

some idea of its value, we may state that in addition to furnishing the pupils with a thorough English education, it provides them with the means of earning an honest and honorable livelihood after they leave the institution. Thus, for some time past the work of cane seating chairs has been carried on, and 157 have been sent out during the past year; broom making has also been taught them, and 95 dozen have been turned out in 1874; knitting, crochet and bead-work, as well as the use of the sewing machine, is practised by all the girls; and instruction in the art of tuning pianos has recently been introduced. As many of the scholars are very apt in acquiring musical knowledge, it is thought this will eventually be a very profitable accomplishment, when thoroughly understood. In financial matters the Institution has no reason for complaint,—the receipts for the past year having been, \$4,319.91, and expenditure, \$4,293.79, leaving a balance in hand of \$704.89. The average attendance during the year has been 13; three have left, two having received all the instruction needed, and one, having proved himself a good mechanic, intends starting a Broom Factory near Truro. Two pupils only were admitted during the year, which we must attribute chiefly to the indifference of parents to the welfare of their children, or ignorance of the benefits conferred by this noble Institution.

Mr. C. F. Fraser is Superintendent in the teaching department; Miss Ross has charge of the female pupils; and Mr. and Mrs. Dilworth perform the respective duties of Steward and Matron. To these officers, undoubtedly, the efficiency of the establishment, and the comfort of the pupils, is largely due.

THE Church at Grand Falls, N. B., recently erected as a place of worship in connection with the French Acadian Mission, was to have been dedicated on Sabbath, the 7th of the present month. We are pleased to observe the increasing prosperity of this mission, which was begun in trembling and amid many discouragements. A great awakening has recently been manifested. For seven weeks daily prayer meetings were kept up, and an unflagging interest shown by all; and still prayer meetings are held twice a week of a most lively character,

as many as fourteen persons being on one occasion engaged in the exercises.

THE Presbyterian Church of the United States has foreign and Indian missions, connected with which are 138 missionaries, 5 missionary physicians, 2 superintendents of mission presses, and 3 male teachers; also, 106 wives of missionaries and 56 unmarried ladies. It employs 120 native preachers and 450 native teachers, colporteurs, &c. The missions are in the following 14 countries: In the United States among the Indians, viz.: Senecas, Chippewas, Omahas, Dakotas, Creeks, Seminoles, Nez Percés, and New-Mexicans, and also the Chinese in California. Missions are also maintained in Mexico, the United States of Colombia, Brazil, and Chili, Japan, China, Siam, India, Persia, Syria, and Western Africa. There are 27 languages used in carrying on the missions.

Poetry.

The Herd Laddie.

[We give the following from a highly pleasing little volume of poems, entitled "The Home of the Heart," by Miss AIRD, of Killmarnock.]

A herd laddie sat, in his plaidie o' grey,
'Neath the beild o' a bush in the howe o' a
brae,
On the moss-theekit stump o' an auld aiken
tree,
By a wee wimpling burnie that sang to the
sea,
And silver'd the hem o' a bonnie green knowe,
Whar the broom-bush, and breckan, and
primroses grow;
As wee stars that glimmer like sprinklings o'
gowd,
As they blink through the blue o' the grey
evening cloud,
His sheep lay besprent on the green moun-
tain's breast,
As white as the snaw-cledded gowan they
prest -
Whar the lammies were bleating, and jump-
ing wi' glee,
And nibbling the gowan that spangled the
lea;
Noo laughing and dancing, like youth's
morning wave,