

REV. A. GLENDINNING.—Since our last issue this dearly beloved brother passed away from earth to be forever with the Saviour whom he loved and served, and whom he longed to meet. The people of Gore and Kennetcook will especially mourn his death, but many, very many, wherever he was known, will join in the feeling of deep regret. He was a most loving and lovely christian, and he was dearly loved wherever he had laboured as a preacher, even for a short time. Delicate health compelled him, over two years ago, to give up the work of preaching the gospel—greatly to his sorrow. But he bore this disappointment, as he bore his trials to the last, not only without a murmur, but with cheerfulness. He was thirty-eight years of age. Though called away in his prime, his life has not been a fruitless one. He devoted all his energies to the service of his Master.

COMMENDABLE.—The West River congregation have recently added \$100.00 to the salary of their pastor, the Rev. George Roddick, besides paying his expenses to Montreal. The ladies have not been behind in their liberality, they having for many years paid their Minister's annual fee of \$20.00 to the Widows and Orphans Fund. Such expressions of kindness are both encouraging to pastor and creditable to people.

THE Minutes of Synod are now printed and put into circulation. It was an eventful Synod—the last of the "Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces." We feel thankful to record that the last year of our separate existence was one of the most peaceful, prosperous, and hopeful in our existence.

REV. MR. GOODWILL with his family arrived at Halifax by the last English steamer. He and his wife are considerably recruited from the effects of their arduous toil on Tanna in the New Hebrides. He has proceeded to P. E. Island, where a wide sphere of usefulness awaits him.

Intelligence.

Missionary Conference.

A conference on foreign missions in connection with the Church of England, with the view of gathering up the results of experience, of taking counsel together, and stimulating Christian zeal in this cause, was held on the 22nd June, in Cannon Street Hotel. The attendance was small at first, and not more than 300 during the

morning sitting. The Lord Bishop of London presided, introducing the subject by a plain practical speech; dwelling particularly upon the timidity that has so long deferred the ordination of natives to the work of the ministry. An excellent paper on "A Native Ministry; the best mode of developing it," was read by the Bishop of Edinburgh, who has been many years in India. A second paper and several speakers added little that was new or important, but generally confirmed the views of the first. The Rev. J. Vaughan, from Calcutta, showed, by an instance in his own experience, that even a Bengali Church, pauperized by the well-meant kindness that has enfeebled so many missions, can, by judicious pressure and loving instruction, be brought to admit the justice and duty of self-support and self-propagation. Sir C. Hobhouse, the Rev. R. J. Mullins (from Kaffirland), the Rev. Dr. Trevor, and the Rev. E. Bickersteth were among the speakers.

The Archbishop of Canterbury presided over the former part of the afternoon meeting, and Bishop Ellicott over the latter part. The Archbishop's manly, godly, and suitable address was followed by a paper on "The False Religions of the World: the best way of dealing with them," by Professor Monier Williams. Bishop Claughton followed with a paper on the same subject. The Bishop of Gloucester opened the discussion in an instructive address. A very able speech was delivered by Sir Bartle Frere, who urged with much force the need of special preparation in men who have to deal with these false systems. Men must know thoroughly what they seek to displace; must not lay rude and violent hands upon misbeliefs they do not understand, and which have long been cherished by the people. Men must be able to appreciate all truth in such systems, and make it a base on which to build up the truth. Two other papers were read on "The Manners and Customs of Western Christians: how far to be enforced on converts to the faith," by Dr. Caldwell and the Rev. James Long.

There was an evening session, at which Earl Nelson presided. The subjects of the papers which were read, and the speeches which followed, were on the supply and training of missionaries, and on the best mode of calling out a missionary spirit at home.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.—The Report on this subject has been reproduced by the *Montreal Witness* and the *Toronto Presbyterian*. It has been severely criticized, and the Synod have been bitterly abused, by the *St. John Freeman*, the organ of Mr. Speaker Anglin.