

the St. Peter's Road. The congregation of Brackley Point Road have agreed to join in the good undertaking. If any of our good friends in Nova Scotia have money to spare, I have no doubt but it will be heartily accepted, and it is a good chance for safe investments.

DIED, at Charlottetown, James Watts, Esq., baker. For thirteen years he had been a Trustee of St. James'; and during that time had been a most zealous supporter of the Church and a good man.

THE Governor's pew in St. James' has been the occasion of some sharp work between the Speaker and the Government. The Speaker lost, and the Hon. Roderick McAuley is the present Speaker of the House. The ex-Speaker's position was by far too arbitrary for the House. N.

Monthly Summary.

THE past month is more remarkable for events of interest and importance in the political than the religious world. Though the Assemblies of the Scottish Churches have been held this month as usual, the record of their proceedings has not yet reached us. It is not likely that any cases of disputed settlement will make their appearance before the present General Assembly, which is surely a cause of thankfulness. The uncertainty of the law of the Church and the latitude of interpretation which it allows in the matter of objections to presentees are in such cases for the most part as unsatisfactory to all parties as they are unedifying to the general public.

Still more unedifying are some Sheriff's sales which have, during the last few months, been taking place in Edinburgh. Some persons object on the plea of conscience to the payment of the police assessments, because part of the money is applied to the payment of the city clergy. They prefer constraint and martyrdom. It is not strange that an uneducated zealot should persuade himself that it is wrong to pay such a tax, but it is strange to find enlightened people lending countenance to such resistance. If disapproval of the purposes to which the revenue of a tax is applied may constitute a sufficient reason for non-payment, there could hardly be any taxation in the United Kingdom. The application of the voluntary principle to the raising of the revenue is a height to which the advocates of Voluntaryism have not yet, amid all their heats, been carried; and yet the resistance of the payment of this tax, admitting for argument sake that their motives are perfectly pure, necessarily presupposes the adoption of such a chimerical rule of conduct. It is now all but universally admitted that the only proper and constitutional method of escaping the payment of a tax is its abolition through the machinery of free political institutions.

Though the General Assembly should henceforth avoid dealing with the question of "innovations" in the mode of conducting public worship in the Church of Scotland, constantly-recurring paragraphs in the newspapers of the day indicate that a silent and gradual change is taking place over the Church. In a new parish Church in Elginshire the pews are being made so as to afford an opportunity to the worshippers of kneeling during prayer. While few of these questions are important enough to justify disturbance or divisions in congregations in order to settle them, it must be admitted that almost anything in the shape of a change would be better than the present attitude of people in most of our congregations during prayer. A stranger to our fashions, were he to visit a great many of our congregations and see the people standing in every imaginable attitude during prayer, turned in different directions, some looking out of the window, some studying their neighbor's dress, some noting other countenances, some turned to the minister and some away from him, and wearied weak ones now resting on the right foot and again on the left, like shivering fowls on a Nova Scotia winter morning, and again during praise all sitting with closed lips and unconcerned faces while a half dozen young people perform some piece of music in the gallery, would be quite astonished to hear that this was our mode of worshipping God. He would hardly be able to understand how all this could come about among a religious people, and would be quite excusable in thinking that the singing of the birds of the air among the branches of the trees bears a much stronger resemblance to the worship of the Creator, who, as He is the Redeemer of men and the Author of man's exalted powers, is entitled to be worshipped with deep inward and outward reverence and loud and fervent praise.

THERE is little worthy of comment transpiring amongst ourselves here. The Dalhousie College session has closed, and two students belonging to our Church have distinguished themselves in a manner creditable to themselves and the teachers under whom they have been prepared for College. Mr. Lippencott is a pupil of Mr. McKay's, New Glasgow, and Mr. Shaw of Dr. Inglis, Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown. It is to be hoped that after many difficulties this institution may become truly provincial, acquire the support of many who are now opposed to it, and prove a blessing to the whole country. Its fame is already wide enough to have occasioned the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Principal by Queen's College, Canada, and of the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Professor Lyall by McGill College, Montreal.

THE death of Principal Leitch, which took