

Island, perhaps the first of the kind which has taken place in these Lower Provinces. We refer to Clyde River. In this lovely spot the Presbyterians are not very numerous, yet they were divided into families, and each had its respective place of worship. There was a "Kirk" and there was a "Seceder Church," each within sight of the other, and, as might be expected in a small community, *neither* was able to furnish the bread of life steadily to the people. When it was suggested to Conference that an effort should be made to unite all the Presbyterians in this place into one congregation, some, probably, supposed that there would be difficulties in the way. And we confess that it was not without some degree of fear, on this point, that we attended the meeting for the proposed union, in company with two other beloved brethren. But difficulties we found *none*; objections *none*, and opposition *none*. The people with one voice and, we believe, *one heart*, were for union.

At such a happy meeting we could only "thank God and take courage," and say with the Psalmist, "This is the Lord's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes." Here were the first fruits of union gathered in before the time of the great harvest had yet come; but we feel assured that the former is an earnest of the latter.—*P. E. I. Presbyterian.*

Notes of the Month.

THE Franco-Prussian war has ended by the surrender of Paris, which had suffered severely. The loss of life during the month of January is said to have been frightful. The terms of peace are signed by this time. They involve the loss of Alsace and Lorraine, and very important frontier fortresses, and payment of two hundred millions sterling. The next question of interest is the future government of France. The vote has so far been in favor of Monarchy. Napoleon is said to have no chance. His name is associated with the greatest humiliation of France. Thiers advocates the selection of the King of Belgium, which would restore France more than

she has lost. The future ruler will probably be an Orleans Prince. Meanwhile, no member of any family that has ruled in France is eligible to the French Assembly. The result of this seven-months war is that the German empire is established and France is wasted and humiliated. There are a million French prisoners in different parts of Europe.

THE QUEEN has opened Parliament in person. The Chancellor read the Speech, of which the two chief topics were European and American affairs. The most interesting point was the allusion to the coming marriage of the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise. The marriage is to take place on the 21st current—to the scandal of High Churchmen, during Lent. The young couple are to have a house in Edinburgh, which the Edinburgh people are to allow them to pay for. So that the royal family are to be associated still more closely with Scotland. No family in Scotland is more worthy of this honor than the families of Argyle and Sutherland. The former honors among its representatives in the past one of the most noble and dignified Scottish martyrs, and the latter has been a constant support to the Protestant succession. The present Duke of Argyle is an ornament to literature and science, as well as a sagacious and dispassionate politician. His first publication was an *Essay on Presbytery*, and his recent offer of resigning his many patronages to the control of the church shews his warm interest in the church and willingness to make personal sacrifice for her benefit. Still, the Duke is a Presbyterian, and his love for the church is not a partizan love. Let us hope that this new policy of allying royalty with the aristocracy, beginning with such noble families, will produce the best effects. This is an age in which nothing is likely to be allowed to stand unless it prove itself useful.

The part of the Queen's speech referring to foreign relations gave birth to a discussion in the House of Commons, in which Disraeli attacked the foreign policy of the government, and with some success. Gladstone's reply was dexterous, but not satisfactory. There is a general impression that England has lost prestige during the last seven months.