

its most favourable circumstances, it is not an amusement for a disciple of Christ. The sanctities of home and the care and love of children are not promoted by it. It does not tend to produce in woman that quietness and modesty which should characterize her. It does not foster those virtues and excellencies which St. Peter and St. Paul describe as her best graces and adornments."

NEWS OF THE CHURCH.

Arrival of Rev. Mr. McDougal.—We are glad to announce the safe arrival of the Rev. Mr. McDougal as a missionary from the Colonial Committee. Mr. McDougal has some knowledge of the Gaelic language, and hence his services have been put at the disposal of the Presbytery of Pictou. We hope that others will follow his example, and give their services to the Colonial Church, so that her waste places may be built up.

Graceful Tribute of Respect.—St. Matthew's Sabbath School in this city has resolved to forego the pleasures of a Picnic this year, out of respect to the memory of the late A. K. Doull, Esq., one of its most highly esteemed teachers, who was lost in the "City of Boston," and all who can appreciate real christian excellence will be glad to know that the various classes are contributing funds for the erection of a suitable monument to perpetuate the remembrance of his worth. Since this action has been taken, Mrs. Doull, the amiable partner of the above-named gentleman, has been removed by death, which leaves another blank on the teachers' roll. Exemplary and useful in their lives, their deaths are a source of deep regret; and, while in the Church and Sabbath School such a loss will be peculiarly felt, many a lowly cottage and solitary home will miss the welcome visits of these devoted servants of the Lord. The mysterious dealings of God, as evidenced in this dispensation of His Providence, should leave their impress on the heart, and stimulate one and all to be more earnest "followers of them who through faith and patience are now inheriting the promises."

St. John.—Our congregations in this city are about to proceed with the erection of a Sunday School room each—the St. Stephen people are to commence immediately. These buildings will add largely to the comfort and convenience of the people, and add largely to the facility whereby the work of the church shall be carried on. It is to be hoped that a move will be made by the numerous, wealthy and influential congregation of St. Andrew's, not only to erect a school room, but also to erect a new church, one that shall be a credit to the church at large, as well as an ornament to the enterprising city of St. John. It is to be regretted that the Rev. Dr. Donald's health has for some time been failing. At present he has been ordered off from duty for a time; it is therefore to be hoped that he will be sufficiently recruited to resume his duties on his return. It is in the hands of the Lord, and He will do "what seemeth Him good."

Questions to be put at Presbyterial Examination, drawn up by the Synod's Committee, Rev. Geo. J. Cale, Convener.—*Questions to the Trustees*—(1). Please give name of Church, and state how many it is seated for; of what material it is built, and when? Is it deeded to the Church of Scotland?

- (2.) How many Trustees? How often elected?
- (3.) Are the Trustees incorporated?
- (4.) Is there debt on the Church? If so, state how much.
- (5.) Is there a manse and glebe? Is there any debt on them?
- (6.) How much stipend is promised? Any arrears? How much last three years?