

motto of the Waldensian Church, *Lux lucet in Tenebris* ('The Light shineth in Darkness'). This resolution to be submitted to the careful consideration of the other Presbyteries.

"III. The Presbytery recommends the distribution of suitable tracts to those who come occasionally or for the first time to the evangelical churches, that the evangelical religion may be made known to them, and the time of the principal meetings.

"IV. The Presbytery warmly recommends greater and more persevering efforts to be made in congregations towards financial independence.

"V. The Presbytery hears with pleasure and satisfaction that a small beginning has been made, in the church in the *Via dei Ferragli*, Florence, of a Female Normal School, and hopes that the newly-begun institution may develop and consolidate for the benefit of the evangelical schools.

"VI. The Presbytery recommends Church-Sessions not to receive as members persons coming from other evangelical denominations without their being first examined as to their faith and Church principles.

"VII. The Presbytery recommends the issue of a cheap monthly publication which may serve as a bond for all our Churches."

The above resolutions will, we think, appear to our readers to be eminently prudent, practical, and business-like. Perhaps it may seem to some that No. VI. is unnecessarily stringent and somewhat narrow; but those who know the recent history of Italian Protestantism will easily understand the reason of its adoption.

### Liberality of the Church of Scotland during the past year.

The Convener on Statistics reported that the contributions of the Church, according to returns of 1173 out of 1301 parishes and chapels, amounted to £278,488. Allowing for those that did not send in returns, and for sums not put down even by those that did, the real sum total would be about £400,000, besides Mr. Baird's £500,000. As an illustration of the way in which reporting Congregations did not put down all

that they raised, the Convener mentioned the case of a Church in the West known to him that had built, during the year, a Church costing £10,000, and yet had represented itself as collecting only £11 for Church Extension.

Red Bank congregation, Miramichi, is unanimous on the subject of Union. Black River also carried it, 24 communicants for, and 6 against; 46 adherents for, 1 against. The dissentients chiefly belonged to one family.

**KING CONGALL, A DEVOTE KING.**—Congall, the fortieth seventh King, appointed the tenth of all fruits, to be given to churchmen, and that ministers have Manses neere their Churches, A. D., 558.—*Calderwood's History of the Kirk of Scotland.*

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

#### SYNOD'S HOME MISSION.

St. Matthew's Church, Halifax.....	\$90 00
St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, N.B.	25 10
Georgetown, P. E. I., \$3.50, and Mrs. D. Stewart, Cardigan .....	\$6.30 10 10
Woodstock, N.B., Rev. Mr. Begg's congregation.....	16 10
St Andrew's Church, Halifax.....	26 41
Roger's Hill and Cape John.....	10 27
St. James' Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	20 00
Richmond and North West Arm, Halifax .....	14 62
River John.....	8 80
Red Bank and Black River.....	9 00
Albion Mines and Westville .....	21 75
St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow..	30 00
Musquodoboit, Little River, \$3, South School House. \$3.....	6 00
Salt Springs per Rev. Mr. McMillan..	9 50

G. P. MITCHELL, *Treas.*

July, 6, 1874.

Received in reduction of debt on North West Arm Church, from D., per Rev. J. F. Campbell.....

J. J. BRENNER.

Halifax, July 4, 1874.

#### FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Collection per Rev. J. MacColl, viz.:	
West Branch, River John.....	\$11 11
Earltown.....	3 41
Tatamagouche Falls.....	3 33

\$17 85

Less expenses..... 13 17 72