

copacy is in the south, there being no difference between them except in Church government. As an Episcopalian, therefore, I preached in Episcopal chapels; and as a member of the Established Church, I preached in the Presbyterian churches; and I felt myself the more warranted to do this, because, if the king, who is the head of the Establishment in both countries, were in Scotland, he would of necessity attend a Presbyterian Church there, as he does at an Episcopalian here; and I look upon it as an incontrovertible position, that where the king must attend a clergyman may preach. I was informed, indeed, that Archbishop Usher had preached in the Kirk of Scotland; and I know that some *very high Churchmen* had done so; but without laying any stress on precedents, I repeat that where the king and his court must attend a clergyman may preach. And I believe many will bless God to all eternity that ever I did preach there. But I cannot help recording here, to the honour of the Church of England, that on all the three times that I have visited Scotland, and have attended almost entirely the Presbyterian churches, I have on my return to the use of our liturgy been perfectly astonished at the vast superiority of our mode of worship, and felt it an inestimable privilege that we possess a form of sound words, so adapted in every respect to the wants and desires of all who would worship God in spirit and in truth."

Letters to the Editor.

MANSE, HOPEWELL, Jan. 25, 1872.

Dear Mr. Editor,—It pleases you, I know, to hear of "tokens of regard," bestowed upon any of your brethren. Of such a token I was, this afternoon, the grateful recipient. It consisted—first, of a visit from quite a number of members of my East Branch congregation; who, secondly, spread my table with almost all possible materials for a thoroughly good country tea; and, thirdly, by the hands of one of their number, presented me with a most handsome number of dollars, with the following inscription, of still more value:—"A token of regard from friends residing

at Elmsville and Bridgeville, E. R.—to their beloved Pastor, the Rev. D. Macrae.

The insertion of the above, will oblige

Yours faithfully,

D. MACRAE.

MY DEAR SIR,—I perceive from an article in last month's *Record*, headed 'Pictou Presbytery Lay Association for year ending June 15th, 1871,' that two congregations, Pictou and New Glasgow, are mentioned as having failed in this department of Church work during last year. But they have not failed, as your own columns time after time show. When this congregation (Pictou) was examined officially by Presbytery last April, the Lay Association was referred to, and the liberality of the collection throughout the congregation mentioned. It had not failed then, and that was within the year of the report; and if you look subsequently at the November number, you will find collections from town and country of Pictou amounting to \$102.62, N. S. currency. So who can say Pictou congregation has failed in the department of Church work? As to the report, I disclaim all connection with it, having never seen it, or known of its publication; but one thing I may say, it never received the imprimatur of the Presbytery, for it was never submitted to it—hence the omission, &c.

But my object in this note is not merely to put things right which a *suppressio veri* puts wrong, but to encourage and thank that numerous body of collectors, town and country, to whose unwearied and gratuitous services we are so much obliged for maintaining our Church schemes. I mind not an ephemeral article, but when, through silence, contributors might become discouraged, then I take up the pen and state things as they are.

Yours, &c.,

A. W. H.

Manse, Pictou, Jan. 24, 1871.

News of the Church.

Presentations.

On Sabbath the 14th Jan., Messrs. W. D. Stewart and T. H. Duck presented the well known Superintendent of St. James' Sabbath School, Charlottetown, P. E. I., with one of the most handsome copies of the Bible we have seen. As the gift was quite unexpected, Mr. Kennedy's reply was of necessity