

the Presbytery, to explain the claims of this paper, and to solicit subscribers." The following were appointed a committee to carry this resolution into effect, viz., Rev. T. Duncan, Dr. Mackieson and J. W. Morrison, Esq.

The subject of co-operation with the sister Presbytery was taken up and discussed, when it was resolved "that a committee be appointed to confer with the Presbytery of the P. C. L. P., for the purpose of concerting such measures as may give practical effect to this co-operation;" the committee to consist of Revs. Messrs. McLean, Stewart and Duncan, Ministers; and Dr. Mackieson, Elder. Intimation to be sent to the clerk of the other Presbytery.

The next meeting of Presbytery to be held on the first Friday of October, in the Session House of St. James' Church, Charlottetown, at 11 o'clock, a.m. Meeting closed with benediction.

THOS. DUNCAN, *Clerk, pro tem.*

## REVIEW.

### THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY UNDERLYING THE REVELATION OF REDEMPTION. BY THE REV G. PATTERSON.

To the christian's mind, no theme can be more interesting and important than the subject matter of this volume. It is the comfort and light of his life: it is the star of his hope that sets not at death. The true christian, then, will read this volume with the feeling that a very valuable contribution has been made to Theological enquiry; and such of its readers as "care for none of these things" cannot lay it down without the conviction "that great is the mystery of Godliness."

The contents of the volume correspond with its title. The work consists of three parts, the plan of which is remarkably good, and the author's treatment of the subject is at once clear and comprehensive. He has opened the treasure of Revelation and presented his readers with precious truths "new and old:" he has gone far beneath the surface of the inexhaustible mines of God's word, and brought up gems of truth not observable by the hasty or thoughtless enquirer. Though there be no scarcity of books aiming at the same end as the one under notice, yet we know of no work on the subject that does not leave the labours of Mr. Patterson highly desirable and evidently necessary; for he has presented the important doctrine of the Trinity rather in its relation to a world of living souls, than to a Theological system; as connected with man's duties and his hopes, rather than of mere abstract speculation.

For the sake of order and definiteness, the author has divided the Scriptures into three parts, and considered them historically according to the time of their production.

Part first of the treatise is based upon the Old Testament. The leading idea in the passages quoted and expounded is the "fatherhood" of God, yet the author shows, in some more, in others less, clearly, that the Trinity, though apparently but incidentally introduced, form the sum and substance of them.

Part second is based upon the Gospels, wherein the "manifestation of the Son," with reference to His special work, is the centre idea, but around which the author succeeds in showing that the doctrine of the Trinity clusters and is closely interwoven, by distinct and definite references to the work of each of the *three persons*, in the redemption of man.

Part third covers the remaining portions of the sacred writings, and has the "manifestation of the Spirit" and its particular agency in man's redemption as its leading feature. But while frequent and special reference is made in this division of God's word to the completion of man's Redemption by the agency of the Holy Spirit, the author succeeds in bringing into due prominence the relation to, and work of, the Father and Son with the Spirit in the redemption of man.