

plied suitably and the impressive character of the address as well as their affection for their first missionary and family was shown in the feeling exhibited. Abundance of good things were distributed and addresses were delivered by Mr. Christie, by Aziz, Vishnu, and Anajee. The whole entertainment was most agreeable and profitable.

PRACTICAL HEATHENISM.

On Estates, occasionally on Sabbath we witness just such scenes, as we would expect to find in a Heathen village in the heart of India. On the 12th I visited an Estate; preparations were being made for a marriage and a band of women in song hurled their anathemas at the head of the bridegroom according to the custom of their country. I addressed the Creoles, but the excitement was too great to get the ear of the Coolie.

I passed on to another Estate: there about 700 labourers came up for pay—the pay day had been Saturday. Hucksters exposed their goods before the Barracks—a company of Creoles were playing at ball, and trained dancers from another quarter in dresses of fantastic colours drew a large crowd at another corner. Thus were the sacred hours of God's holy day passed away. Let Christians at home in pondering the prospects of those who thus abuse time, cherish deeper concern for their deluded fellowmen.

Ever yours faithfully,

K. J. GRANT,

To Rev. P. G. McGregor, Secretary B. F. M. P. C., L. P.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 12th ult., and was constituted by the Rev. E. A. McCurdy, Moderator. All the ministerial members except one were present, and a large number of the Elders.

A call from Merigonish congregation, signed by 242 members and 170 adherents, to Mr. H. M. D. Scott, preacher, was sustained, and trials for ordination assigned him. The Rev. A. C. Gillies was appointed to moderate in a call in Glenelg Church on Monday, June 1, at 11 a. m. The Rev. P. G. McGregor was unanimously nominated as Moderator of the Synod. A motion accepting the Basis of Union as a whole was passed by a vote of 15 for and 12 against. All the resolutions passed by the Committee on Union in connection

with the Basis, were agreed to by a majority of Presbytery. The one on "The modes of worship" was passed by the casting vote of the Moderator. The Committee on the Antigonish Riot gave in their report, which was approved, and the further prosecution of the matter remitted to them. It was agreed to hold a special meeting of Presbytery in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Monday, June 1, at 11 a. m., to consider the calls that are expected to come before it, and to make any arrangement respecting them that may be necessary.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth.

This court met at Lunenburg, on the 12th May.

The Clerk reported that the H. M. Board had met the Presbytery's wishes in regard to Riversdale and Dublin; and that Messrs. Creelman and McGregor, students, are now laboring as Catechists in these places.

The following Minute was adopted, in explanation of the Presbytery's finding, on the question of Union:

"Whereas,—it appears that the decision of this Presbytery anent the Basis of Union, has been construed abroad as opposed to Union:—it is hereby declared, that the deliverance was intended to be an entire acceptance of the Basis; and that the exception to one of the subordinate deliverances was designed to express the Presbytery's opinion, that some modification might yet be effected in the details, but was not intended to be, in anywise, a bar to the Union."

The next meeting will be held in Halifax.

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery met at Truro on the 5th May. The attendance was large. The Presbytery while not favorable as a rule to the building of "Union" Churches, agreed to sanction the steps taken by the people of Acadia Mines toward the erection of a Church in that section, and recommend them to the sympathy of the Church. Communications were read from the Rev. G. M. Grant and Mr. John G. Fraser respecting a meeting held at Spring Hill. It was agreed that the communications lie on the table, and in the mean time, that the Rev. E. Ross be appointed a delegate to visit Spring Hill, and report at the next meeting of Presbytery. Nearly all the Sessions and Congregations reported favorably on the Union. Springside Session though favorable, took exception to the position in which the Catechisms were placed in the Basis. The Session of Economy came to no decision. The congregation agreed to reject the larger, but