

Presbyterian population of this rising settlement. Active steps are now being taken toward the erection of a new church.

PETICODIAC AND SALISBURY, N. B.—There are some Presbyterian families in these localities requiring pastoral oversight. The former is a growing place, and if the two were united with Moncton they might receive a portion of Rev. John D. Murray's service. Shediac, Cocagne, and Scotch Settlement, if disjoined from Moncton, and Buctouche united with them, would form a new congregation in the Presbytery of St. John.

FIFTEEN MILE STREAM.—This is one of our new gold diggings, situated about 22 miles from Sheet Harbour. A road is now being constructed leading from Sheet Harbour to Hopewell railway station, and passing through these Diggings. Some Presbyterians have now gathered here, and when the road is finished many more will be found flocking in seeking for the gold that perisheth. Our church will have to supply them at no distant day with the pearl of great price.

EARLTOWN.—Mr. William Grant has accepted a call to Earlton; which has been vacant since the death of Rev. L. McDonald.

SCOTTSBURK.—It is understood that Rev. A. Sutherland is shortly to remove to Nebraska in the "Great West."

The first Sabbath of September was observed as a day of special prayer with reference to union by the Old and New School Presbyterians of the United States. Union is also the subject of prayer among the Scottish Presbyterians.

The Irish Episcopalians are arranging for their own government now that they are cut off from connection with the State. An effort is made to give due prominence to the lay element.

It is proposed that special united prayer be offered up for Roman Catholics during the first week of next December. A "General Council" is called by the Pope to meet on the 10th of that month. This council will try to devise means for the overthrow of Protestantism. It is therefore specially appropriate that Protestants should plead for their foes in prayer. The proposal was first made by Merle D'Aubigne; and it is now sanctioned by leading Protestants in other countries.

The Welsh Calvinistic Synod met lately at Carnarvon. Deputies from the Irish Presbyterian and Scottish Free churches were present. Among the deputies of the latter were Dr. Candlish and W. Arnot.—There is a strong disposition among the

Welsh Methodists to fraternize with the Free church.

The Irish Presbyterian church is to lose *Regium Donum* which last year amounted to £40,000; or £75 to each minister of the church. Life interests are secured; and the church has sufficient vitality to be benefited by being thrown on her own resources. Speaking of the Irish church, Dr. Porter said before the Welsh Methodists:

We are at least one-half of the Protestants of Ireland, and if we have not the aristocracy of wealth, we have the aristocracy of intellect, of industry and moral worth. We have 610 ministers, 2127 elders, 7362 Sabbath-school teachers, 560 churches, some of them plain buildings, like your own, others splendid structures—for we have got rid of the idea that sterling piety and good taste can be dissociated from each other without doing injury to both—247 mansees and two colleges, at which are 316 students for the ministry. We raised last year for all religious purposes, in the ordinary way, about £88,018, that is, on an average, £130 from each congregation. An overture passed the Assembly, sent forward by the Synod to which I have the honour to belong, declaring that £150 per annum is the lowest stipend any minister should have. And a committee was appointed to prepare for a Sustentation Fund, to take the place of the *Regium Donum* we are to lose, out of which each minister will receive an equal dividend; thus doing away with an anomaly that exists even in Presbyterian churches, where one is clothed in purple and fine linen, faring sumptuously, every day, another, like Lazarus, at the rich man's gate.

NUNNERY STORIES.—A dreadful discovery was lately made in a convent in Cracow, where a Nun had been kept a prisoner in a filthy den for Twenty-one years! She was naked, and altogether filthy and miserable when rescued. Other ugly cases are leaking out.

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

THEOLOGICAL HALL.

Next Session of the Theological Hall of the Presbyterian Church will be opened with a lecture by Professor McKnight, on Monday, the 1st November, at half-seven o'clock, evening. The Board of Superintendence are making arrangements for a course of lectures of a popular kind to be delivered for the benefit of the students, by leading ministers of the Church, during the session. Two prizes are offered of \$50 and \$25 respectively to the students of this College, by the Scottish Reformation Society, to be awarded after examination in writing on the subject of the Ro-