

are hopeful that financial matters will be more punctually attended to hereafter.—The Presbytery thereafter took up the consideration of the Separate or Distinct School Bill. It was moved by Rev. M. Stewart, and unanimously agreed to, that the Presbytery consider such a measure utterly uncalled for, most injurious to the interests of education, an insult to all Protestant denominations within the Province,—and resolve strongly to advise their people to petition against any bill that may be introduced to the Legislature in favour of such schools.—The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Baddeck on Wednesday, 5th May next, at two o'clock, p. m. Closed with prayer.

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## Religious Intelligence.

A revival of religion still prevails in many of the Canada Presbyterian congregations.—Rev. Mr. Goodwill, of the Church of Scotland in this Province, is now visiting the congregations within the Presbytery of Pictou, preparatory to leaving for the South Seas. He is likely to leave in August. His services in Halifax were largely attended.—The Bishops of the English Church are countenancing "lay agency." They commission laymen to visit the sick and act as "Catechists."—There are now two Bishops in Natal, South Africa, Bishop Colenso and Bishop McRorie. They belong to the same church but hold no intercourse with each other.—The Spaniards are at last in the enjoyment of religious liberty—in spite of Popes and Bourbons. Protestant service has been opened in most of the large cities, and Colporteurs are actively engaged in circulating the word of God.—We receive good accounts of the progress of true religion in Italy. It is still the day of small things, but there is hope while the word of God is scattered among the people. There are Evangelical Schools in connection with the Vandois church in Venice, Naples, Genoa, and many other centres of influence.

The Pope is making most extensive preparations for the great Council to be held at Rome in December. He has invited Protestants to come as "suppliants," and he also invites the "Kings of the Earth," but it is not likely that any will respond to the call.

The Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church will meet (D.V.) at Hamilton on the 8th of June. The Synod of the Church

of Scotland in the Maritime Provinces, will meet at Chatham, N.B., about the same time with our own Synod. The General Assemblies of the Old and New School Presbyterian Churches in the United States met on the 20th May. The Assembly of the U. P. Church of the United States met at Monmouth, Illinois, on the 26th. The English Presbyterian Synod met at Liverpool on the last week of April. The United Presbyterian Synod met at Edinburgh on the second week of May. The Scottish General Assemblies met on the 20th May. Dr. Norman McLeod is Moderator of the Established Assembly, and Sir Henry Moncrieff of the Free Church Assembly. The Irish Presbyterian Assembly will be held at Belfast on the 7th June.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS TO EGYPT.—A public meeting was held at Exter Hall in connection with these missions. The chair was taken by his Highness Maharajah Duleep Singh. His Highness said the only excuse he had for his occupying the position as chairman was the interest he felt in the missions. Nineteen years ago he, then a heathen, became converted, and had ever since felt the great advantages that had accrued to him since his soul had been brought to the light. The Rev. Dr. Lansing, missionary from Cairo, said, after eighteen years residence in Turkey, he believed the only practical solution of the Eastern question was the spread of the Protestant religion and the success of Christian missions in that country. The statistics, he considered, were satisfactory, and their converts were to be found chiefly among the Copts, of whom there were about 200,000 or 300,000. They had a press in Egypt, which gave Christian literature to the people, and between 800 and 1000 Christian volumes were sold annually. At the conclusion of Dr. Lansing's speech, Lord Lawrence spoke of the work of American missionaries in India, and appealed for support for the American missions in Egypt. Mr. Macfie, M. P., was one of the speakers.

The bill for the dis-establishment of the Episcopal Church in Ireland is passing through the House of Commons with increasing majorities. Much opposition is manifested in Ireland and by a strong section of the Church of England. The Courts of the Established Church of Scotland also use all their influence against the measure.

Dr. Duff is engaged in raising £50,000 to provide Manses for Free Church missionaries. He expects to raise one-third of the amount in Glasgow, one-third in Edinburgh, and the remainder in the rest of Scotland.