

Tea-Meeting at Barney's River.

On Tuesday last, the Tea meeting in connection with the Kirk at Barney's River came off very successfully. The day being favorable, there was a good turn out of people, and the arrangements and entertainment seem to have gained the admiration of all present. The pleasures of the day were greatly enhanced by the addresses of the ministers who countenanced the meeting. The Rev. Mr. Philip delivered a very amusing speech on "Courtship," in which he administered a severe castigation to the bachelors. It is to be hoped that they will profit by it. The Rev. Mr. Grant of Merigomish, in an impressive address, spoke of the amount of good which the young men and women of our congregations could do if they only exerted their power. A good illustration of this is furnished by the congregation of Barney's River Kirk. About this time last year it was burdened with a debt of about £220. Through the exertions of the young men and women of the congregation, and the kind assistance of friends, that debt is now removed and a few pounds are left on hand for the improvement of the Church. If something were now done to give the Church another coat of paint, and to fence the ground round about it, and lay it off tastefully, it would be an ornament to the place. It is to be hoped that those in arrears will exert themselves to pay up at least a part of their notes for this desirable object.

The committee embrace this opportunity of thanking the friends who aided and countenanced them on this occasion, as well as last year. They feel deeply obliged to the members of the Presbyterian Church, as well as to the adherents of the Kirk, for the friendly spirit they evinced on both occasions.—*Com. to Standard.*

FATHER CHINIQUEY has just completed a tour through this Province. His mission was quite a successful one. Wherever he lectured, large crowds gathered to listen to the interesting story of his conversion from Romanism to the Protestant faith. The collections in aid of his College for training young men for the ministry were very liberal.

The Convener of the Foreign Mission gratefully acknowledges the receipt of £2 14s. sterling towards that mission, from Rev. C. S. Ogg, Chatham, N. B.

The present No. of the *Record* has been unavoidably delayed beyond the usual date of publication.

Notes of the Month.

SINCE a monthly summary was published last in this journal, many events of striking importance have transpired, at which little more than a glance can be taken. The meet-

ings of the Assemblies were characterised by interesting discussions. The General Assembly of our Church have made no essential change upon their decision of last year, with reference to innovations. Dr. Lee, while defending his right to use a prayer-book of his own composition, has withdrawn it in consideration for the feelings of his brethren, at the same time reserving to himself the privilege of reading his prayers—we presume from a manuscript. It would be well for parties to bear in mind that the essential, and, to most of us, objectionable feature of a prayer-book, is its being the authoritative and only medium of public prayer in a Christian Church, and leaving no discretion to the clergyman whatever. Public prayers are often as stereotyped, as if they were read. As to instrumental aid in public praise, it is now, under regulation, part of the usages permitted in the Church of Scotland. It is now not so likely to increase as when it was kept before the public by a perpetual agitation, which was quite in the interest of its friends. The views of Principal Tulloch upon the relation of ancient Confessions to the Church, and the improbability of their perfectly representing the opinions of the Church in science and biblical interpretation, after an interval of centuries of enlightenment and progress, gave rise to the appointment of a committee to enquire into the relation of the Theological Chairs to the Church. Some members of influence seem to think that the Church had no direct control over such Professors. If this were true, it would be a serious discovery. The discussion on the overture on Patronage from the Presbytery of Edinburgh promises very little change in the law. Patronage is as little an unmitigated evil as popular election is an unmitigated good. If the election of ministers could be shown to be a popular right, this would change the argument totally; but no one, as far as known, has yet been able to prove this from our Supreme Standard, the Scriptures. The establishment of popular election may be good policy on the part of a religious body, but policy and principle are generally very different things. The most important duty of a Church is *who* it admits into the ministry—not *where* it puts them. There has been a decided increase in the sums collected for the Schemes.

THE application of our Synod to the Colonial Committee for aid in establishing a Theological Hall, has received an answer, not decided; but on the whole favourable—the Committee requiring a reply to the question, whether Queen's College, Kingston, might not meet our wants.

THE meeting of the sister Synod in Canada, was held in Toronto, immediately after the Fenian raid, and there was consequently a smaller attendance than usual. Principal Snodgrass was raised to the chair.