

A Committee was appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he would be pleased to appoint a day of Public Thanksgiving for deliverance from Cholera, and for the many special blessings enjoyed by us as a people.

Adjourned to meet in Knox's College on the 8th January, at 12 o'clock, noon. Closed with prayer.

GAELIC SCRIPTURES.

We would call the attention of our Gaelic speaking population, to the stock of Gaelic Bibles and Testaments which has been sent out by the Edinburgh Bible Society. The Bibles are got up in good style—well bound, and have the metrical version of the Psalms.

The Society wish the Bibles to be sold at the lowest price, in order to their more rapid circulation. There are special cases in which the Agents may give a copy gratuitously, but the opinion at home, and a well-founded one it is too, is this, "that in a rising country like Canada, where there is no want, and where industry is well rewarded, Highlandmen should have manly spirit and christian principle, to pay for their Bibles, that the Society may have gifts to supply the poor and the heathen."

Mr. McLellan, Bookseller, Hamilton, and Mr. Burns, at the Agency Office of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, are now selling at the following prices, viz:—

8vo. Bourgeois Gaelic Bibles, at	8s. 9d.
12mo. Nonpareil do. do.	3s. 9d.
24mo. Pearl do. do.	2s. 9d.
12mo. Bourgeois do. Testaments,	2s. 3d.
24mo. Minion do. do.	1s. 6d.

They have also a few Gaelic Psalm Books, large type.

PROFITABLE READING.

When lately in Hamilton, we had an opportunity of inspecting the very select stock of Books for sale by Mr. McLellan, Bookseller, King Street. We have never seen a more choice cabinet of profitable reading. Not a volume is there that the most fastidious need fear to put into the hands of his family, or that is unworthy of a place in the christian's library. It is not only the negative qualities—the absence of trashy and polluting literature that we admire, but the sterling worth of the extensive and well selected stock of standard works, in the various departments of Theology, History, Science and general Literature.

Mr. McLellan deserves well of the religious public for introducing a new era, if we may so speak, in Canadian Bookselling—in confining his stock strictly to works of a moral and religious character, and thus imparting and cherishing an appetite for wholesome and profitable reading.

We have much pleasure in being able to speak so decidedly in regard to this establishment, which to be appreciated, requires to be seen.

THE TWO BOOKS.

I refer to the Inspired Book and the Book of Providence. These two books should be studied together. Consider for a moment, how little the

way was prepared for diffusing the Inspired Book among the nations, when this century commenced. Could it then be sent into Spanish America, France, Greece, Syria, China, Africa or the Pacific Islands? No, scarcely a copy, the way was not open. And if the way had been open, we had then no Bible organizations in England or America to collect the means, and to prepare the book, and no missionary hosts abroad to distribute them. But how different the state of things now. The same mighty hand which has now opened the door for the Inspired Word in almost every quarter of the world, has at the same time, raised up the institutions to prepare the Bible and missionary translations, and sent out men to distribute them. Let these facts be pondered in connexion with the duties consequently devolving on us.—*Observer.*

SIGNS OF A LITTLE PROGRESS.

A Meeting of the Congregation of Knox's Church, in this Town, was held on Thursday, the 29th November. After hearing a sermon from the Rev. Mr. McGregor, pastor of the congregation, who preached from Rom. XIV., 23, "Whatever is not of Faith is Sin," the meeting proceeded to engage in the other business, for which it had been summoned. The first matter of interest, to which attention was called, was the production of a title-deed, executed in due form, by the Commissioners of the Canada Company, conveying the site on which the Church is erected, in perpetuity to the congregation, and which was delivered over for safe-keeping to the Three Trustees who had been previously designated, and appointed by the congregation for this purpose. The deed, together with the site, have been presented as a free gift by the Company to the congregation. A motion for a vote of thanks to the Commissioners of the Company for the handsome and generous way in which they had acted in the whole matter, was carried with cordial unanimity.

A small but chaste and elegant set of Silver-plated cups, flaggon, &c., intended for the Service of the Communion, was next presented in the name and on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, by John Jackson, Esq., of the Commercial Firm of Jackson & Davidson, Guelph. Mr. Jackson also presented, at the same time, from the same considerate donors, a handsome Pulpit Bible, and Psalm-book, for the use of the minister, in conducting the services of the Sanctuary.—Thanks were cordially tendered to the ladies, for their zeal and diligence in procuring these very appropriate and acceptable gifts. It was likewise announced, as the intention of those who had moved in this good work, to continue, and extend, the process of subscription among the ladies of the congregation, and their friends, until they should be able to furnish the pulpit itself with suitable mountings.

After attending to some other necessary business the meeting separated. Owing to the coldness of the weather, the attendance was not numerous.—*Guelph Advertiser.*

THE MOURNER COMFORTED.—The following is an extract from the last written discourses of the lamented Christmas, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Montreal, C. E., and of the Bowery, Presbyterian church, New York. It is beautiful in itself, and is the more touching as expressive of his feelings on visiting the grave of his wife, who died a few months before him:

I saw a mourner standing at eventide over the grave of one dearest to him on earth. The memory of joys that were past, came crowding on his soul. "And is this," said he, "all that remains of one so lovely? I call, but no voice answers. Oh, my loved one, wilt thou not hear? Oh, death! inexorable death! what hast thou done? Let me too die. I would not live always. Let me lie down and forget my sorrow in the slumber of the grave."

While he thought thus in agony, the gentle form of Christianity came by. She bade him look upward, and to the eye of faith, the heavens were disclosed. He saw the ineffable glory of God. He heard the song, and the transport of the great multitude which no man can number, around the throne. There, were the spirits of the just made perfect; there, was the spirit of her he mourned. There happiness was pure, permanent perfect. The mourner then wiped the tears from his eyes, took courage, and thanked God. "All the days of my appointed time," said he, "will I wait till my change come," and he returned to the duties of life, no longer sorrowing, as those who have no hope.—*Memoir of Rev Joseph S. Christmas.—New York Evangelist.*

BIBLES IN ITALY.—It is probable that more Bibles and Testaments have been circulated in Italy within the last six months, than within the six hundred years before! Three thousand New Testaments have just been printed at Florence, and four thousand at Rome itself! All this has been done while the Pope was an exile, and though he may be restored to his trembling throne, the Bible is at work in Italy, and will make his kingdom quiet till the truth makes his people free. There is still a great demand for Bibles in Italy, and in other parts of Papal Europe. The demand ought to be supplied. It is for a lamentation that whole nations should be asking for Bibles, and be unable to get them.

AN INDIAN'S THEOLOGY.—A white man and an Indian were both brought under conviction for sin about the same time. The Indian whose conviction was pungent, soon found joy and peace in believing—while the white man continued in darkness and distress for a long time. Seeing the Indian one day, who enjoyed the sweet consolations of religion. "Why (says the white man) should there be such a difference? Why has God forgiven your sins, while I go mourning? I have done all that I can do, but find no comfort." "Suppose," (says the Indian) there come along a great prince. He holds out to you a suit of clothes, and says, 'Here, take these, and welcome.' You look around, feel ashamed, and say, 'No, my clothes pretty good yet; they do little longer, thank you Sir.' Then the prince, rather angry, says, 'Here, Sam, take the suit.' I look; my old blanket all rags, cold, and dirty. 'Thank you, thank you, kind Sir.' Poor Indian now be warm and happy!

DR. CHALMERS TO THE IMPENITENT.—You may delay the work of repentance, and think the future far off—but it will come; your last call from heaven far off—but it will come; your last unavailing effort to repent, far off—but it will come; the death-struggle, the shroud, the funeral, far off—but it will come; the day of judgment, the day of reckoning, far off—but it will come; the sentence, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire," far off—but it will come; eternal banishment from the presence of the Lord weeping wailing, and gnashing of teeth, far off—but it will come.

PRICE OF A NEW TESTAMENT FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO.—There are surely few little boys and girls now-a-days, able to read, who have no New Testament with which to go to the Sabbath-school and the Church. We say now-a-days, for it has not been always so easy to buy a Testament as at present. Let us for a moment compare our circumstances in this matter, with those of our fathers. In the year 1468, nearly 400 years ago, if a man wished to have a New Testament to himself, he must have paid down about £45 of our money for it. How few the purchasers! But now how changed! A Bible can be bought for about a shilling.