

art were accordingly appointed to preach there before the meeting of Synod—Mr. Duncan, on Sabbath the 27th inst., and Mr. Stewart on the 3rd Sabbath of June.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet again at Charlottetown on the first Thursday of September.

Closed with prayer.

A. MCLEAN,
Presbytery Clerk.

Report of Missionary Labors.

To the Reverend the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island:

According to your request, I have briefly to report, that, as enjoined at last meeting of Presbytery, I have preached at Little Sands every fifth Sabbath, except on one occasion, when the state of the roads rendered travelling almost impossible. Every time I officiated there, the attendance was good. Still, taking into account the distance of Little Sands from this, and also the fact that the most of the people there are more partial to Gaelic than to English, I do not see how that station can be supplied with regular services from Georgetown. Here I continue to minister as usual, preaching at Georgetown in the forenoon, Cardigan in the afternoon, and once a fortnight at Georgetown again in the evening. Sabbath School, Prayer meeting, and Bible class have been regularly carried on. Almost all the families in the district have been visited; and in the country, occasional services have been held on week evenings. On such occasions, the attendance has been always encouraging.

The Lay Association has been in operation for some time, and I am happy to state that during the first year of its existence, it has been the means of raising the sum of £26. All praise is due to the lady collectors for the zeal and energy with which they have discharged their duties, and to the people for the readiness with which they have contributed. By the money thus raised, aided largely by private subscriptions, improvements on the church, which had become indispensable, have been carried out, and something done towards finishing the manse. About £100 have been spent in this way, the whole of which has been collected within the congregation—while all the debts affecting the church have been cleared off. The collections ordered by the Synod have been regularly made. The sums raised may not be considered large, but the circumstances of the congregations must be taken into account. Cardigan is but a recently formed charge, and, though Georgetown may be regarded as an old congregation, yet, for many reasons, it has not attained that maturity and strength which, from its age, might be inferred. Both congregations have done much in proportion to their means; and though much remains to be done, yet, in the view

of the past, we have reason to "thank God and take courage."

ALEX. MCWILLIAM.

Georgetown, May 15.

Notes of the Month.

THE exciting topic in Britain has been the Debate on the Reform Bill—one of the finest debates ever held in the House of Commons. The speeches of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lowe, Mill, Bright, Disraeli, Lord Munby, and Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, are sufficient to place the House of Commons above all other assemblies in the world. The amendment was lost by a minority of five, a result looked upon by the Conservatives in the light of a victory. However, the Chancellor of the Exchequer perseveres with his Bill. In his Budget, he proposes a plan for the removal of the National Debt, and gives, as one reason for this, the exhaustion of Britain's coal producing powers in one hundred years—a serious prospect as regards the manufacturing pre-eminence of our mother country. On the other hand, the coal of America is absolutely inexhaustible.

THERE has occurred a serious commercial crisis in Britain, and some of the most prosperous Banking firms have closed their doors. The Government have been obliged to suspend the Bank Charter Act of the Bank of England to afford relief. These circumstances, combined with the almost certain prospect of war between some of the largest continental nations having immense standing armies, will likely produce commercial derangement throughout the world, as well as a vast amount of suffering and misery, which every benevolent heart will deplore. The forthcoming war will be a fearful illustration of man's wickedness, for one cannot see any cause for it but ambitious plots stirred by evil passions.

SOME of the great Religious Societies have held their anniversaries in London. The last year's income of the Church Missionary Society has been £146,000 sterling, and that of the Wesleyan Missionary Society £144,000. The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church has held its sitting. They complain of a want of liberality in the support of their Foreign Missions, and send down the Report of their Committee on Union to Presbyteries. The Report is favorable on the whole, but admits obstacles in the matter of national covenants.

THE Rev. Walter C. Smith has been called to account by the Free Church Presbytery of Glasgow for unsound views regarding the authority of the Decalogue. A committee reported upon the sermons, and rather unfavorably to his views. The case was adjourned at last dates. The controversies on this subject seem very frequently to have been a mere war of words.