

the objections to their proceedings. But it does not mend the matter. It is inexplicable and has led to more enquiry and more opposition from men of the deepest piety and widest philanthropy. Passion and denials can never dispose of the question at issue.

Fourthly—When we read the *seal of God upon his own word* Rev. xxii. 18, 19. The charge that God gives Jer. xxiii. 28, He that hath my word let him speak my word faithfully." The holy indignation with which the apostle repudiates the foul imputation Rom. ii. 8 Let us do evil that good may come. When we call into remembrance the third article of our ordination "Do you disown all popish, and other doctrines, tenets and opinions, whatever contrary to or inconsistent with the foresaid Confession of Faith as an exhibition of the doctrine of the Word of God? I do." When we remember the fundamental principle of the society itself "To circulate the Holy Scripture without note or comment."—When we have such men as Lord Shaftesbury saying "That nothing but a miracle can save the Reformation in England" and Lord Ardmillan "That the church of England is ceasing to be protestant—that the very name is repudiated, and the vital principles of protestantism are openly abandoned by a large section of her clergy—that she is helpless unless the laity come to her aid," when we know that Puseyites and Infidels largely mix with evangelical men in the church of England and two thirds of the London committee must belong to that church without any reference to whether they are evangelical, popish or infidel and when we know that there is not a section of the protestant organization into which Jesuits have not wormed themselves, is silence in faithfulness or in keeping with a clean conscience? We have not exhausted the subject, but we have opened it for enquiry and for action, and indulge the hope that the readers of the *Record* will not grudge so large a space. And meantime

We are with due respect yours,

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News of the Church.

STATISTICS—We have again to remind Kirk Sessions of the order of Synod, that Statistical Returns should be sent in to the Committee by the 1st May. Presbyteries are enjoined to "deal with delinquents."

Our latest intelligence from the New Hebrides is on the whole satisfactory. The Missionaries were all in the enjoyment of good health. Erromanga was in an unsettled state. Mr. and Mrs. Macnair had returned to Aneiteum for a season.

Mr. McCullagh has resigned his connection with the Mission in consequence of the continued ill health of Mrs. McCullagh.

The Session of the Theological Hall was closed on the second Tuesday of April.—The number of students during the session was unusually small.

The winter session of Dalhousie College was brought to a close on Wednesday the 24th April.

REV. A. FARQUHARSON was inducted into the pastoral charge of Glace Bay, Cape Breton, on the 13th March. This is an important field of labour, and we hope and pray that Mr. Farquharson may be long spared to cultivate it.

REV. S. BERNARD was lately ordained over the congregation of Florenceville and Glasville, N. B., a new field where gospel labour was greatly needed.

REV. ISAAC MACKAY, late of Gabarus, has accepted a call to Australia, and is now on his way thither. His departure will prove a serious loss to our church, and will be deeply regretted.

EXTRA.—A letter has been received from Rev. John Inglis, Aneiteum, defending the conduct of the Missionaries in connection with the Curacao affair; and also a letter on the same subject from Rev. Dr. Geddie. It is desirable that these letters should be laid in full before the Church, as soon as possible. The Publication Committee have therefore resolved to issue an *Extra* in course of a week or so, with this letters.

Committee on Ministerial Support.

The above committee, Rev. W. Maxwell, Convener, held two meetings, on the 16th and 17th inst. There were present, besides the Convener, the Revs. Dr. King, P. G. McGregor, Isaac McKay, Robert Murray, Hon. A. Patterson, and H. B. Webster,