

Rev. Messrs. McKay, McMillan and Archibald, were appointed a committee to receive reports from Sabbath Schools, and prepare a report to be submitted to Presbytery, Mr. McKay, convener.

Congregations which have not forwarded contributions to Rev. Dr. Reid for the Assembly Fund, are requested to do so at their earliest convenience.

Rev. Messrs. Carr, Archibald, and Gunn, were appointed to co-operate with Rev. Mr. McLennan, in prosecuting the College Endowment Scheme, and pastors and elders in the several congregations are urged to give to this scheme their cordial sympathy and support.

It was agreed to hold an *in loco* effectum meeting of Presbytery, in Prince Street Church, Charlottetown, on 10th January, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of Presbytery will be held in St. James' Hall, Charlottetown, on the first Wednesday of February, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

"Have you ever heard the Gospel before?" asked a missionary at Ningpo of a respectable Chinaman, whom he had not seen in his mission room before. "No," he replied, "but I have seen it. I know a man who used to be the terror of his neighborhood. If you gave him a hard word he would shout at you and curse you for two days and two nights without ceasing. He was as dangerous as a wild beast and a bad opium smoker. But when the religion of Jesus took hold of him he became wholly changed. He is gentle, moral, not soon angry, and has left off opium. Truly the teaching is good."

Dr. John DeWitt, in an article on "Sensational Preaching" in the November number of the *Catholic Presbyterian*, takes the ground that one of the worst effects by this kind of preaching is on the preacher himself, and especially upon his respect for exact truthfulness. "Let me have distinctly in view," says he, "the arousal of another's will to moral action, and I shall be careful of my own will. But let me have in view the excitement of another's feelings and my scruples will abate. The excitement of the sensibilities being my object I will not content myself with the enforcement of truth; I will paint in broader hues and in more glaring contrasts; I will change positive into superlative adjectives; I will exaggerate."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS.

In the two following lessons are five instances where the Scribes and Pharisees took offence at Christ. This was the beginning of the conflict which ended with his death.

Jan. 22.—Mark 2: 1—17.

Parallels; Matt. 9: 1—3. Lu. 5: 17—32

Golden text—Is. 43: 25. Catechism 45.

How many sections in this lesson? Two.

I. V. 1—12. Forgiving and healing.

II. 13—17. Calling Matt. Eating with sinners.

SECTION FIRST.

V. 1, 2 Christ in Capernaum preaching.

3, 4, 5. Paralytic brought & forgiven.

6, 7. Scribes murmuring in heart.

8, 10. Christ answering.

11, 12. Christ healing.

Questions:

To whose house did He come?

Probably His family's. III: 31.

What was the effect of His coming?

How did He treat the throng?

What disease came to Him?

What worse disease in same man?

How is it worse? Have you it?

How do you know? Can Christ heal you?

Will He? When?

How did the men get to Christ?

What was shewn by their coming?

What is Faith?

What is Faith in Jesus Christ?

How is faith always shewn? By works.

Did all believe Christ could forgive?

What did they think?

Where were their doubts?

How did Christ shew Himself God?

By reading their hearts and healing?

Who heard Christ gladly? The people.

Who rejected him? The Scribes.

Where did the conflict between the

Scribes and Pharisees begin?

In this instance.

What was the ground of it?

He claimed power to forgive.

Where did it end? On Calvary.

What was the charge at death?

He being a man maketh Himself God.

SECTION SECOND.

V. 13. Christ at seaside teaching.

14. Call of Matthew.

15. Eats in Matthew's house.

16. Scribes question why.

17. Jesus declares his mission.