

example upon the people. Of course the Romish hierarchy is enraged at all these things; but instead of mending their ways and their manners, so as to secure the intelligent and sincere respect which is due to the true Church of Christ, they betake themselves to their old practice of abusing, of cursing, and blasphemy. It is by her perversion of Christianity, by her worldliness, her avarice, the worthless conduct of her priests, her hostility to every thing like true liberty, civil and religious, that Rome has lost the vast influence she once had in France, and is now losing her power in Belgium, in Italy, in Mexico, in the United States of Columbia, and in Brazil.—*Christian World*.

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## News of the Church.

### Close of College Session.

The winter term of the Presbyterian College, Truro, was brought to a close on Thursday the 8th ult. The attendance during the winter was about forty. A public examination, conducted by several ministers, took place on Thursday, and the progress and attainments of the students appeared most satisfactory to all.

The session of the Theological Hall, Halifax, was closed on Monday the 13th ult. There were sixteen students in attendance—five of whom are now candidates for license.

### Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met on Wednesday last the 25th March in the Free Church of this City. There were present the Rev. James Allan, Moderator, Rev. R. S. Patterson, Rev. Isaac Murray, Rev. A. Munro, Rev. H. Crawford, Rev. G. Sutherland, Clerk, Rev. A. Fraser, Rev. D. McNeill, Rev. Robert Laird, Rev. Wm. Ross, Rev. H. McMillan, Rev. A. McLean, Rev. W. R. Frame, and Rev. A. Falconer, and Messrs. Mutch, Brodie, Gordon, Gillis, McKinnon, Doughart, and Hon. K. Henderson, elders,—constituting the largest meeting of Presbytery ever held in the Island.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, and sustained as correct.

A communication from the Presbytery of Truro was read, requesting the concurrence of the Presbytery in a proposal to change the place appointed for the meeting of Synod. The Presbytery declined to concur in this proposal, and resolved to adopt means to secure full accommodation for the meeting of

Synod here, in this City, as already appointed, so that none may be deterred from attending Synod from fear of insufficient accommodation, in consequence of two other religious bodies meeting here at the same time. A committee to secure this object was appointed, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Sutherland, Ross and Falconer, and Mr. W. Mutch, and the Hon. K. Henderson, elders.

Rev. R. Laird reported that he had moderated in a call at New London North,—that the call was in favor of the Rev. Alexander Cameron of Middle Stewiacke, N. S., and that it was nearly unanimous. Messrs. Doughart and Sinclair as commissioners from the congregation were heard. On motion the call was sustained, and ordered to be forwarded to the Presbytery of Truro, and Mr. Baxter of that Presbytery was appointed to prosecute the call in behalf of this Presbytery.

Rev. W. R. Frame reported that he had moderated in a call at Lot 14, as appointed,—that the call was in favor of Rev. A. W. McKay, and that it was unanimous. The call was sustained, and the Clerk was instructed to ascertain Mr. McKay's intentions in respect to the call, with as little delay as possible.

The attention of members was called to the necessity of earnest and persevering effort to secure the wider circulation of the Record in all our congregations, especially those yet vacant. The subject of Temperance was introduced, and in the course of discussion, certain amendments to the present License Law were suggested. A committee was appointed to prepare a copy of a petition to the Legislature, to be signed by our adherents, embracing these amendments; the committee to consist of Rev. Messrs. Murray, Laird, and Fraser,—Mr. Laird convener. Mr. Allan vacating the chair, which was taken by Mr. Patterson, Mr. Sutherland called the attention of Presbytery to certain charges made against him by the Rev. Mr. Allan in the public Press, viz: the "Protestant" of Jan. 24th and Feb. 7th of the present year. Mr. Allan acknowledged the statements read from these papers as his. After a general expression of opinion, Mr. Allan was allowed to make some explanations. He stated that he had nothing personal against Mr. Sutherland, that his charges against him had sole reference to his connection with and share in the Pastoral Letter, and that therefore he extended these charges against the Presbytery sanctioning the pastoral. After further discussion, the following deliverance was agreed to unanimously:—

"The Presbytery having given the true and proper meaning of certain phrases used in the Pastoral, such as "Romish party;" Mr. Allan withdraws the offensive expressions "maligning and libelling" preferred by