

thanked the Association kindly for the sentiments and encouragements contained in the Address, and assured them he would take pleasure from reading it years hence, if God spared him.

The noble self-sacrifice exhibited by Mr. Grant is seldom seen "now-a-days;" in fact, for many years past the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia has felt the reproach, which they could not wipe out,—that of so little done for Foreign Missions,—but within the last year the Church has been by the hand of God awakened to a sense of its duty in this important work. Two young men whose future prospects were bright at home, and who, it would be considered, should be the last to have thought of so doing, have girded on their armour and prepared to go to fight the battle—one to India, another to the South Seas.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The annual week of prayer has been of more than usual interest in Halifax during the present month.

The number in attendance at the different meetings increased from day to day, till on Friday the church in Poplar Grove became so crowded, it was determined to hold the evening session in the Temperance Hall, and it was found too small to afford sitting room for the audience.

The spirit of unity and brotherly love which brought the ministers and elders of the different denominations together, and made them labour in harmony for the common object, was a marked feature of the week.

The influence of these meetings will not terminate at their close, but the quickening zeal, and increased spiritual strength imparted by them, will make itself felt in the different Churches.

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NOTES OF THE MONTH.

The elections in Britain being over, the result shews a Liberal majority of 112, which is lower than at first claimed. Mr. Disraeli has resigned and Mr. Gladstone is forming a ministry, of which Earl Granville, Earl Clarendon, Sir Roundell Palmer, and Messrs. Lowe, Goschen, and Bright, will be prominent members. It reminds one of the famous Cabinet of "all the talents." So many talents embarked in one boat will require a gift of management, for which Mr. Gladstone does not receive credit. Diversity of views and self esteem will be sure to produce explosions of which the late Prime Minister in opposition will be prepared to avail himself. The Irish Church will probably be disestablished. The appropriation of the £600,000 a-year, constituting its revenues, will form a difficult subject. The other establishments will be much strengthened by the removal of the Irish injustice hanging on to their skirts, though few of them seem to think so. Mr. Disraeli, or "The Asian Mystery," as it is now the fashion for the Liberals to call him, adheres to his policy, so that when parliament meets we may expect stormy debates. There has been excitement during the elections, and a little riot and bloodshed. The general character of the House of Commons remains the same, though a good many old members have been rejected. Mr. Thomson's aspirations have been checked. On the whole, the Conservatives, who conferred the household franchise on the people, have received scant justice. The papers in this country, and the *Scottish American*, above all others, are disposed to be very unjust towards that party, and seem to have long ago resolved to expect no good thing out of Nazareth. Thoughtful people have, however, to look at facts, and, judging for themselves, be careful of swallowing rancorous doses of newspaper prejudices clumsily administered. There is more real difference between Gladstone and Bright, than there is between Gladstone and Disraeli.