

mutees of the Synods would have become better acquainted with each other, and with each other's views and sentiments, and thus mutual misunderstandings might have been in some measure removed. We are fully alive to the benefits which might be expected to flow from a well considered union, and trust that in the providence of God the way may be prepared for effecting such a union. In the meantime we trust nothing will be done either by individuals, or ecclesiastical courts, to widen the distance that separates the two churches, or increase the difficulties in the way of union.

COLBORNE.—A sale of Ladies' work lately took place in the village of Colborne for local purposes connected with the Presbyterian Church. The sale was held on the grounds of Joseph A. Keeler, Esq. The proceeds realized amounted to about £10. This was the first sale at Colborne, and the inhabitants generally, belonging to the various sections of the Christian Church, manifested a warm and friendly interest in the cause.

ARRIVAL OF MISSIONARIES.—We have pleasure in stating that two Missionaries have lately arrived, viz:—Rev. Mr. Thomson, from Scotland, who has been sent out as Missionary to the Presbytery of Cobourg, and Rev. Mr. McCaughey from Ireland, who is for the time in the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto.

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERIAN MAGAZINE.—We have learned with regret that the *Canadian Presbyterian Magazine*, edited by the Rev. John Jennings, has been discontinued. During its continuance it was ably conducted, and we doubt not many will miss it as a vehicle of useful religious and missionary intelligence.

Two men have lately been condemned to ten months' imprisonment for reading the Bible in Tuscany.

OPENING OF KNOX'S COLLEGE.

The College session will open on Wednesday, the 1st November, at 12 o'clock, noon, when the Introductory Lecture will be delivered in the Divinity Hall. Students of all classes, preliminary as well as theological, are expected to be present.

Those entering College for the first time, will appear with their Presbyterian and other certificates, before the Professors' Court, Thursday, the 2nd November, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Students of all classes will be examined in Latin, on Friday, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and in Greek, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The examination in Philosophy will take place on Saturday, the 17th, at 9, A. M.; Church History, at 10; in Hebrew, at 11; and in Theology, on Monday, at 10, A. M.

Entrants will be examined in the English Branches, on Monday, at 9, A. M.; and in Mathematics, on Tuesday, at 9 A. M.

It is particularly requested that attention be paid to the above instructions; and that, when coming forward will make a point, at whatever inconvenience, of being present on the day and at the time specified.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SYNOD.

At a meeting of Knox's College Building Committee, held at Toronto, on the 23rd day of August last, the manner in which the property to be acquired for the purpose of erecting College buildings shall be decided, was among other matters, deliberately considered.

It was the mind of all the Committee that before proceeding to take subscriptions it would be desirable that the property in question should be put on such a footing as to prevent all misunderstanding and to secure the confidence of the subscribers; and that therefore the Moderator of the Synod should be requested to call a special meeting of the Synod at the time of the meeting of Commission of Synod. And the Moderator has accordingly been formally applied to, to call this special meeting of Synod. The Moderator would sensitively avoid doing anything that might put the Brethren to unnecessary inconvenience, or that might even seem to be uncalled for. Considering, however, the earnestness and unanimity of the recommendation of a Committee so well entitled to the respect and confidence of the Church, and who, in the discharge of their official duties have had the best means of judging of the course, best fitted to promote the important objects committed to their care, the Moderator has not felt himself at liberty to refuse the Committee's request.

In compliance with their application therefore the Moderator hereby calls a special meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, to be held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 1st November, 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M., when a full attendance of the Brethren is expected.

It has been suggested that other business of a kind not affecting the interests of parties absent, may be disposed of on the same occasion; such as interim Reports of Committees or References and Appeals admitting of early decision, with consent of parties concerned.

HENRY GORDON, Mod'r.

ITEMS OF RELIGIOUS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AN EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE IN ENGLAND.—The Rev. J. C. Ryle whose name is well known to the Christian world, and several other Evangelical ministers of the Church of England, have spoken of the crying necessity for an Evangelical College. Owing to the influence of the Tractarians, the Universities are not looked on as trustworthy.

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN ENGLAND.—At the late Conference in England, a decrease in the membership was reported to the extent of 6787. The war had occasioned a decrease in some quarters, as in the Kent and Portsmouth districts. Emigration was also mentioned as one of the causes of the falling off. The finances were reported as being in a good state.

COMMISSION OF ASSEMBLY OF FREE CHURCH.—At the meeting of Commission in August, the subject of the sustentation fund was under consideration. It was agreed that an appeal should be made to the whole Church, with the view of raising the stipend of each minister to £150.—With this view it is proposed to adopt measures to add one-fourth to the present income of the fund.

EVANGELIZATION OF THE WYND IN GLASGOW.—A Minister has lately been inducted as Pastor of the Wynd Church, Glasgow. The first of

the Chalmers' endowments, amounting to over £60, has been given to the Wynd Church.

FREE CHURCH THEOLOGICAL HALL, ABERDEEN.—The Rev. George Smeaton, formerly of Auchtermuchty, has been released from his former charge, for the purpose of taking part with Professor Fairbairn in the Divinity Hall at Aberdeen.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The fifty-fifth annual meeting of this Board took place lately at Hartford, Conn. From the Treasurer's report it appeared that the expenditure of the year amounted to \$322,000 and the receipts to \$310,000.

THE RUSSIAN WAR.—Since the capture of Bomarsund, which was effected with little loss of life, comparatively little has been heard from the Baltic. Admiral Napier is no doubt watching his opportunities. From the East we may soon expect to hear of movements of importance in the Crimea, to which a powerful force has just been sent. The armies in the East have suffered severely from the cholera.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN CANADA.—During the past month some remarkable and surprising changes have taken place in our Province. Soon after the assembling of Parliament, the Administration of Mr. Hincks sustained a defeat, which led to the resignation of those comprising it. Sir Allan McNab having been sent for by the Governor General, undertook the formation of a Ministry, which he succeeded in forming, by effecting a coalition between the leaders of the Conservative party and the Lower Canadian Reformers, who held office with Mr. Hincks. The Ministry thus joined would appear at present to have a majority in the Legislative Assembly. They have professed their desire to bring about an "adjustment" of the Clergy Reserves. We trust that the voice of the Province will be lifted up to declare in unmistakable accents, that the only adjustment that can be thought of is Secularization. The measures that may now be adopted, may have a most important bearing on the future prosperity and peace of the Province, and the progress of religion amongst us.

THE AMERICAN BOARD AND SLAVERY.—The American Board of Commissioners at their recent meetings, almost unanimously adopted resolutions, asserting the principle that all shall be instructed, without regard to colour or condition. This may be regarded as a great step in advance on the subject of slavery.

MAINE LAW.—Mr. McKenzie has given notice in the House of Assembly of his purpose to introduce a bill with provisions analogous to the Maine Law for the suppression of intemperance. We trust numerous signed petitions will be transmitted on this subject.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE SYNOD OF AUSTRALIA.—The Presbyterian Church, in the Colony of Victoria, has withdrawn from the Synod of Australia, and from all connexion with the establishment at home. An act has been passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales securing to it, in its independent position, all the privileges it formerly possessed in connexion with the established church of Scotland.