

A meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church and Elder Street Chapel took place on Monday in the Hopetoun Rooms Edinburgh, for the purpose of presenting a handsome silver candelabrum to the Rev. Professor Crawford, in acknowledgement of his faithful and laborious services as one of the ministers of St. Andrew's Parish, and on the occasion of his recent appointment to the Chair of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh. The hall was completely crowded by the members of the congregation.

REVIEW OF THE PAST MONTH.

We have once more returned to our monthly form, and once more present our readers with a brief summary, ecclesiastical and general, of the past month. We have to note the settlement of two of our missionaries to fixed charges. The Rev. Simon Macgregor to the East and West Branches of East River, and the Rev. William Macmillan to Earlton and West Branch River John. Both of these settlements have been not only perfectly harmonious, but even enthusiastic, if we may use such a term, and we doubt not, from the zeal and abilities of the respective incumbents, will be a blessing both to the people and to the Church generally. We were in hopes to be able to lay before our readers, in the present number, an account of both inductions, but unfortunately, perhaps, we are not gifted with clairvoyance, or the power of recording what we had not the opportunity of witnessing. We not very unreasonably expected that some of the clergymen who took part in those inductions would have favored the *Record* with at least a paragraph about them, but have been disappointed. Perhaps there is little more trying to the patience and temper of an editor than the listlessness and indifference of those who ought to be most deeply interested in such things; and we must confess they have more than once brought us to the brink of throwing up our task in despair.

Our readers will be delighted to hear of the great success of that zealous and devoted missionary, the Rev. Mr. Grant, in the comparatively small and new settlement of River John. By tact and energy, combined with his well-known ability, he has in quite a short time, and only by occasional services, brought it up to a second-class charge, filled the people with enthusiasm, and conveyed a spirit and confidence which promise within a brief space to make them all but a self-sustaining congregation. We have scarcely any doubt that under Mr. Grant's care they would, before the end of the year be one of the most powerful and promising congregations in the Presbytery of Pictou.

We continue to hear the most satisfactory accounts from our missionaries in Cape Breton. We believe they have been preaching

in many of the Presbyterian churches there, and have been received and treated by the people with the utmost cordiality and kindness.

The Rev. Mr. Grant has gone over to Prince Edward Island to labor for a couple of months or so. Our friends on the Island complain, with some show of justice, that they have been neglected in the distribution of missionary services. This is much to be regretted, but we fear, was almost unavoidable. The people of the County of Pictou believed they had a first claim upon the new missionaries, and so eager were they to retain them that since January the vacant congregations have paid for missionary services about £140, whereas before that time they could scarcely be brought to contribute anything. It seems now to be generally understood that a vigorous effort must be made to relieve the Committee at Home of the immense sum they are paying to Nova Scotia; and Pictou, we have been informed, after the present year will pay for all missionary services out of its own resources. Prince Edward Island must attempt to do the same, at least to a certain extent. At present, for missionaries alone, the Colonial Committee are now, or have very lately, been paying £900 sterling a year. Every shilling of this ought to cease, and we hope will cease, with the present year, for in addition to this nearly £300 sterling is paid to the Synod of Nova Scotia either as salary or subsidies. This cannot, and ought not to be expected to be continued. Besides, we require more missionaries for new fields who will need to be supplemented at least for a time. There is much need for exertion throughout the whole Church.

We would feel much obliged if the Clerks of the Presbyteries of our Church in New Brunswick would supply us with a copy of their minutes for publication, or any items of Church news calculated to interest or inform their people, as well as their brethren in Nova Scotia.

The subject which overshadows everything else on this side of the Atlantic is beyond all doubt the present unhappy attitude of the United States. Secession is now an accomplished fact, which the North have to undo. Fort Sumpter, a fortress at the mouth of Charleston harbor, has been bombarded by the South, and after a short resistance evacuated by the Northern troops. The Arsenal at Harper's Ferry has been destroyed. Many forts and immense stores of arms and ammunition have been seized in various parts of the Southern States, eight ships of war have been burned or disabled at Norfolk, Washington has been threatened, and immense numbers of troops are collecting on both sides to try the chances of battle. The Federal Government has declared the Southern ports in a state of blockade, and the Southern Confederacy have issued letters of marque