

**PORT DALHOUSIE AND NIAARA.**—The Rev. F. McCuaig was ordained and inducted at Port Dalhousie, as Pastor of these United Congregations, on the 28th November. The Rev. J. Rennie of Dunnville, preached and presided. The Rev. J. G. Murray of Grimsby, addressed the Minister, and the Rev. R. F. Burns of St. Catharines, the people. On the following day induction services were conducted at Niagara.

**BRANTFORD.**—The Rev. John Alexander, in consequence of a change of views on the subjects of Church Government and baptism, has resigned the charge of this congregation.

**NEW CONGREGATION IN TORONTO.**—A new congregation has now been organized in the western part of the City of Toronto, and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper has been dispensed. The Rev. James Robertson is at present supplying the congregation, with every prospect of success.

**RE-OPENING OF CHURCH AT DUNDAS.**—The Church at Dundas occupied by the congregation of the Rev. Mr. Stark, which has been undergoing extensive repairs and alterations, was re-opened on Sabbath 23rd ult., the services being conducted by the Rev. A. Topp of Toronto, and the Rev. Dr. Ormiston of Hamilton. The congregations were large and attentive. The members of the congregation have exhibited most commendable liberality in contributing the necessary funds. The congregation, while their own Church was undergoing repairs, were kindly accommodated in the United Presbyterian Church.

**YORK MILLS AND FISHERVILLE.**—These congregations after a lengthened vacancy called as pastor, some months ago, the Rev. Robert Jamieson formerly of Dunnville. We are glad to see, by a communication in another column, the energy manifested by the Fisherville congregation. We may add that the congregation at York Mills lately re-constructed their Church, and finished it in a very neat and substantial way. They have lately presented their Pastor with a horse, in token of their appreciation of his diligence and zeal in the performance of his duties.

**FIRST FRUITS OF THE CONTEMPLATED UNION.**—We copy the following from a newspaper sent to us some time ago from Stratford:

**THE U. P. CHURCH.**—We have ascertained that the United Presbyterian Church in this place, will no longer be supplied with Ministerial services inasmuch as it is anticipated that the contemplated union of that church with the Free Church, will

render a distinct organization in this place unnecessary. The same is likely to be the happy result in St. Mary's, and other places similarly situated.

**KNOX COLLEGE TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.**—We publish in another column the Annual Report of the Knox College Total Abstinence Society. The following are the office-bearers for 1860-61:

*President.*—J. Eadie.

*Vice Pres.*—H. McGuire.

*Secretary.*—H. Gracey.

*Treasurer.*—T. Kellough.

*Committee.*—Messrs. J. Davidson, L. Cameron, R. Grant and J. K. Hislop.

**COMMUNICATION FROM WILLIAMS.** We have received a communication from Williams, embodying resolutions on the subject of the contemplated union. In the present position of matters, we do not think that the publication of the communication would do good.

**THE DECEMBER NUMBER.**—Through an oversight of the Printer in making up the form, while No. 1 was changed to No. 2, the name of the month was left unchanged. The error would be apparent on opening the *Record*.

#### ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE.

**ANOTHER VICTIM IN POPISH SPAIN.**—It appears that there is another Protestant in prison in Spain on account of his religion. Manuel Matamoros said to be an excellent young man, of blameless life, has been immured in prison, and subjected to great cruelties solely on account of being a decided Christian and Protestant. We may add that an English Captain of a vessel has been obliged to flee for his life in consequence of having given away a Bible and a few tracts.

**MODERATORS OF ASSEMBLIES.**—It is understood that the Rev. Dr. Candlish is to be proposed as Moderator of the Free Church Assembly, and the Rev. Dr. Smith of Inverary as Moderator of the Assembly of the Established Church.

**STATISTICS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SCOTLAND.**—There are 536 congregations connected with the U. P. Church, in Scotland, and 161,669 Communicants. The Students numbered 194, and the amount raised by the denomination during the year is £192,461 17s. 7½d. of which amount, the sum of £44,377 10s. 3d. was for Missionary and benevolent purposes.

**THE REVIVAL MOVEMENT IN BRITAIN.**—We learn from the *News of the Churches*, and other papers, that the revival movement is widely extending, and is forcing itself on the attention of all. After a series of meetings held in Edinburgh, at which a deep impression appeared to be made, Mr. R. Radcliffe, and Mr. Richard Weaver, the converted prize-fighter, went to London where they are now labouring with marked success. In Glasgow as well as in many country places, both in the West of Scotland and the North, the work is advancing.

**VAUDOIS EVANGELISTS IN ITALY.**—The Evangelists of the Vaudois Church are extending their labours throughout the greater part of Italy. In Tuscany, where there has been hitherto some prejudice against the Vaudois as strangers, they are acquiring a footing, and there and elsewhere are setting forth a healthy exposition of the Word of God. In Naples there has been a very large circulation of the Scriptures.

**MEETING OF PROTESTANT SYNOD IN HUNGARY.** We learn from the *News of the Churches*, that the Protestant Synod of Hungary had met at Pesth for the first time since 1848, for the purpose of discussing freely the affairs of the Church.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CHRISTIAN SUFFERERS IN SYRIA.**—A very lively interest appears to be felt in the Christian sufferers in Syria. Contributions are being raised not only in Britain, and America and in Germany, and in Sweden.

**PRESBYTERIAN UNION IN AUSTRALIA.**—We are glad to observe that negotiations for Union have been opened between the dissentient brethren who declined to fall in with the Union, and the majority who acquiesced in the Union. There may be therefore soon one united Church in Australia, embracing all the Presbyterians within its pale.

**DEATH OF REV. DR. ROBERTSON.**—We observe that late papers announce the death of Rev. Dr. James Robertson, Professor of Church History in Edinburgh, and formerly Minister of Elton. Dr. Robertson was a most able man, and has left behind him few equals in talent and weight of character.

**THE LOODIANA MISSION.**—It has been proposed that a thank offering should be raised for the Loodiana Mission, whence emanated the proposal for the week of prayer last year.

**THE SOUTHERN SECESSION.**—All classes in the South appear to be bent on secession. The Synod of S. C. at a recent meeting express their belief "that the people of South Carolina are now solemnly called on to imitate their Revolutionary forefathers, and stand up for their rights." The Rev. Dr. Palmer of New Orleans has published a sermon in which he strangely urges the people to maintain their position, declaring that the providential trust of the people of the South is to conserve and perpetuate the institution of domestic Slavery as now existing.

**DR. LIVINGSTONE.**—Dr. Livingstone has been recently heard from. He expresses great satisfaction at the sending out of Missionaries from England. There is the prospect of an attempt to send out Romish Missionaries from France to pre-occupy the field.

**CHINA.**—Recent intelligence has been received to the effect that Peking has been captured, and that the Emperor has fled to Tartary. It seems now as if the allies had the power of obtaining any terms they may demand. The issue is in the hands of God, who may sooner than we are aware bring about changes in China.