

teachers may be in considerable danger, possibly as great as teachers are in the South Seas, for when these Coolies become angered they seem to care for nothing, and it is several miles to the nearest Police Station. I have at present a man staying with me, one of Mr. Morton's pupils, teaching me Hindustani, while I teach him English, who, I think is well suited for the place. He is willing to go though he feels it would be a difficult position.

#### A FEARLESS AGENT.

While I was speaking to him about it a few days ago, he made a remark which I think is worth repeating for the sake of those who are engaged in the Lord's work anywhere. I had made the remark that he would not have any one to interfere with him, alluding to the fact that sometimes the teachers on the Estates have been troubled by some of the under officers, who have no sympathy with the work, but he misunderstood me, and thought I said something about "fear," and he replied "I can have no fear, if the Almighty is on my side how can I have fear?" From all I have seen of him I feel that he spoke the simple feeling of his heart. The truths of the Gospel have come to him as a revelation, not as something about which he has heard all his life, and he accepts them simply. I suppose it is like the faith displayed by the early Christians.

I trust you will all remember us *continually* in your prayers, that we may have this same simple trust, that we may have the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the decisions we are called upon to make, and that our mistakes may be so overruled that we may do good and not harm in the cause of the Saviour.

We are both enjoying good health, and have comfort in our work.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS M. CHRISTIE.

## News of the Church.

### Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in James Church, New Glasgow, on the 11th Aug., and was constituted by the Rev. E. A. McCurdy, Moderator *pro tem*. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders.

The following elders were certified by their respective sessions to represent them in Presbytery and Synod during the current year:

Mr. Finlay Grant, by the Session of E. B. East River.

Mr. George Bruce, by the Session of Barney's River.

Mr. John Thos. Arthur, by the Session of Green Hill.

Mr. James Arthur, by the Session of James Church.

Mr. John Logan, by the Session of Knox's Church.

Mr. Hugh McNeil, by the Session of Lochaber and Union Centre.

Mr. John McLellan, by the Session of Central Church.

Mr. Alex. McKenzie, by the Session of Earlton and West Branch.

Mr. James McDonald, by the Session of Merigomish.

Commissioners appeared from the congregations of Primitive Church and John Knox's Church, asking the Presbytery to unite them into one congregation on the terms agreed upon between themselves.

The Presbytery having considered the matter as it came up before them, agreed to assist further procedure at the present meeting, and direct the sessions of both congregations to report their opinion on this measure the next meeting of Presbytery.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday, Sept. 1, in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, at 11 A.M., to consider the subject of Union and for ordinary business.

JOHN MCKINNON, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Truro.

The Presbytery of Truro met on Tuesday, the 11th inst. The Rev. J. Sinclair was appointed Moderator for the present year. The Basis and resolutions were passed unanimously. Sessions and congregations are directed to forward their reports before next meeting. The Clerk was directed to apply to the H. M. Board for a preacher for Acadia. The next meeting will be held at Economy at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the last Tuesday of Sept., for visitation, the Rev. E. Grant to preach; and at Five Islands on Wednesday at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Moderator to preach.

### Presbytery of P. E. Island.

The Presbytery of P. E. Island met in Zion Church on 29th July, and was constituted by the Moderator Rev. Neil McKay.

Rev. John G. Cameron was chosen moderator of Presbytery for the current year.

Rev. Mr. Laird reported that he had preached in the congregation of Richmond Bay, and moderated in a call to Rev. Mr. Crawford—that the call was signed by one hundred and twenty six communicants and by fifty-six adherents,—that in all sections of the congregation, except one, the call was harmonious, and that the salary guaranteed was \$500—Messrs. James McArthur