

affecting liberty of conscience are treated to the full satisfaction of the missionaries, in the absence of Sir Henry Bulwer. Mr Stewart, the Charge d'Affaires, understands his duties to the English missionaries and the native converts in the same sense that Lord Stratford Redcliffe understood them, and all others connected with the Embassy, except Sir Henry Bulwer. Nor does it appear that Mr. Stuart's remonstrances against those outbreaks of Mussulman persecution which from time to time occur in the provinces are ever followed by those dreadful consequences of the downfall of the ministry and the loss of English influence which haunted the dreams of Sir Henry Bulwer. Our correspondent mentions one or two such cases where the complaints were received most courteously at head-quarters, and were met by at least the promise of redress. We can only hope that Earl Russell will not allow the professions and the acts of a long life to be falsified at last by the obstinacy of a diplomatic subordinate."

Communications from the missionaries speak of an improved state of feeling in the Protestant Armenian community, and of some signs of good which give them great satisfaction. The Turkish convert Ahmed has been permitted to return to Constantinople, maintaining his integrity as a Christian, and he announces himself ready to "make another missionary tour at the expense of the government." Mr. Herrick reports that the violent action of the government "has rather strengthened than weakened the cause of Protestantism throughout the country," and assigns weighty reasons for a prompt reinforcement of the part of the mission engaged in the Turkish work.

Tidings from Nicomedia and other places near the capital are more cheering than for a considerable time past. Dr. Van Lennep, of Smyrna, describes a case of severe persecution by the Armenians at Magnesia, which was stopped by the Turkish authorities, the whole affair resulting in great good. A new spirit of union and prayer had exhibited itself among the members of the church in Smyrna.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES of the American Presbyterian Churches held their Annual meetings on the third week of May. They were largely attended. Great efforts are being put forth to heal the dreadful breaches made by the war. Church extension in the Border States is the order of the day. Special attention is paid to the freedmen. Foreign missions are prospering. There has been some talk about a reunion of the old and new schools.

## News of the Church.

### Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met in the Free Church, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, the 26th April. There were present the Rev. W. Ross, Moderator, *pro tempore*, Rev. I. Murray, Rev. A. Munro, Rev. H. Crawford, Rev. G. Sutherland, Clerk, Rev. D. McNeill, and Rev. A. Falconer,—and Messrs. K. Henderson, P. Grigor, M. Gillis, and D. Laird, elders.

Mr. Stephen G. Lawson, student in divinity, had exercises prescribed to him for the summer vacation. Congregations in arrears for the labours of probationers were enjoined to make the necessary payments without any further delay.

The districts of Bonshaw and Tryon made a strenuous effort to secure the services of Mr. William Stuart, probationer, as their Pastor. Messrs. Robertson, Holm, Marchbank, and Howatt represented these districts; and were listened to with much interest by the Presbytery. The sum offered was far in advance of any sum formerly offered by these sections, and held out the prospect of their ability to obtain a settled pastor at a very early day. Certain preliminary steps were, however, necessary, and for the attainment of these, so far as Bonshaw is concerned, Rev. Messrs. Campbell and Sutherland were appointed a deputation to West River and Bonshaw.

The Presbytery resolved to apply to the supplement committee for £20 for West Cape, &c, for a short period. Mr. W. Stuart then informed the Presbytery, that while deeply concerned for the welfare of Bonshaw and Tryon, he felt it his duty to accept the call from the Brae, West Cape, and Campbellton.

Mr. Stuart's trials for ordination were then heard; and on a conjunct view of the whole, were unanimously sustained. His ordination was then appointed to take place at West Cape on Wednesday, the 17th May. Mr. J. D. Murray to preach, Mr. Fraser to preside and address the pastor, and Mr. Frame to address the people; the edict to be served by Mr. Fraser on Sabbath the 7th May.

The Clerk informed the Court that the H. M. Board had sent to this Presbytery Messrs. D. McDougall and S. Fraser, students, who had finished their college course and are now under trials for license; that he had sent Mr. McDougall to St. John's, N. L., and that Mr. Fraser was awaiting his appointments. The Presbytery approved of the appointment to St. John's N. L.; and appointed Mr. Fraser to Bonshaw and Tryon for two Sabbaths, and thence to West