

**Romish Schools in New York.**

For years the Romish hierarchy have carried on, as no other people have done, a most bitter and persistent warfare against our system of public schools. The blessings of these schools are as free y and fully available to their children, as to the children of others; and in proportion to the taxes paid by Romanists toward their support, they have had more advantage from them than any other people. But Rome had a great object to accomplish in coming into this land of religious freedom, where the institutions of a pure Christianity and of a Protestant faith had imparted a prosperity which made her European subjects discontented under her rule. And what more effectual blow could she strike, than to attempt to break up the public system of education, which was going on here so happily under Biblical influences? And how could she begin this work better, than to withdraw her own children entirely, or as far as possible, from all associations with Protestant children and Protestant teachings; and, under monks and nuns, priests and bishops, train them in all the prejudices and dogmas of her system, and send them out to help her in the work of strife and division.

Her device was well conceived. She understands the rule, "divide and conquer." And she has established her schools. She is drawing the lines of separation between Protestants and her adherents, Protestant children and the children of her followers, broad and deep. In this line of policy she finds her best account for the attainment of her ends, and on this she places great dependence for finally reaching the position in this land which she long ago marked out for herself. She may soon make it a strong point before the Legislatures and officers of the States, for the bestowment of special privileges. She has certainly made herself strong in this regard in the city of New York.

There are now training on our soil immense numbers to propagate the Papal system, which eminently blinds the eyes of its votaries to the truth as it is in Jesus, and lead them to rely for salvation on human rites and outward forms, which can neither sanctify nor save. In this aspect of it, the subject is extremely afflictive to those who desire and would seek the spiritual and eternal welfare of its adherents. In this light, as Christian men and labourers together with God's people for the salvation of the erring and lost, we chiefly regard it, though we cannot be insensible to its destructive influence upon industry, enterprise, and every temporal interest of man, as shown in Mexico, South America, and every other portion of our continent where it has obtained the chief control.

But shall these multitudes now in our country be kept chained down in spiritual darkness, and no more effort be made for their release than has been made hitherto; Piety, patriotism, gospel charity, forbid it. But see the preparations made on their own part and by themselves, to perpetuate their own and their children's spiritual bondage! In New York and vicinity alone, are more than *three hundred* professed teachers (besides the whole power of the priesthood) devoted to the inculcation of the doctrines and duties of Popery! And they have gathered together an army of more than *twelve thousand* children, who are daily under their tuition! And they have property worth nearly *two millions of dollars*, consisting of houses and land, and other things necessary to carry on their schemes? What Protestant has dreamed of such preparations among them as this?—*American and Foreign Christian Union.*

**JAPAN OPENED TO MISSIONARY LABOUR.**

—It is believed that in a short time there will be permission for American Citizens, and consequently for American missionaries to reside at Ha-Kodadi.

**St. Matthew's Church.**

We are persuaded that our readers will peruse with no ordinary pleasure and profit, the very beautiful and appropriate services and addresses by the senior Pastor of the congregation at the laying of the foundation stone of the new building designated as St. Matthew's Church. In these solemn and devotional exercises, our attention is carried far back into the past, to the early settlement of this colony,—we are conducted through the different stages and vicissitudes of the congregation, under its different Pastors, till the old building was reduced to ashes, in January, 1857. The hopes and expectations of the congregation are also forcibly and anxiously directed to the future, when, in coming generations, succeeding Pastors shall be appointed, and unborn congregations shall assemble, for public worship, within the walls of the new building. The services of the day were concluded with exceedingly beautiful and appropriate addresses by the Reverend Thos. Jardine, the newly appointed Minister of the congregation, and the Hon. Wm. Young, one of its oldest and most public-spirited adherents. We are happy to observe that the walls of the new building are rising with much rapidity, and when finished, we are convinced, that it will be one of the greatest ornaments of our growing city.

**St. Andrew's Church.**

The annual meeting of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, under the pastoral charge of the Rev. George Boyd, was held in that church on Monday evening the 26th ult., at 8 o'clock. On motion of James Thompson, Esq., John McCulloch, Esq., was appointed Chairman. The meeting being duly constituted, the Secretary, Mr. Philip Thompson, read an abstract of the proceedings for the past year, which was duly approved. The meeting then proceeded to the election of Trustees for the present year, when, on the ballot being taken, the following gentlemen were declared duly elected:—Alexr. McLeod, John McCulloch, John Gibson, Capt. J. Taylor, John Richardson, senr., Esquires.

By letters lately received from Charlotte-town, we learn that vigorous efforts are now making in that city to organise a prosperous Home Missionary Association to aid the funds of the church, and that, in a short time, similar Associations will be formed. All our congregations and preaching stations throughout the Island. No measure which has ever been proposed and adopted by the office-bearers of our church will have such a tendency to promote her extension and prosperity in a temporal point of view, as these auxiliary associations, if conducted with proper spirit and energy, and sustained by the continued and disinterested liberality of our people.

The Synod of New Brunswick held its annual meeting at Newcastle, Miramichi, during last month. We hope to receive, and be enabled to publish, an account of its proceedings, and, if transmitted in sufficient time, the minutes of this Synod, in our next number.

We are much afraid that our congregations will get into confusion regarding our public collections if immediate steps are not taken to make the annual collection for the Home Mission Fund. This collection ought to have been made on the third Sabbath of July, according to the directions of the Synod, but it must be obvious to every one that no public notice of this collection could be made in the pages of the Record a month previous to that date. As the day fixed for making the collection is now past, certainly no time should now be lost in giving our people an opportunity of contributing to this fund, to prevent collision with the other collections which are to be made in the course of the season. We should certainly regret exceedingly if, from this seeming irregularity, even one single collection should be lost to this valuable fund on the present occasion, as the office-bearers of the church are becoming more and more convinced of the necessity of sustaining this and all other public collections appointed to be made by the Synod.

The collection for the Bursary Fund is appointed to be made on the first Sabbath of October, and an appeal in its favor ought to be prepared and transmitted to us by the Moderator of the Synod for publication in our next number.

**Letters and Monies received, July, 1858.**

Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, Montreal, for Rev. George Ferguson, 2s. 6d., and 2s. 6d. on acct. Donald Fraser, Belfast, P. E. I., per hands of Angus McLean, £1 5s. H. H. Ross, West River, 10s., with list, and Alex. Urquhart, Londonderry, 2s. 6d., and David Douglas, Truro, 2s. 6d., per hands of Rev. Mr. Martin. Alex. Fraser, Sheet Harbor, 2s. 6d., George Innes, 2s. 6d., Wm. Hay, Little River, Musquodoboit, 5s. per hands of Rev. Mr. Wilson. Rev. Wm. Murray, Moncton, N. B., with communication. Rev. James Mair, Barney's River, with minutes of the Synod, which are published in this number.

**Synod Fund.**

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July 20. Balance on hand..... L 1 2 6d

**Home Mission Fund.**

July 20. Balance on hand..... L 173 0 0

**Bursary or Young Men's Fund.**

July 20. Balance on hand..... L 256 10 5

**Widows' Fund.**

July 20. Balance on hand..... L 22 16 0

E. E. WM. GORDON, Treasurer.