Union.

The Rev. Dr. McCulloch entered a protest against the employment of unauthorized lay preachers by the Presbytery. It was agreed to ask for continuance of Supplement to Parrsborough and Coldstream—also for \$100 each to Acadia and Maccan in case of settlement. The Moderator enjoined on all Sessions who had not forwarded their Clerk's dues for the past year to forward the same on, or before, the next day of meeting. It was agreed to overture Synod on the formation of a standing Board on Ministerial Support. The Rev. Dr. McCulloch was authorized to correspond and expostulate with Lewis Carvell, Esq., with regard to the running of the Railway Trains on Sabbath mornings. The next meeting will be held at Truro on the 3rd Tuesday of June, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

This Presbytery met at Tatamagouche on the 5th inst. The subject of Union was considered. It was moved by the Rev. A. B. Mackay, and seconded, that the Basis strictly so called *i. e.* the first four articles of the Synod's remit, be agree to—which motion passed. Mr. Munro dissenting, being dissatisfied with the use of the word "adopt" in reference to the Catechisms. The remaining articles were then considered and approved unanimously. The Rev. E. E. Ross was nominated as Moderator of Synod.

Bible Society.

Mr. Russel is undefatigably prosecuting his work as agent of the B. & F. B. Society. We attended one of his meetings lately and a more instructive and interesting address on the Bible we never heard. The influence for good in these Provinces is worth ten times the salary paid him. His lectures must strengthen the faith of our people in the glorious verities of that Best of all Books and thus strengthen every good institution and cause.

Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.

By invitation from Rev. L. G. McNeill, the agent of the Church presented the claims of this fund before the congregation of Maitland in the Churches of Maitland and of Selmah on Sabbath, the 10th ult.

On Monday in company with Mr. McNeill, he made calls on the people in Maitland, Five Mile River, and Selmah; and so cordial and liberal was the response, that in the evening over \$200 had been received. Even what was not paid is as good as cash, and the whole sum was over \$240 besides

\$10 from Mr. Osmond A. Brien, of Noel. For particulars we refer our readers to the long list of acknowledgments.

We were happy on the Lord's day in beholding the deep attention of the people as they waited on the Lord. We were equally delighted on Monday to find that their liberality kept pace with their devotion. They have an able and active minister, they have now an enlarged Session, well finished Churches, full prayer-meetings and with the Lord's Blessing will prove in the future as they have been in the past, a power for good in the land.

Ships are building to the right and left, nearly a dozen within sight, yet the place is as sober and orderly as the most retired rural settlement.

N.B.—No intoxicating liquors are allowed to be on sale in Maitland, and such is the power of public opinion that prohibition there is not a name or sham, but a reality.

Another Deputy to American Churches.

Rev. Peter Hope, the Secretary of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, has written to the Clerk of our Synod official notice of the appointment of the Deputies named in our first article, and adds the following postscript:—

"The Rev. D. Miller, of Genoa, is to be at the Assembly, at St. Louis, but I question if he will manage to visit Halifax. If he should, he carries with him a commission from the Continental Committee, and we beg you to receive him as our accredited Deputy. He is an excellent man, and worthily represents both the Continental Committee and the Presbytery of Italy."

Mission to the French Acadians

This work is being prosecuted. Mr. Paradis is engaged in the neighbourhood of Grand Falls. Another labourer succeeds Mr. Brouillette during the summer. Mr. F. L. Richard is acting as Colporteur, in the neighbourhood of Shediac. Mr. Cruchet has been appointed by the Presbytery of Pietou, to operate among the Alsatian miners in Pictou County. All these agents require support.

ASSEMBLIES.—The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church will meet at Ottawa on the 2nd June. The Scottish Assemblies and Synods and the leading American Assemblies have been held. The Irish Assembly is now in session.

REV. S. HUSTON, prior to leaving St. John a few weeks ago, acknowledged gifts amounting to \$335.